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JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE ON DOWNSTREAM PETROLEUM SECTOR AND COMMITTEE ON GAS

REPORT ON

THE SCREENING FOR CONFIRMATION OF THE SIX EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF THE NIGERIAN MIDSTREAM AND DOWNSTREAM PETROLEUM REGULATORY AUTHORITY (NMDPRA)

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REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE ON DOWNSTREAM PETROLEUM SECTOR AND GAS ON THE SCREENING FOR CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE SIX EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF THE NIGERIAN MIDSTREAM AND DOWNSTREAM PETROLEUM REGULATORY AUTHORITY (NMDPRA)

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, at its sitting on Tuesday, 10th November, 2026 considered the request of Mr. President, Commander-In-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, on the confirmation for appointment of the following nominees as Executive Directors of the Nigerian Midstream and Downstream Petroleum Regulatory Authority (NMDPRA) and referred same to its Committees on Downstream Petroleum Sector and Gas for further legislative action.

1. Mr. Abiodun A. Adeniji - ED (Finance and Accounts) – Re-Appointment;
2. Mr. Ogbugo Kalu Ukoha – ED (Distribution Systems Storage and Retailing Infrastructure – Re-Appointment;
3. Dr. Mustapha Lamorde – ED (Health, Safety, Environment and Community) – Re-Appointment;
4. Mr. Mobolaji Tajudeen Musa – ED (Hydrocarbon Processing Plants, Installation and Partnership and Transportation Infrastructure);
5. Mrs. Ogechukwu Olufunmilayo Modie – ED (Economic Regulation and Strategic Planning); and
6. Mr. Said Abutalib – ED (Corporate Services and Administration).

Mr. President, Distinguished colleagues, Part IV of the Petroleum Industry Act, 2021 established the Nigerian Midstream and Downstream Petroleum Regulatory Authority (NMDPRA) with the responsibility to carry out technical and commercial regulation of the Downstream Petroleum operations in the petroleum industry while Section 41 (2) & (3) of the same Act, empowers the President, Commander-In-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation to appoint Executive Directors of the NMDPRA subject to the confirmation of the Senate for a period of five (5) years and may be reappointed for a further term of five years.

2.0 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

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2.1 SECRETARIAT

Suleiman Isiyak Ahmed	Clerk, Committee on Downstream Petroleum
Freedom Osolo	Clerk, Committee on Gas

3.0 COMMITTEE ACTION

The Committee requested and received from the Senior Special Adviser to the President on National Assembly Matters (Senate) the Curriculum Vitae, Credentials, Security Reports, Asset Declaration certificate and other relevant documents of the Nominees.

4.0 SUMMARY OF THE RESUMES OF THE NOMINEES

The Joint Committee carefully scrutinized the nominees' resumes to ascertain their qualification and suitability for the position they are nominated for. The summary of their documents are as follows:

4.1 Mr. Abiodun Adesegun Adeniji

The nominee, Mr. Abiodun A. Adeniji is a thorough Executive, Financial and Business Development Consultant, with extensive experience in management operations, finance, project financing, financial forecasting and budget administration, investment and portfolio management, real estate development, mortgage securitization expert. He is a talented and value-driven professional with verifiable track record in increasing performance and organizational restructure through dynamic leadership, strategic planning, process design, technology innovation and management.

The nominee holds a B.Sc Finance degree from the University of Lagos, 2000; Fellow Institute of Administrators, Nigeria and Certificate: Authentic Leaders Development from Harvard Business School (HBS).

4.2 Mr. Ogbugo Kalu Ukoha

The nominee is a senior public sector leader, regular and energy policy expert with over twenty-eight (28) years national and international experience spanning petroleum regulation, energy law, institutional reform and board-level leadership. Recognized for leading complex market transitions, stabilizing critical national supply systems and navigating high stakes political-economy environments with discretion and judgement.

He served as a pioneer Executive Director of Nigeria's Midstream and Downstream Petroleum Regulator during the most consequential reform period in the sector's history including full deregulation, post-subsidy market stabilization, gas transition and implementation of the Petroleum Industry Act (PIA) 2021. He was trusted by successive administrations to manage politically sensitive mandates, inter-agency coordination and national security-adjacent assignments.
Born on the 23rd May, 1973, the nominee holds a BL, LLB and MBA degrees.

4.3 Dr. Mustapha Lamorde

The nominee has over two decades of international experience spanning petroleum engineering, regulatory leadership, and corporate strategy cutting across upstream, midstream and downstream oil and gas sectors. Currently the Executive Director, Health, Safety, Environment and Community (HSEC) at the Nigerian Midstream and Downstream Petroleum Regulatory Authority (NMDPRA), and NMDPRA's representative on the Board of the Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Regulatory Commission (NUPRC), his career includes over a decade with Shell on international deepwater projects, and founding/leading Fossils Global Solutions Ltd, and has a proven record in regulatory policy HSE governance, strategic business planning, and stakeholder engagement across the energy value chain.

The nominee holds a BSc. Geology and Mining, MSc. Oil and Gas Engineering, PhD. Petroleum Engineering and Energy and certificates in several professional courses.

4.4 Mr. Mobolaji Tajudeen Musa

The nominee presently holds the position of Project Manager (Offshore Oil and Gas Development). Other positions held by the nominee includes Director (Non-Executive) at the Nigerian Midstream and Downstream Petroleum Regulatory Authority from 2024 to date. He was a Founder/Director MAEB Engineering Services Limited, Managing Director SIFAX Oil & Gas Limited, Founder/CEO BAAM Energy Resources Limited, Acting Managing Director Yinka Folawiyo Petroleum Company 2016 – 2020, General Manager Yinka Folawiyo Petroleum Company 2008 – 2016, Operations Manager Yinka Folawiyo Petroleum Company 2001 – 2007. He also worked at several other Companies including Abacan Resources Nig. Ltd and Nigeria Spanish Cement Company (NISPA).

The nominee holds a Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Chemistry, Post-Graduate Diploma (PGD) Petroleum Engineering and MSc. Sustainable Energy and Management.

4.5 Mr. Said Abutalib

The nominee is a highly motivated, result-driven, and versatile professional with experience in the financial sector and a strong foundation in financial operations, customer relationship management, administrative coordination, and business development. He possesses excellent analytical, communication problem solving and organizational skills, with the ability to adapt quickly to new challenges and work effectively in dynamic environments. He possesses close to 25 years of experience in mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance and market infrastructure, collective investment schemes, corporate finance and administration.

Born on the 19th August, 1974, the nominee holds a BSc. in Business Administration and also an MBA in Business Administration.

4.6 Mrs. Ogechukwu Olufunmilola Modie

The nominee is a multidisciplinary leader with a proven track record across Nigeria's public, private and social sectors with expertise spanning finance, public policy, strategic communications, media design and research. She is recognized for driving organizational transformation, shaping national policy and delivering data-driven insights that influence high-stakes business and government decisions. Her carrier is

defined by strategic clarity, execution strength and commitment to system-level impact.

Similarly, the nominee held senior roles at leading financial institutions including Agusto & Co and Heirs Alliance (now Heirs Holdings) and made history as the first female Managing Director/CEO of NOIPolls. Her public sector service includes serving as Chief of Staff at the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) and the Federal Ministry of Petroleum Resources, as well as Senior Special Assistant to the President on Strategic Communications. She currently sits on the Board of Sahel Agriculture and Pragmatic Palms Ltd lending her expertise to the advancement of sustainable development.

The nominee holds BSc. Economics and MBA Business Administration.

5.0 PETITION

The Joint Committee did not receive any petition against the nominees.

6.0 SCREENING/INTERACTION WITH THE NOMINEES

The nominees appeared before the Joint Committee on Thursday, 12th November, 2026 for the screening exercise and were asked a wide range of questions regarding the Oil and Gas Industry and measures that should be taken to reposition the industry for the benefit of the Nigerian economy. They were also asked to share their thoughts on how the Nigerian Midstream and Downstream Petroleum Regulatory Authority could be managed effectively for the good of the country.

Those that were re-appointed were asked to take a bow and leave as it is the tradition of every parliament since they do not screen persons twice for the same positions.

The new nominees responded to the questions asked in an intelligent, factual and convincing manner. They exhibited a high-level of understanding of the challenges, complexities and opportunities inherent in the Petroleum Industry. Their knowledge, expertise and experience will be of great benefit to the Nigerian Midstream and Downstream Petroleum Regulatory Authority and the Oil and Gas Industry in general.

7.0 FINDINGS

The Joint Committee, after exhaustive deliberation and critical analysis of documents submitted during the screening exercise, made the following findings:

i. That their appointments were in accordance with the provisions of sections 41(2) & (3) of the Petroleum Industry Act, 2021;

ii. That the nominees if confirmed, will bring to bear their vast experiences in the affairs of the Nigerian Midstream and Downstream Petroleum Regulatory Authority (NMDPRA);

iii. That the nominees possess the technical knowledge and professional experience to be Executive Directors of the NMDPRA;

iv. That the Committee did not receive any petition against the nominees; and

V. That the Committee cleared the nominees based on the information available to it.

8.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

The Joint Committee, having carefully screened the nominees and having been satisfied with their qualifications, expertise and responses, hereby recommend that:

The Senate do confirm the nomination of the following as Executive Directors for the Nigerian Midstream and Downstream Petroleum Regulatory Authority:

1. Mr. Abiodun A. Adeniji as Executive Director (Finance and Accounts);
2. Mr. Ogbugo Kalu Ukoha as Executive Director (Distribution Systems Storage and Retailing Infrastructure);
3. Dr. Mustapha Lamorde as Executive Director (Health, Safety, Environment and Community);
4. Mr. Mobolaji Tajudeen Musa as Executive Director (Hydrocarbon Processing Plants, Installation and Partnership and Transportation Infrastructure);
5. Mrs. Ogechukwu Olufunmilola Modie as Executive Director (Economic Regulation and Strategic Planning);
6. Mr. Said Abutalib as Executive Director (Corporate Services and Administration).

9.0 CONCLUSION

The Joint Committee wishes to sincerely express its appreciation to the Leadership of the Senate and indeed the entire Senate for the opportunity to serve in this capacity.

Sen. Suleiman A. Kawu
Chairman, Committee on Downstream Petroleum Sector

Suleiman Isiyak Ahmed
Clerk, Committee on Downstream Petroleum Sector

Sen. Jarigbe A. Jarigbe
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