



**ABIA STATE OF NIGERIA**

**THE GREATER OHAFIA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
(GODA) LAW, 2024**

**LAW NO. 12 OF 2024**

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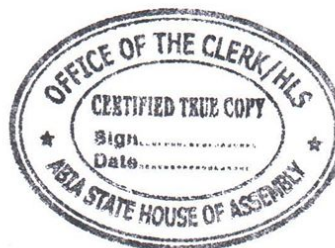
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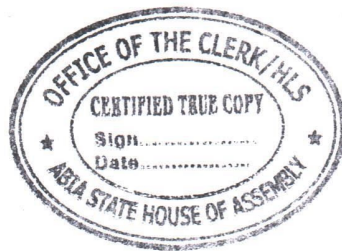
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## ABIA STATE OF NIGERIA

### THE GREATER OHAFIA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY LAW, 2024

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS

Long Title A Law to Establish the Greater Ohafia Development, Authority and for other related matters.

Enactment **BE IT ENACTED** by House of Assembly of Abia State of Nigeria as follows:

#### PART I - PRELIMINARIES

Citation and Commencement 1. This Law may be cited as the Greater Ohafia Development Authority (GODA) Law, 2024 and shall come into force on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.

Interpretation 2. In this Law, unless the context otherwise requires;

“City” means the area covering Arochukwu, Bende, Ohafia, Isuikwuato, and Umunneochi Local Government Areas;

“Authority” means the Greater Ohafia Development Authority;

“Authority Special Account” means the Greater Ohafia Development Authority Special Account established under section 19 of this Law;

“Board” means the Governing Board of the Authority;

“Constitution” means the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended);

“Effective Date” means the commencement date of this Law;

“House” means the House of Assembly of Abia State of Nigeria;

“Governor” means the Governor of Abia State of Nigeria;

“Master Plan” means the Greater Ohafia Master Plan, approved by the Governor and published in the Abia State Official Gazette;

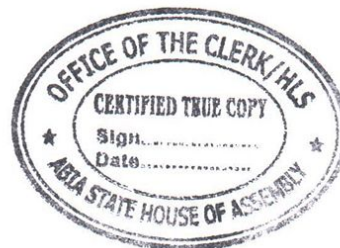
“State” means Abia State of Nigeria; and

“State Government” means Abia State Government of Nigeria.

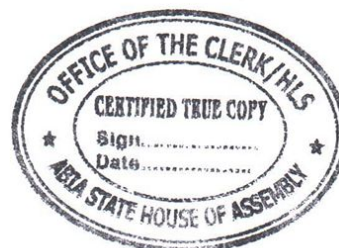
#### PART II: ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GREATER OHAFIA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND THE GOVERNING BOARD.

Establishment of  
The Greater Aba  
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Authority

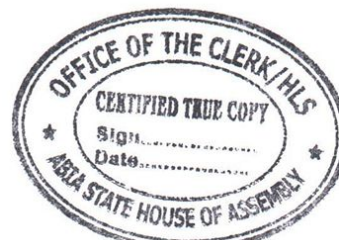
3. (1) There is hereby established, the Greater Ohafia Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as “the Authority”.
- (2) The Authority shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal, and may sue or be sued in its corporate name.
- (3) The Authority may acquire, hold or dispose of any property, movable or immovable, for the purpose of performing its functions and shall be an independent body in the discharge of its function.
- (4) The Authority may be structured into departments as the Governing Board may deem appropriate for the effective performance of the functions of the Authority under this Bill.



- The City
4. (1) There is hereby designated in Abia State, a new development area to cover the Local Government Areas set in Section 2 of this Law, to be known as “the City”.
- (2) The Governor shall by an Order published in the Abia State Official Gazette define the boundaries of the City.
- (3) A master survey plan shall be annexed to the Order to clearly delineate the boundaries of the City.
- Establishment of the Governing Board
5. (1) There is hereby established for the Authority, a Governing Board, hereinafter referred to as “the Board”.
- (2) The Board shall consist of the following Members:
- (a) A Chairman to be appointed by the Governor on part-time basis, who shall preside over the meetings of the Board;
- (b) Two other persons to be appointed by the Governor;
- (c) A Director-General, to be appointed by the Governor, who shall be:
- (i) the Chief Executive and Chief Accounting Officer of the Authority; and
- (ii) responsible for the day to day running and administration of the Authority.
- (d) A representative of each of the following Ministries, who shall be ex-officio members:
- (i) Ministry of Justice;
- (ii) Ministry in Charge of Lands and Housing;
- (iii) Ministry in Charge of Environment and Urban Development;
- (iv) Ministry of Works;
- (v) Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning; and
- (vi) Ministry in charge of Finance.
- (e) A representative of non-governmental organizations and other interest groups as the Governor shall consider appropriate, who shall also be ex-officio Members.
- (3) Members of the Board other than the Director-General shall serve on part-time basis.
- (4) A person may only be appointed as a member of the Board if the Governor is satisfied that the person is qualified for appointment by virtue of his/her knowledge or experience in the fields of Estate Management, Survey, Engineering, Urban Planning, Architecture, Quantity Surveying, Building, Finance, or Law
- Functions of the Board
6. The Functions of the Board shall be to:
- (a) formulate policies, give policy directions and guidelines for carrying out the functions of the Authority and generally oversee the affairs of the Authority;
- (b) approve any partnership with any person or body corporate for the purpose and objectives of this Law;
- (c) approve the payment to staff of the Authority, such remunerations and allowances as are payable to persons with equivalent grade level in the Public Service of the State;
- (d) approve the appointment, promotion, and discipline of staff of the Authority;
- (e) ensure that the annual budget of the Authority is prepared and submitted to the Ministry of Planning;
- (f) cause the accounts of the Authority to be audited by an auditor chosen from the list of Auditors supplied by the State Auditor-General;
- (g) cause the audited account of the Authority to be submitted to the Governor and the House;



- (h) determine the terms and conditions of service of the staff of the Authority;
  - (i) structure the Authority into such number of departments as are necessary for the effective discharge of the functions of the Authority under this Law; and
  - (j) do such other things as are necessary and expedient to carry into effect, the provisions of this Law.
7. (1) The tenure of office of the Chairman and Members, other than the Director-General and the ex-officio Members, shall be three (3) years in the first instance, and they may be reappointed for a further term of three (3) years and no more.
- (2) The tenure of office of the Director-General shall be four (4) years in the first instance and he may be reappointed for a further term of four (4) years and no more.
8. (1) Members of the Board in section 2 (a) and (b) shall be paid such remunerations As the Governor may approve or as is contained in their instruments of appointment.
- (2) Members of the Board shall be paid such sitting, travelling and other allowances, as the Board may determine, out of the funds of the Authority with the approval of the Governor.
9. (1) The quorum for the meeting of the Board shall be five (5) Members, including the Director-General.
- (2) Every decision of the Board shall be ratified by two-third votes of all the Members.
10. (1) A person appointed as Chairman or Member of the Board may cease to hold office if:
- (a) he/she is convicted of a felony or any offence involving dishonesty or fraud; or
  - (b) he/she becomes of unsound mind or incapable of carrying out his/her duties; or
  - (c) in the case of a person possessing professional qualifications, he/she is disqualified or suspended from practicing his/her profession in any part of the world by an order of a competent authority, made in respect of that member; or
  - (d) he/she resigns his/her appointment under his hand addressed to the Governor; or
  - (e) his/her appointment as a member of the Board is terminated in accordance with this Law.
- (2) A person may resign his/her appointment as the Chairman or Member of the Board by a three-month notice under his or her hand, addressed to the Governor.
- (3) The Governor may terminate the appointment of a Member of the Board:
- (a) for willful misconduct or gross negligence, confirmed by a disciplinary committee established for this purpose; or
  - (b) if the Member:
    - (i) becomes bankrupt; or
    - (ii) applies to take the benefit of any Law for the relief of bankruptcy or insolvent debt(s); or

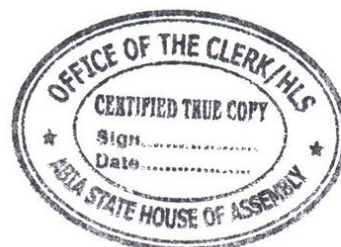


- (iii) compounds with his/her creditors; or
- (c) if the Governor is of the opinion that:
  - (i) such a member is no longer capable of carrying out his functions as a member of the Board; or
  - (ii) is guilty of dereliction of duty by consistently failing to attend the meetings of the Board; or
  - (iii) it is in the interest of the public and the Authority to remove such a member.
- (4) There is vacancy on the Board if a Member:
  - (a) dies;
  - (b) is removed from office or ceases to hold office in accordance with subsection (1) of this section;
  - (c) resigns from office in line with subsection (2) of this section;
  - (d) completes his tenure in office.
- (5) Where a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Board, it shall be filled by the appointment of a successor to hold office for the remainder of the term of office of his/her predecessor, so however that the successor shall represent the same interest as the predecessor and shall be appointed by the Governor.

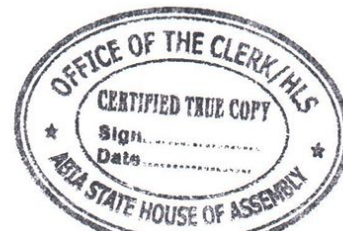
**PART III: FUNCTIONS OF THE AUTHORITY**

Functions of the  
Authority

11. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other Law or enactment to the contrary, it shall be the function of the Authority to:
- (a) implement policies and guidelines formulated for the development of the City, taking into consideration environmental, social and governance concern;
  - (b) conceive, plan and implement, with the approval of the Board, in accordance with set rules and regulations, projects and programs for the sustainable development of the City, in the field of roads and transportation networks, health, education, employment, industrialization, agriculture, and fisheries, housing and urban development, industrial parks, commerce, water supply, electricity, telecommunications, market development and management and high speed connectivity;
  - (c) collaborate and seek partnership with private sector partners to finance and implement the above infrastructure projects and other initiatives;
  - (d) cause the City to be surveyed in order to ascertain measures which are necessary to promote its physical and socio-economic development;
  - (e) prepare master plans and schemes designed to promote the physical development of the City and the estimates of the costs of implementing such master plans and schemes;
  - (f) establish a comprehensive zoning and land use plan for the City and identify different zones within the City and prescribe permissible land uses, density regulations, building heights limits, setbacks, and any other relevant provision to guide development;
  - (g) create industrial clusters, estates, business zones and other similar development initiatives in accordance with the Master Plan;
  - (h) may, in conjunction with relevant Federal and State authorities, designate specific areas within the City as Special Economic Zones (SEZs) or Free Trade Zones (FTZs) aimed at attracting targeted industries and promoting export-oriented activities, and advise the



- Governor on offering incentives such as tax breaks, reliefs and subsidies;
- (i) in collaboration with relevant Ministries and Local Government Councils, plan, construct, re-design, regulate and control all markets, motor parks and private parks in the City;
  - (j) co-ordinate and oversee the Environmental Impact Assessment process by relevant State Agency, including the review and approval of assessment reports to prevent or minimize adverse environmental impacts, protect natural resources and promote sustainable development within the City;
  - (k) implement all the measure approved for the development of the City by the State Government and Member Local Governments;
  - (l) identify factors inhibiting the development of the City and assist member Local Governments in the formulation and implementation of policies to ensure sound and efficient management of the resources of the City;
  - (m) co-ordinate, harmonize and be solely responsible for providing all the approvals and permits required for any form of construction or improvements within the boundaries of the City, to the exclusion of any other State regulatory agency or body, except as approved by the Governor;
  - (n) assess and report on any project being funded or carried out in the City by companies including non-governmental organizations and ensure that funds released for such projects are properly utilized;
  - (o) tackle ecological and environmental problems that arise in the City;
  - (p) promote the conservation and creation of green spaces within the City for the protection of natural habitats, urban forests, parks, and other green areas, ensuring their preservation, enhancement and accessibility for the community;
  - (q) streamline regulatory processes, access to infrastructure and other benefits to encourage investment and stimulate economic growth;
  - (r) interface with and seek humanitarian, human, material, technical and financial support from development partners (local and international) and non-governmental organizations for the development of the City;
  - (s) execute such other works and perform such other functions which in the opinion of the Board are required for the sustainable development of the City.
- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) above, the Authority shall not be responsible for the collection of taxes, levies, rates or revenues within the City.
- (3) The Authority shall, in the performance of its functions under this Law, be subject to the lawful direction and control of the Governor.
- (4) The Authority shall as much a possible collaborate with the Local Government Councils comprising the City in the performance of its functions under this Law.
- (5) The Authority shall in all situations, protect private investments (local and foreign) and shall facilitate and conclude on behalf of the State, franchises, concessions, management contracts, licenses or other public-private sector partnerships with any competent investor and shall in pursuance thereof, use its best endeavor to procure from the State Government, letters of comfort, indemnities or undertakings as may be reasonably required for projects executed under this Law.
- (6) The Authority shall prepare and submit to the Governor not later than the first





quarter of each year, a detailed report of its activities in the preceding year.

- (7) The Authority shall:
- (a) keep proper account and records of all financial transactions and activities; and
  - (b) cause its account to be audited by auditors appointed by the Auditor-General of the State, and thereafter submit same to the Governor.
- (8) Without prejudice to the powers of the Authority under this Law, the Authority shall do everything necessary to carry out its functions as set out in this section.

Head Office

12. (1) The Authority shall have a head office in Ohafia, Abia State.
- (2) Without prejudice to the powers of the Board under section 6 (1) and (2), there shall be established in the head office:
- (a) Finance Department;
  - (b) Administration and Human resources Development;
  - (c) Public Health Department;
  - (d) Public Works Department;
  - (e) Projects Planning, Monitoring and Supervision Department;
  - (f) New Towns Development Department;
  - (g) Environmental and Beatification Department;
  - (h) Entrepreneurial and Ease of Doing Business Department;
  - (i) Legal and Secretarial Department; and
  - (j) Planning Research and Statistics Department.
- (3) The Board may create, increase or decrease the number of departments, divisions and units as it may deem necessary and expedient to facilitate the realization of the objectives of the Authority.
- (4) The departments of the Authority shall be headed by qualified and registered professionals who should have attained a minimum of ten (10) years post qualification experience in such fields of study as the Authority shall consider appropriate.
- (5) The Departmental Heads shall be paid such remunerations as the Board may approve.

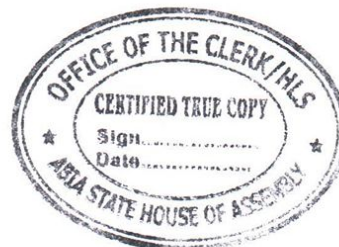
**PART IV: THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL AND OTHER STAFF**

Director-General

13. (1) There shall be for the Authority, a Director-General, who shall be the Chief Executive and Chief Accounting Officer of the Authority and shall:
- (a) have a minimum qualifications of a degree or its equivalent as well as cognate experience in Town Planning;
  - (b) be appointed by the Governor;
  - (c) be paid such emoluments, and hold office on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment.
- (2) The Director-General shall subject to the general direction of the Board, be responsible for:
- (a) the day to day administration of the Authority;
  - (b) the administration of the secretariat of the Authority;
  - (c) the general direction and control of all other employees of the Authority;
  - (d) discipline and promotion of junior staff as categorized by the Board, subject to any directions the Board may give.



- (3) The Board shall have power to:
- (a) employ either directly or on secondment from any Civil or Public service in the State, such number of employees as may in the opinion of the Board, be required to assist the Authority in the discharge of any of its functions under this Law; and
  - (b) pay to persons so employed such remunerations (including allowances) as is applicable in the Public Service of the State.
- (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 3 of this section, the employment or secondment of staff into the Authority shall be with the written approval of the Governor and in liaison with the Civil Service Commission.
- Secretary to the Authority 14. (1) The Board shall appoint a Secretary to the Authority who shall also act as its Legal Adviser.
- (2) The Secretary to the Authority shall be a Lawyer with not less than ten (10) years post qualification experience.
- (3) The Secretary shall:
- (a) act as the Secretary to the Authority and the Board;
  - (b) keep proper Secretarial/Legal records and books of the Authority;
  - (c) keep proper record of the proceedings of the Board and its Committees;
  - (d) issue notices of meetings of the Board and its Committees; and
  - (e) be responsible to the Director-General and the Board.
- (4) The Secretary shall hold office for five (5) years in the first instance and may be reappointed for a further term of five (5) years and no more.
- (5) The Secretary shall be paid such remunerations as the Board may determine.
- Pensionable Service 15. (1) Service in the Authority shall be approved service for the purpose of Pensions Reform Law.
- (2) The officers and other persons employed in the Authority shall be entitled to pensions, gratuities and other retirement benefits as are enjoyed by persons holding equivalent grades in the Public Service of the State.
- (3) Nothing in subsection (1) and (2) of this section shall prevent the appointment of a person to any office on terms which preclude the grant of pensions and gratuity in respect of that office.
- Engagement of Consultants and other persons 16. (1) The Director-General may, on behalf of the Authority, engage consultants or other persons to provide advice to the Authority or perform services for the Authority.
- (2) The terms and conditions of any engagements (including remuneration) shall be determined by the Director-General subject to the approval of the Board.
- (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of section (1) above, the consultant engaged shall be ratified by the Board
- Code of Conduct 17. (1) The Board shall produce, in writing, a Code of Conduct for the Authority.
- (2) The Code of Conduct under subsection (1) shall apply to all members of the Board including the Director-General and to all staff of the Authority.



**PART V: FINANCIAL PROVISIONS**

Special Account

18. (1) The Authority shall set up and maintain a special account hereinafter referred to as "Authority Special Account", which shall be applied towards the discharge of its function under this Law..
- (2) There shall be credited to the Authority Special account:
- (a) such budgetary sums as may be provided by the State Government for the Authority.
  - (b) such monies as may be granted, lent or deposited with the Authority by the Federal or a State Government or Local Government or any other body or institution whether local or foreign;
  - (c) amounts of any fees, charges or penalties paid to the Authority under this Law;
  - (d) proceeds from all assets of the Authority that may accrue to it; and
  - (e) all other sums accruing to the Authority by way of gifts, testamentary dispositions, endowments and contributions from philanthropic individuals and/or organizations.
- (3) The Special Account shall be managed in accordance with the rules made by the Board, and without prejudice to the generality of the power to make rules under this subsection, the rules shall in particular contain provisions:
- (a) specifying the manner in which the assets or the funds of the Authority are to be held and regulating the making of payments into and out of the Special Account; and
  - (b) requiring the keeping of proper accounts and records in such form as may be specified in the rules.
- (4) Signatories to the account(s) of the Authority shall be the:
- (a) Chairman;
  - (b) Director-General
  - (c) Director in charge of Finance Department

Expenditure

19. Amounts standing to the credit of the Authority Special Account maybe debited for the following purposes:
- (a) in payment or discharge of the costs, expenses and other obligations incurred by the Authority in the performance of its functions under this Law;
  - (b) in payment of salaries, fees, remunerations, allowances, pensions and gratuities payable to persons appointed or engaged under this Law;
  - (c) the payment for all contracts, including legal fees and costs on contract administration; and
  - (d) in making any other payment which the Authority is authorized or required to make under this Law or any other Law in the State.

Power to accept Gifts

20. The Authority may accept gifts of lands, money, property or other contributions on such terms and conditions, if any, as may be specified by the person or organization making donation, provided that the terms and conditions of such gift are not inconsistent with the functions/mandates of the Authority.

Power to Borrow

21. The Authority may, with the approval of the Governor, borrow money from financial organizations or other institutions for the purpose of executing its mandate under this Law.

Acquisition of Land

22. The Governor shall, upon the request, grant to the Authority any land within the City for the services of the Authority.

Payment of Compensation

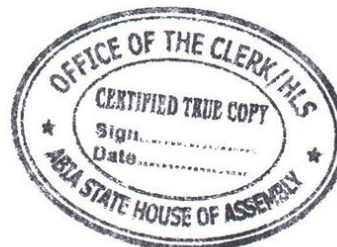
23. Compensation may be payable in accordance with the applicable Law for any revocation And or acquisition made pursuant to section 22 of this Law.



- Insurance 24. The Authority shall have power to insure any property belonging to the Authority.
- Annual Estimates, Books of Accounts and Audit 25. (1) The Board shall cause to be prepared, not later than 30<sup>th</sup> September of each year, an estimate of the expenditure and income of the Authority during the next succeeding year and submit same to the Ministry of Budget for inclusion in the State Budget.
- (2) The Board shall cause to be kept, proper books accounts of the Authority in respect of each year and shall cause the accounts to be audited not later than six (6) months after the end of each year, by Auditors appointed from the list and in accordance with the guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General.
- (3) The fees of the auditors and expenses for the audit shall be paid from the Authority Special Account.
- Annual Report 26. (1) The Board shall submit to the Governor, report on its activities and administration of the Authority.
- (2) The Board shall:
- (a) prepare and submit to the Governor, not later than 30<sup>th</sup> June in each year, a report in such form as the Governor may direct, on the activities of the Authority during the preceding year; and
- (b) include in the report, a copy of the audited accounts of the Authority for that year and the Auditor's report thereon.

**PART VI: MISCELLANEOUS**

- Access to information 27. The Authority shall have access to all information, data, statistics and records of any department and/or parastatals of the State which are reasonably necessary for the purpose of the attainment of its objectives and the performance of its functions under this Law.
- Relationship with other Authorities 28. The Authority shall, in carrying out its duties under this Law, collaborate with Federal and State Governments and their Ministries, Departments, Parastatals, Agencies and other bodies.
- Power to enter premises and obtain information 29. (1) For the purpose of effectively discharging its responsibilities under this Law, the Authority shall:
- (a) have a right of access at all reasonable times to any land or building within the City after giving due notice for the purpose of complying with the provisions of this Law;
- (b) issue a notice, in writing, inviting any person whom it reasonably believes is capable of giving any information in respect of:
- (i) ownership;
- (ii) possession;
- (iii) demarcation of boundaries of lands within the City; and
- (iv) any person in whose possession or power any document relating to such matter is vested, to give such information and/or produce such documentary evidence on a date, time and place specified in the notice; and
- (c) by a notice in writing, served on any person carrying on an industrial, commercial, educational or any other undertaking, require that person to furnish information in such form or manner as the Director-General or any officer of the Authority may direct on such matters.
- (2) Any person required to furnish information pursuant to subsection (1)(b) of this section, shall within one month from the date of the receipt of the notice, comply with such notice.



Offences and Penalties

30. (1) It shall constitute an offence for a person to:
- (a) fail to furnish information pursuant to section 29 of this Law; or
  - (b) knowingly make false statement or give false information orally or in writing in any matter pursuant to section 30; or
  - (c) obstruct, interfere with, assault, resist any officer or agent of the Authority in the execution of his duty under this Law; or
  - (d) aid, incite, induce or abet any other person to do so.
- (2) Anyone who commits any of the offences mentioned in subsection (1) above shall be liable on conviction to a fine of N50,000.00 or to imprisonment for six (6) months, or to both such fine and imprisonment.
- (3) where an offence under this Law is committed by a body corporate or firm or other association of individuals, the following persons in the body corporate or firm or association shall be prosecuted and punished as if they had themselves committed the offence, unless they prove that the act or omission constituting the offence took place without their knowledge, consent or connivance:
- (a) the Directors, Managers, Secretaries and other similar officers of the body corporate; or
  - (b) every partner or officer of a firm; or
  - (c) every person concerned in the management of the affairs of the association; or
  - (e) every person who was purporting to act in any such capacity.

Prohibition of illegal Development

31. (1) As from the date of commencement of this Law, no person or body shall engage in any construction or improvements of any form within the boundaries of the City, except as provided in the Master plan published by the Authority for the regulation of developments within the City.
- (2) Any person who acts in violation of subsection (1) of this section shall be issued with a notice by the Authority, the Director-General or any officer authorized by him demanding that the person issued with the notice, reinstate the land or building to its original state.
- (3) Any person who, when issued with a notice under subsection (2) of this section fails, neglects, or refuses to comply with the demands contained therein, commits an offence and liable upon conviction, to an imprisonment for six (6) months or a fine of N 100,000.00 or both.
- (4) The sentence in subsection (3) shall be accompanied by an order for the reinstatement of the property to its original state or payment to the Authority for all expenses incurred by it in reinstating the property to its original state.

Supervision by the Authority

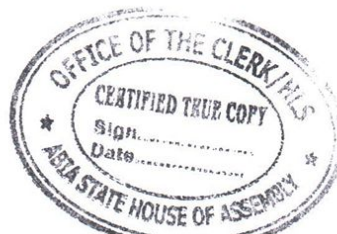
32. (1) Subject to the Provisions of this Law, the Authority or any person acting on his behalf shall supervise any project executed under this Law and shall have the power at any reasonable time during the day to enter upon and inspect any land or asset whereupon a project is ongoing.
- (2) it shall be the duty of the contractor or any person acting on his behalf to permit and give free access to the Authority to enter its premises for the purpose of inspection under subsection (1) of this section.

Conflict of interest

33. The Chairman, the Director-General and other members of the Board and staff of the Authority including consultants engaged by the Authority shall:
- (a) not use any information which is confidential and acquired by him/her in the course of his/her duty for his/her private benefit; and
  - (b) avoid all acts, omissions or activities that may conflict with their public duty.



- Offices and Premises of the Authority 34. (1) For the purpose of providing offices and premises necessary for the performance of its functions under this Law, the Authority may, subject to the Land Use Act:  
(a) purchase or take on lease, any interest in land or other property; and  
(b) construct offices and premises as well as equip and maintain them.
- Governor's Directives 35. Subject to the provisions of this Law, the Governor may give to the Authority, directives of general or specific nature or relating generally to matters of policy with regards to the performance of its functions and it shall be the duty of the Authority to comply with the directives.
- Application of Public Officers Protection Law 36. (1) For the purposes of this Law, the provisions of the Public Officers Protection Law shall apply in relation to any suit instituted against any officer or employee of the Authority .  
(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in any other Law or enactment, no suit shall lie against any member of the Board, the Director-General or any other officer or employee of the Authority for any act done in pursuance or execution of this Law or any other Law or enactment, or of any public duty or authority or in respect of any alleged neglect or default in the execution of this Law or any other Law or enactment, duty or authority shall lie or be instituted in any Court unless it is commenced:  
(a) within three months next after the act, neglect or default complained of;  
or  
(b) within six months next after the ceasing thereof, in the case of a continuation of damage or injury.
- Pre-action Notice 37. No action or suit shall be commenced against the Authority unless thirty (30) days prior notice is given to the Authority stating the intention to institute the action and the nature of the claim.
- Service of Notices, summons and other Documents 38. A notice, summons or other documents required or authorized to be served upon the Authority under the provisions of this Law or any other Law or enactment may be served by delivering it to the Secretary at the principal office of the Authority.
- Payment of Judgment Debts 39. Any sum of money which may by the judgment of any Court be awarded against the Authority shall, subject to any directive given by a Court where notice of appeal or the said judgment has been given, be paid from the Special Account of the Authority..
- Restriction on the execution against Property of the Authority 40. In any action or suit against the Authority, no execution or attachment of process in the nature thereof shall be issued against the Authority unless it is issued in compliance with the provisions of the Sheriffs and Civil Process Act of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004.
- Indemnity of Officers 41. (1) Officers and employees of the Authority shall not be liable for any lawful acts or omission, in the discharge of their duties under this Law.  
(2) A member of the Board, the Director-General, any officer or employee of the Authority shall be indemnified out of the assets of the Authority against any proceeding, whether civil or criminal, in which judgment is given in his or her favour or in which he/she is acquitted, if any such proceeding is brought against him in his/her capacity as a member of the Board, the Director-General, officer or employee of the Authority.
- Preliminary Acts and Expenses 42. Any preliminary act done or expenses authorized by the Governor in connection with the formation of the Authority, shall have the same effect and validity as if those acts had



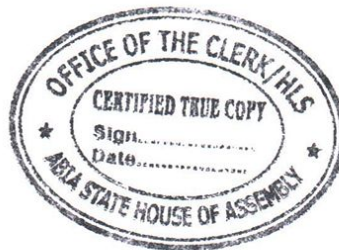
been done after the commencement of this Law and those expenses incurred by the Authority, and the Authority may continue any action or thing remaining unfinished at the date of the coming into force of this Law.

Regulations

43. (1) The Authority may make rules and regulations which in its opinion are necessary or expedient for giving full effect to the provisions of this Law and may in particular, make regulations prescribing the:
- (a) creation, management and operation of the industrial clusters, estate and business zones;
  - (b) creation, re-designing, management and control of markets and motor parks;
  - (c) forms for returns and other information required under Law or any other enactment or Law;
  - (d) procedure for obtaining any information required under Law or any other enactment or Law;
  - (e) guidelines for pensions, gratuities and retirement benefits to pensionable officers of the Authority, in accordance with the Pensions Reform Law applicable in the State.
- (2) Any regulation made by the Authority shall not become operative until it is published in the State official gazette.

Supremacy over  
Other Laws

44. Where there is conflict between the provisions of this Law and the Abia State Urban and Regional Planning Board and Planning Authority Law or any other State Laws, this Law shall supersede or take precedence over such Laws.



**SCHEDULE  
FORM A**

This printed impression has been carefully compared by me with the Bill which has been passed by the Abia State House of Assembly and found by me to be a true and correctly printed copy of the said Bill.

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**JOHNPEDRO NNAMDI IROKANSI (KSJI)**  
**Clerk of the House of Assembly**  
**Abia State of Nigeria**

DATED this ..... day of .....2024

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**FORM B**

I ASSENT



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**Alex Chioma Otti**  
**Governor**  
**Abia State of Nigeria**

DATED this ..... day of .....2024

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**FORM C**

I WITHHOLD MY ASSENT



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**Alex Chioma Otti**  
**Governor**  
**Abia State of Nigeria**

DATED this ..... day of .....2024



**FORM D**

This Law to which the Governor has by a letter Reference No. ....dated the ..... day of ....., 2024 signified the Withholding of his Assent, has again been passed by the Abia State House of Assembly by a two-third majority this ..... day of ....., 2024.

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**JOHNPEDRO NNAMDI IROKANSI (KSJI)**  
**Clerk of the House of Assembly**  
**Abia State of Nigeria**

*DATED at Umuahia this ..... day of ....., 2024*

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**FORM E**

Assented to on the ..... day of ....., 2024

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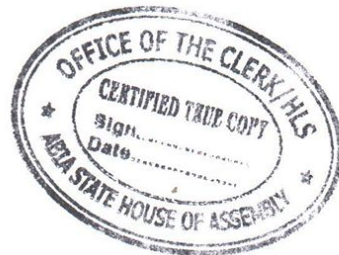
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**JOHNPEDRO NNAMDI IROKANSI (KSJI)**  
**Clerk of the House of Assembly**  
**Abia State of Nigeria**

Dated ..... day of ....., 2024

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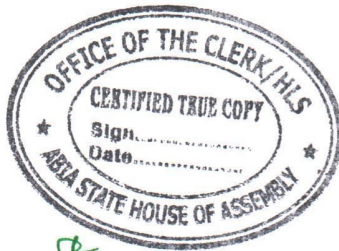


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**SCHEDULE**

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**JOHNPEDRO NNAMDI IROKANSI (KSJI)**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly  
Abia State of Nigeria

DATED this 5th day of Sept. 2024

**FORM B**

I ASSENT



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**Alex Chioma Otti**  
Governor  
Abia State of Nigeria

DATED this..... day of .....2024