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PRESS RELEASE

RE : FORUM ALLEGES ROT AT GPHA: CALLS ON ORAL, EOCO, NIB TO INVESTIGATE \$90 MILLION BOANKRA INLAND PORT PROJECT

1. The attention of the Ghana Ports and Harbours Authority (GPHA) has been drawn to a publication which appeared in the Wednesday 29th January, 2025 edition of “The Insight newspaper, headlined “FORUM ALLEGES ROT AT GPHA: CALLS ON ORAL, EOCO, NIB TO INVESTIGATE \$90 MILLION BOANKRA INLAND PORT PROJECT”. The said publication was ostensibly founded on a Press Statement read by one Nana Kojo Abbam on behalf of the Forum for Development and Accountable Governance (“FDAG”). GPHA finds portions of the publication and or the allegations contained in the said publication as factually inaccurate and deems it expedient as a public organization to provide the correct facts to the public.

2. The Boankra Inland Port Project:

This is a national infrastructure initiative under the auspices of the Ghana Shippers’ Authority (GSA), with oversight provided by the Ministry of Transport. GPHA’s involvement in this project was procedurally authorized by the State through the Ministry of Transport and all the directives were carried out in strict compliance with due process.

3. The Keta Port Project:

The Keta Port project is part of a broader plan to develop maritime infrastructure in the Volta Region. The decision to proceed was based on strategic considerations,

including future economic potential. The assertion that the Keta Port Project is not viable because of its proximity to Tema and Lome Ports is misleading. The Authority has conducted a thorough feasibility study and the results indicate that constructing a Port in Keta is viable. Following this, a national and international stakeholder engagement has been held to present the findings, as well as publication of the notice of Expression of Interest by potential investors. Presently, the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment on the Keta Port Project has been completed and awaiting public hearing by the Environmental Protection Agency, following which a permit will be issued to guide the development of the port project. The Keta Port Administrative building contract was properly executed, and the advance payment was made in accordance with law.

4. It is worth mentioning that the construction and development of ports are long-term projects that require careful planning, significant investment and sustained effort over many years. This is evident in the development of Ghana's two major ports, Tema and Takoradi, which took several years to reach their current levels of infrastructure, operational efficiency and capacity. These projects were not completed overnight but were the result of long-term planning and execution, reflecting the understanding that port development is a marathon, not a sprint. The Authority would like to state that ports are critical national infrastructure designed to serve Ghana, facilitate trade, boost economic growth, and create jobs.
5. **Auctioning of a Reach Stacker (RST4517) under dubious circumstances; 10 relatively new trailers mysteriously missing; 10 old trailers given to MPs under suspicious terms; and Tema Shipyard equipment stolen and sold as scrap:**

The conduct of any auctioning at GPHA is always carried out in accordance with the relevant laws of Ghana, and in line with due administrative processes. Regarding the current allegations, an 8-member committee was set up to investigate the matter and make recommendations. The committee is yet to present its report which will be

studied for the necessary action to be taken. It is proper that at this stage, the process is not stamped to satisfy the sensations of others.

6. Fraudulent staff recruitment

This allegation is false to say the least! GPHA does not engage in 'fraudulent' recruitment or 'backdate' its recruitments. In fact, all recruitments have been implemented in accordance with established protocols underpinned on the laws of Ghana.

7. GPHA wishes to state that it remains committed to the development of Ghana's ports and will continue to work diligently to protect the assets of the Authority and ensure that the country's port infrastructure serves the best interests of all Ghanaians.

8. GPHA is willing to fully cooperate with any statutory investigative body for any enquiry into these allegations.

Thank you.

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