

LEGISLATIVE BRIEF

LONG TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH CHARTERED POLYMER INSTITUTE OF NIGERIA 2016.

SHORT TITLE: THE CHARTERED POLYMER INSTITUTE OF NIGERIA ACT.

SPONSOR TITLE: Hon Edward G Pwajok

1.0. BACKGROUND

The concept of the Polymer Institute of Nigeria was first conceived in July 1988 at the Lagos State University Guest House, badagry.

The idea later translated into the 1st National Workshop on Plastic and Rubber: Processing, Quality control and investment held in the same month.

At the end of the workshop, a committee was set up to look into the issue of registering PIN (Polymer Institute of Nigeria). The committee held meetings in Lagos and Benin City where the issue of PIN (Polymer Institute of Nigeria) registration and its inauguration were concluded.

In August 1991, the dreams of the founding fathers came to pass with the formal registration and inauguration of the Institute as “Polymer institute of Nigeria”.

Following the present day realities, there is the need to establish the Institute as a “chartered institute”, in other to enable it join regulatory bodies like NAFDAC to help curb the production and importation of dangerous and harmful goods.

2.0 OBJECTIVES

This Bill seeks to establish the Chartered Polymer Institute of Nigeria. Following the registration and inauguration of the “Polymer Institute of Nigeria” in 1991, the Institute needs to be established as “Chartered polymer Institute of Nigeria”, having the following cardinal objectives in ming as contained in the Bill.

- a. Promoting the advance and develop the application of Polymer Science engineering and technology in the Polymer and Allied Industries in Nigeria and elsewhere.*
- b. To act as a professional body, promoting the professional integrity and status of all persons engaged in polymer Science, Engineering and technology; prescribing standard of experience and efficiency as essential to the election of members thereby conferring upon them a recognized status by virtue of membership of institute.*
- c. Encourage, advance, disseminate knowledge, education, practical training and research into the profession.*
- d. To improve and elevate the technical and general knowledge of Polymer science, engineering and technology through the delivery of lectures and holding of classes, and to test by examination in collaboration and with approval from relevant Government Institutions and agencies, and to award certificates, scholarships, grants, rewards and other benefactors.*
- e. To undertake in collaboration and with approval from relevant governmental agencies, the accreditation of manpower training programs in Polymer science, engineering and technology.*
- f. To diffuse among its members information on all matters affecting Polymer science, engineering and technology and to print, publish, issue and circulate periodicals, books, circulars and other literary material as may seem conducive to the attainment of any of these objects.*
- g. To originate and promote the enactment by the State of legislation in respect of all of above objects.*
- h. To purchase, have, hold, dispose of subject to the provisions of the Companies Act, buildings for use as an institute, college or lecture rooms, or any other properties, real or personal, for the advancement of the object of the institute or any one of them.*
- i. To do all such other lawful tings as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them provided that the institute shall not support with its funds or impose on its members or endeavor to procure the observance of any regulation which, if are object to the institute would make it a trade union.*

Aside the objectives of the Institute, it shall have further functions as follows:

- (a) *Determine what standards of knowledge and skills are to be obtained by persons seeking to become members of Chartered Polymer Institute of Nigeria, improving those standards from time to time as Circumstances may permit.***
- (b) *Secure, in accordance with the provisions of this Act, the establishment and maintenance of a register of members of the profession and the publication from time to time of the list of those persons.***

These objectives are geared towards the application of Polymer science, Engineering and Technology as regards plastics, rubbers, coatings, adhesives, inks and the allied industries in Nigeria and elsewhere. To this end, chartering of the Institute affords it the enabling environment to actualize these objectives. Taking into consideration also the fact that plastic bottles, cans, polythene bags and sachets of various kinds are one of the environmental issues cities and villages are facing, chartering the Institute will ensure that professional standards are maintained and enforced.

3.0 SYNOPSIS

This Bill has seven parts, comprising 25 sections, four schedules. There is also the regulation section for the affairs of the Chartered Institute comprising seventytwo subsections.

4.0 CONCLUSION

Considering the importance of this bill, honorable Colleagues are urged to positively support the passage of the Bill.