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Welcome Messages



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Welcome Message from Federal Ministry of Power

The Federal Ministry of Power welcomes stakeholders in the Nigerian Renewable Energy Sub-sector to the Nigerian Renewable Energy Private Equity Seminar in Abuja on 13th March 2014.

Thank you for joining us in seeking financing solutions to developing renewable energy opportunities in Nigeria.

The Transformation Agenda of President Goodluck Jonathan's administration is anchored on delivering power to Nigerians, and renewable energy is a key component of our energy mix.

We value your input to energy financing policy and look forward to fruitful deliberations and recommendations emanating from this seminar.

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Welcome Message from Henshaw Capital Partners

Henshaw Capital Partners is delighted to welcome you to this 1st Nigerian Renewable Energy Private Equity Seminar organised by the Federal Ministry of Power and Henshaw Capital Partners.

In April 2013, as part of the Nigerian National Private Equity Initiative to raise awareness of private equity and venture capital to grow businesses and create jobs, we organised the first “Private Equity and Policy” seminar in Abuja co-sponsored by FSDH Merchant Bank and Omnia Strategy LLP (UK), featuring Mrs. Cherie Blair CBE QC, Honorable Abdulmumin Jibrin, Chairman House Committee on Finance and Hajiya Zainab Kuchi, Former Minister of State for Power and Dr. Mohammed Pate, Former Minister of State for Health and supported by the Federal Ministry of Finance. At that event, we shared our desire for government sponsored private equity funds in key sectors of the economy including renewable energy.

It is therefore with great excitement, anticipation and a deep appreciation to the Honorable Minister of Power, Professor Chinedu Nebo, the Permanent Secretary of the Minister of Power, Ambassador Godknows Igali, Director Nuhu Sada and the Federal Ministry of Power Renewable Energy Private Equity Committee comprising Mr. L Y Ibrahim (Chairman), Engineer Faruk Lawal, Dr. Albert Okorogu, Austin Abegunde, Yinka Arogundade, Moremi Soyinka Onijala, C J Ibeh, Engr. Anthony E Umuenyen and Olufunke Osumobi – that we welcome you to this seminar.

We especially welcome our sponsors – GE, Industry Capital, Schneider Electric, Vestas, GermanSolar and GIZ and thank them for supporting this initiative. They exemplify good corporate citizenship and demonstrate a commitment to Nigeria that we appreciate dearly – thank you!

Welcome to ALL our participants and thank you for being here. In recognition of our collective responsibility to future generations and the need to address climate change, preserve the carbon resources bestowed on us, you join us in looking to renewable energy to provide much needed affordable power for Nigerians, complement traditional sources of power, reduce our carbon footprint, create new businesses and business models and create jobs for Nigerians. Renewable Energy private equity will be pivotal in delivering this and we begin the journey to catalyzing Nigerian Renewable Energy Private Equity funds here today with this event.

Thank you for joining us today, we look forward to a fruitful, insightful and impactful discussion, deliberation and conclusion. Welcome all!

Barbara James, Founder and CEO, Henshaw Capital Partners

