

MINISTRY OF ENERGY/EDSA

PRESS RELEASE ON THE TRANSFER OF THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION AND SUPPLY AUTHORITY (EDSA) TO A PERFORMANCE-BASED CONTRACTOR FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS

The general public is hereby informed that the Ministry of Energy and the Electricity Distribution and Supply Authority (EDSA) on Friday 14th October 2016, signed a Performance-Based Contract Agreement with Khatib & Alami Consulting Engineers Offshore SAL for the Management of EDSA for a period of three (3) years.

This is a follow up of the unbundling of the National Power Authority (NPA) into the Electricity Distribution and Supply (EDSA) and Electricity General and Transmission Company in January 2015 as required by the 2011 Electricity Act that, repealed the 1982 NPA Act.

The unbundling, which is supported by the Government of Sierra Leone (GoSL) and the World Bank through the World Bank funded Energy Sector Utility Reform Project required the recruitment of a Performance-Based Contractor in accordance with the World Bank Procurement guidelines for the management of the Electricity Distribution and Supply Authority.

The procurement process started with the international advertisement on 11th August 2015 and on 16th September 2016, the World Bank gave the No Objection to sign the contract with Khatib & Alami Consulting Engineers Offshore SAL, who won the bid.

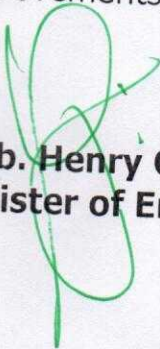
The Management Contractor is in general, expected to provide management, operation and capacity building services to EDSA, implementing the Business Plan of the EDSA that was developed and adopted by energy stakeholders and other development partners.

Key amongst the objectives of the Management Contractor are:-

- (i) Implementation of a new organizational structure for all EDSA's functions (planning, network operations, commercial activities, management of corporate resources);
- (ii) Definition of new processes and activities to develop EDSA's functions and required tools;
- (iii) Implementation of a comprehensive Training Plan to support development of new processes and functions;

- (iv) Reduction of Technical and Commercial losses;
- (v) Improved Revenue Collection and Protection;
- (vi) Finalize and execute an Investment Plan for the upgrading and rehabilitation of the National Distribution System;
- (vii) Improved customer services

The ultimate objective of the Management Contractor, is to ensure that the management of EDSA is returned to a team of competent local staff, fully empowered to efficiently run EDSA and continue performance improvements, and service delivery to customers.



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