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August 25, 2021

Mr. James Lynch Monbo
PROJECT COORDINATOR
Project Implementation Unit (PIU)
Universal Access Fund
Republic of Liberia

Dear Mr. Monbo:

Subject: REQUEST FOR "NO OBJECTION" TO AWARD CONTRACT TO K-NET LIMITED GHANA FOR FIFTEEN (15) RURAL TELECOMMUNICATION BASE STATIONS AND TELEPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021

We present our compliments and wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter which sought the approval of the Commission for the Universal Access Fund (Project Implementation Unit) to award contract to K-Net Ghana for the supply of fifteen (15) Rural Telecommunication Base Stations and Teleport in the amount of two million five hundred thousand United States Dollars (US\$2,500,000.00), upon conclusion of a retendered Restricted Bidding process.

The Commission, upon review and scrutiny of the Universal Access Fund's request and accompanying documents, states the following:

- That in response to the Commission's queries, Universal Access Fund retendered the process, and as per the UAF's submission, K-NET Ghana was the lone responsive bidder;
- That UAF(PIU) submitted (Hard copies): invitation to bidders, cover letter, draft contract, procurement committee minutes, bid evaluation report; bidders' submission; bid opening minutes, communication with bidders.

Thus, the Commission, upon review of the UAF's request, accompanying documents and subsequent clarifications/explanations, states below:

- That the Commission renders "No Objection" for Universal Access Fund to award contract to K-NET Ghana in consonance with the estimated cost of US\$1,800,000.00 (one million eight hundred thousand United States Dollars) as stipulated on the approved Procurement Plans;
- That the UAF ensure quality conformance for the execution of the project.

Please note that the Commission's scrutiny and review is in the best interest of the procuring entity, for safe guarding measures and to ultimately ensure compliance conformity.

Please note that all contracts which cumulative annual value above the threshold of US\$250,000.00 must be signed by the Minister responsible for Finance and attested to by the Minister responsible for Justice. Furthermore, a copy of the final contracts must be submitted to the Commission for <u>validity and reporting</u> as required by the PPCA.

The Public Procurement and Concessions Commission admonishes and deems it a priority that you remain **primarily** in compliance with the PPCA, 2010, as we jointly aspire to achieve transparency, accountability, fairness, equality and ultimately public confidence in our procurement and concessions processes.

Yours

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August 23, 2021

Hon. Jargbe Roseline Nagbe Kowo
Chief Executive Officer
Public Procurement & Concessions Commission (PPCC)
Executive Mansion Grounds
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Dear Hon. Kowo:

I present my compliments to you and wish to inform you that the Universal Access Fund Governing Board and the National Legislature approved two separate amounts in two fiscal years to fund the Liberia Rural Telephone Projects.

In FY 2019/2020, an initial US\$1,000,000 was approved and same was submitted with the UAF procurement plan and cash plan to the Public Procurement & Concession Commission which was also approved for execution. Similarly, in FY 2020/2021 another US\$800,000 was appropriated and approved by the bodies mentioned supra for execution. An additional of US\$ 700,000 has been budgeted (Special budget FY July-December 2021) for approval from the Governing Board and National Legislature to make up the total amount to fund this very important legacy project.

The Universal Access Fund would like to inform and assure the Commission by this commitment that it has the fund and funding mechanisms to implement such a milestone project that is intended to give telecommunication and ICT services access to our people while lifting them out of poverty in fulfilment of government's Pro-poor Agenda for Prosperity and development (PAPD).

Thanks for your continued support and we seek your approval as we strive to maintain an efficient and effective government.

Sincerely,

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