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We are also currently co-counsel in Arbitration Proceedings involving a major Chinese entity. In our involvement with Arbitration as aforesaid, we also have United Kingdom Chartered Arbitrators as members of our Firm and they bring their very coveted experience into our Arbitration work.

CORONER'S INQUEST:

We played a very active role in the concluded "Coroner's Inquest into the Dana Air Crash of 3rdJune 2012". We represented Dana Airlines Limited; the operator of the ill-fated Aircraft, subject of the inquest and therefore the principal party before the Coroner. As a result of our involvement in the Coroner's Inquest as aforesaid, we have firsthand experience of the Coroner's Systems Law which is a relatively new area of Law just being developed in the Country.

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We represented the Appellant before the Tax Appeal Tribunal in the matter cited below:

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- Counsel-Akin Delano Legal practitioners 1986-1989, Principal Partner, BA LAW LLP. 1990-to date.

- Areas of Practice- General Civil Litigation, Commercial litigation, Company Law, Property and Land Law, Banking, Insurance & Liquidation law, Arbitration, Maritime and Shipping Law.

- He is the author of various publications amongst which include: Securing and Enforcing Maritime Claims, Juriscope 1st Edition-2001 Series, Wills and Testamentary Disposition, Judicial precedent, Law Reporting and the need for Regulation, Justice Delivery and Judicial Bias.

- Attended several international and local law conferences and seminars particularly programmes on Intellectual Property.

- Appointed Notary Public (1994)

- Elevated to the rank of Senior Advocate of Nigeria (2005)

- Pro-Chancellor Chairman Governing Council LadokeAkintola University of Technology, Ogbomoso, Oyo State(2007-2011)

- Member Presidential Advisory Committee on the Perogative of Mercy (2011)

- Appointed Chairman Legal Aid Council of Nigeria (2012 - 2015).

- Fellow Chartered Institute of Arbitration (FCIArb)

- Officer of the Order of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (2014)

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He will be assisted by other Counsel in Chambers including:

MR. ADEGBORIOYE ADENRELE is a law graduate of Obafemi Awolowo University Ile- Ife and was called to the Nigerian Bar in 1990. He has been in active legal practice since 1990. He joined the

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AKINLABI APARA the Head of Chambers of the Firm. He attended Olabisi Onabanjo University where he obtained his Bachelors Degree in Law. He is highly experienced in Litigation, Commercial Law Practice, Debt Recovery, Real Estate and labour Law and is versatile in land disputes. He is also a certified negotiator and mediator and is an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in Nigeria.

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PROFESSIONAL FEES AND EXPENSES:

We expect to meet and exceed your expectations at minimal costs and we will usually have our client sign up an engagement /retainer letter, where our scope of work to be undertaken and fees payable are clearly defined. We will not have hidden costs and all statutory costs are receipted.

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We are officially affiliated with the Legal Aid Council of Nigeria and our Principal Partner Chief Bolaji Ayorinde SAN has served as Chairman of Legal Aid Council Nigeria. He was also a member of the Presidential Committee on the Prerogative of Mercy.

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Our Partners and Associates have vast experience in representing public institutions and the organised private sector; including but not limited to Financial Institutions and Multi-National Organisations.

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FAITH ONUOHA is an Associate of the Firm and has been actively involved in the Firm's litigation practice. She represents and defends Clients' interests in contentious matters before different Courts of record and at Mediation sessions.

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21st January 2021

The Lagos State Government Independent Electoral Commission
C/O Mr. Wole Koya,
Koya & Kuti Solicitors
5th Floor, St. Peters House
Ajele Street, Lagos Island

ATTENTION: MR. WOLE KOYA

Dear Sir,

RE: EXTERNAL SOLICITORS

We are pleased to introduce our law firm to your goodself and office with the hope that you consider us as part of your team of External Solicitors Lagos State Government Independent Electoral Committee.

Our Partners and Associates have vast experience in representing public institutions and the organised private sector; including but not limited to Financial Institutions and Multi-National Organisations.

The Firm has done considerable work along the lines of Election Petitions as evidenced in some of the notable cases highlighted in our attached Profile. We also have vast experience working with the public institutions including but not limited to the Central Bank of Nigeria; Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation (NDIC); Federal Ministry of Justice; States Ministries of Justice, Independent Corrupt Practices Commission (ICPC) and other government agencies. Our work in essence includes advisory on various dispute issues and also includes arbitration, mediation, other modes of Alternative Dispute Resolution and **litigation** in the High Courts, (States and Federal) Court of Appeal and Supreme Court.

We believe that our vast experience as aforesaid positions us favorably in being an asset to the Lagos State Government Independent Electoral Commission.

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Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

CHIEF BOLAJI AYORINDE SAN, FCArb, OFR

18th January 2021

The Honourable Commissioner for Finance
Oyo State Ministry of Finance
Parliament Road
Mokola Hill
Ibadan.

ATTENTION: MR. AKINOLA OJO

Dear Sir,

RE: EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: OYO STATE BOND

I am pleased to introduce B A LAW FIRM to your goodself and office.

Our Partners and Associates have vast experience in representing public institutions and the organised private sector; including but not limited to Financial Institutions and Multi-National Organisations in matters pertaining to Securities transactions and Corporate Governance.

The Firm has done considerable work with the Nigerian Stock Exchange; Central Bank of Nigeria; Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation (NDIC); Nigerian Re-insurance Corporation; Federal Ministry of Justice; States Ministries of Justice, Independent Corrupt Practices Commission (ICPC) and other government agencies. Our work in essence includes advisory on Corporate Governance compliance; Legal due diligence exercise and also includes arbitration, mediation, other modes of Alternative Dispute Resolution.

Our vast experience as aforesaid positions us favorably in being an asset to the present administration in Oyo State and more particularly with the Oyo State Ministry of Finance ably headed by your goodself.

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12th January 2021

The Chief Executive Officer
ED EKO DEVELOPMENT
Azuri Towers,
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8th July, 2022

The Head
Recovery and Remedial Management
United Bank for Africa
57, Marina
Lagos

ATTENTION: ANTHONY CHILAKA

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Thank you.

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LETTER OF INTRODUCTION/CORPORATE PROFILE

The Firm:

BA LAW LLP FIRM is a reputable firm of legal practitioners established in November, 1989. Our area of superior expertise is in Litigation and Commercial Practice. Our major asset is the ability to form an effective working partnership with our Clients in order to achieve their desired

corporate and individual results. Presently our Firm has an integrated network of over 25 legal professionals in Nigeria, and in the United Kingdom.

Our dynamic team is up-to-date on evolving areas of law. We have a well-equipped modern library with adequate resources which enable us meet the requirements of our Clients, proffer and implement tailor - made solutions to their transactions. We are also legal advisers and solicitors to various companies quoted on the Nigerian Stock Exchange.

We specialize in Litigation/Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Practice and Corporate/ Commercial Law Practice. Our lawyers have vast experience in major areas of the Law, including Oil and Gas Disputes, Cross-border Litigation, Real Estate, Recoveries, Dispute Resolution, Criminal Law, Probate matters, Securing of Pre-emptive an2d Protective Court Orders, Family Law, Employment Law, Land Law, Election Petitions, Banking and Finance, Debt Recovery, Insolvency, Maritime Law, Taxation and International Law.

Our head office is located in Ikoyi, the heart of commercial activities in Lagos. We also have offices in Abuja and Ibadan, as well as a representative office in London to serve our growing number of International Clients. The firm is adequately staffed with efficient and dedicated paralegal personnel to compliment the work of the Lawyers.

At BA LAW LLP, we undertake every legal service with an eye for detail and are solution driven to achieve desired results. We are dynamic and positioned to be the very best at providing legal services.

NON CONTENTIOUS WORK:

BA LAW LLP is a law firm that serves its clients in a myriad of ways. We handle non-contentious matters in which there is no dispute or court proceedings but for which legal documents must be prepared and advice given and this includes but is not limited to the sale of real estate and property transactions, tenancy agreements, contracts of employment, wills, trusts, transmission of shares and the administration of estates. We have been involved as lead advisers and joint advisers in relation to mergers, acquisitions and restructuring of Companies. We have also carried out substantial work in the Defence industry.

CONTENTIOUS WORK:

We have a wide range of experience in dealing with contentious legal work in civil litigation, criminal litigation, commercial litigation, family proceedings, contentious probate, local and international commercial investments, litigation and other contentious matters. We are a result oriented team and where practicable, we encourage dispute resolutions mechanism such as Arbitration, Negotiation, and; mediation and reconciliation.

LITIGATION:

Our litigation team at BA LAW LLP provides timely and solution driven services in legal disputes and court proceedings when we are involved in disputes that cannot be settled amicably. We realise that success is not just about legal skills and so our matters are handled with experience, precision, hard work and diligence. We also strive to pay attention to details and give priority to each client`s peculiar situation. We have been and remain involved in Cross–Border litigation.

COMPANY SECRETARIAL SERVICES:

Our qualified legal team helps our clients ensure compliance in relation to all aspects of corporate governance, varying from director`s duties, company administration, board room best practice and constitutional compliance. We offer a practical and focused overview of company secretarial matters in the context of our clients business.

TRUST SERVICES:

At BA LAW LLP, we have a modern and resourceful team that provide services that assist our clients in dealing with the validity of disputes, trustee actions, disappointed beneficiary claims and other connected legal issues.

COMPANY REGISTRATION SERVICES:

We are here to help you take away the stress of starting your own company at BA LAW LLP. We effectively assist in incorporation and registration of companies and other related activities, such as provision of off shore and local shelf companies.

INNOVATION IN RECOVERY OF DEBT MATTERS

In Suit No: **FHC/L/CS/1730/13 ELS DOORHEIN (As trustee of Emerge Hoofdorp B.V) v ARIK AIR LIMITED & 2 ORS** where we represented the Plaintiff, we were able to recover a debt already adjudged a bad debt by our Clients. We obtained Ex-Parte Orders arresting certain Aircrafts belonging to ARIK AIR LIMITED in pursuance of debts owed our Client by ARIK. Having obtained said Ex-Parte Orders; Parties reached a settlement wherein ARIK AIR LIMITED undertook installment payment of our Client's Funds in the total sum of **EUR, 1,945, 501 (One Million, Nine Hundred and Forty-Five Thousand, Five Hundred and One Euros).**

We also successfully deployed the principle of **Anti-Suit Injunction** in a case between **ACORN PETROLEUM PLC. (**Our Client) **MORGAN STANLEY CAPITAL GROUP INC.**(MSCGI) in **SUIT NO.FHC/L/CS/167/2007.** In the said suit, a dispute had arisen between Our Client and the said MSCGI on the international procurement of 30,000mt of unleaded Nigerian grade gasoline for delivery at one safe port CIF Nigeria.

MSCGI had made claims on our Client for breach of contract for failure to take delivery of the petroleum commodity as stated above and other costs such as demurrage and other losses to the tune of US$3,071,645.05 plus interest charges in respect of the claims. Even though Acorn Petroleum PLC had subject to the claims paid MSCGI to the tune of US$1,098,301.16 upon consulting us for advice, we advised our Client that it was not liable to MSCGI on the stated claims and that our Client should not make further payments. We further advised that it was best to prevent MSCGI from litigating in foreign jurisdiction, we therefore successfully obtained Court Orders under the auspices of the Anti-Suit Injunction before the Federal High

Court, Lagos: Coram Idris J. This Injunction was sustained and having now realized the futility of any potential claims against our Client, MSCGI has been compelled to drop its claims. The Anti-Suit Injunction is rarely used except where it is absolutely necessary and this case is one of the very rare instances where the Court was convinced of its applicability.

Apart from the above, the Firm was recently involved in Litigation concerning the Oil Subsidy Program by ensuring that our client; in this instance YANATY PETROCHEMICAL LTD. was able to obtain declarations of its non-culpability in any infraction of the Oil Subsidy regime and more importantly we secured the release of =N=2,700,000,000.00 being the sum of an Advanced Payment Guarantee posted by our Client in Sterling Bank Plc. for the execution of the contract to supply petroleum products granted to it by the Petroleum Products Pricing and Regulatory Agency.

We continue to advise other Clients with respect to disputes that may arise over recovery of funds and we shall be pleased to supply references from our Clients who instruct us regularly including but not limited to MOBIL OIL NIG PLC; STERLING BANK PLC; SKYE BANK PLC (now POLARIS BANK LIMITED).

ARBITRATION:

We have been involved in Arbitral proceedings over the years; this includes but is not limited to the following:

1) **TRANSPORT AND PORTS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM COMPANY LTD** (TPMS) **V. NIGERIAN PORTS AUTHORITY** (NPA)**:** this is a matter involving a contractual Agreement dated 5th March, 2010 between the parties wherein the NPA wrongfully terminated the Agreement based on a Policy Statement issued by the Honourable Minister of Finance on 10th October 2011. We represented TPMS (the Claimant therein) in the Arbitral proceedings held at the Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration, Lagos.

2) **NIGERIAN AIR-FORCE V. ALENIA AERONAUTICA SPA:** We are Nigerian Lawyers to Alenia Aeronautica SPA in disputes over the supply of Aircrafts by our Clients to the Nigerian Air-force and we consequently represented our Client in the Reconciliation that followed the said dispute.

3) **PROCESS AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT V. FEDERAL MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM RESOURCES:** We represented the Federal Ministry of Petroleum Resources in the quantum of damages Hearing in this matter which is perhaps the largest Arbitration proceedings involving the Federal Government of Nigeria.

We are also currently co-counsel in Arbitration Proceedings involving a major Chinese entity. In our involvement with Arbitration as aforesaid, we also have United Kingdom Chartered Arbitrators as members of our Firm and they bring their very coveted experience into our Arbitration work.

CORONER'S INQUEST:

We played a very active role in the concluded "Coroner's Inquest into the Dana Air Crash of 3rdJune 2012". We represented Dana Airlines Limited; the operator of the ill-fated Aircraft, subject of the inquest and therefore the principal party before the Coroner. As a result of our involvement in the Coroner's Inquest as aforesaid, we have firsthand experience of the Coroner's Systems Law which is a relatively new area of Law just being developed in the Country.

TAX APPEAL:

We represented the Appellant before the Tax Appeal Tribunal in the matter cited below:

2) **BOTRO MARINE & OIL SERVICES LTD V. FEDERAL INLAND REVENUE SERVICES SUIT NO: TAT/L2/003/2013:**

The Appellant being dissatisfied with the Assessment/Action/Demand Notice of The Tax Controller, Large Tax Payers' Office (Oil & Gas) Services, Federal Inland Revenue Service, dated 23rd January 2013 and 15th February 2013 appealed to the Tax Appeal Tribunal (TAT), Lagos zone upon the grounds that it fell under the category of Companies entitled to refunds from the FIRS (Respondent) as stipulated by Section 16 of the Valued Added Tax (VAT) Act; which made the Appellant entitled

to its VAT refund on all transactions in 2007 and 2008 being an Oil Servicing Company engaged in buying and selling of Drilling Pipes.

HOW WE WORK:

Our efficient, practical and result oriented approach alongside our ability to succinctly advise our clients on what steps to take, and how to go about same , under varying circumstances and situations provide us with an edge in our field.

Moreover, we confidently employ our knowledge and experience to guide our clients, without insisting on detailed legal analysis.

Upon Clients' instructions, BA LAW LLP will:

- Effectively undertake and handle every piece of work, regardless of size, to the best of our ability
- Keep you updated on the progress of the matter(s) being handled by us.
- Welcome your feedback and act upon it, as we aim continuously to improve our services
- Not incur costs or delegate work without your consent, nor will we charge for advice you do not reasonably need.

- Refer or advise you on where to look for more appropriate guidance if work is outside our field of expertise.

In return, we expect our clients to:

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- Provide necessary information and instructions when requested
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Please note that certain Judicial Decisions in which our firm was involved were reported in Law Reports over time and these include the following to mention a few:

- **ODELEYE V. ADEPEGBA [2001] 5 NWLR [PART 706] 330**

- **SONGHAI V. MAERSK [2001] 17 NWLR [PART 743] 517**
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- **MAGARIDA SALVADO DE LLUCH V. SOCIETE BANCAIRE NIG. LTD. [2003] 15 NWLR [PART 842] 1**

The team of Lawyers to take on any instructions will be led by **Chief Bolaji Ayorinde SAN, FCArb, OFR LLD** whose Profile can be summarized as follows**:**

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- Member Nigerian Bar Association, International Bar Association, Nigeria-British Chamber of Commerce, Nigerian Belgian Commercial Centre.

- Counsel-Akin Delano Legal practitioners 1986-1989, Principal Partner, BA LAW LLP. 1990-to date.
- Areas of Practice- General Civil Litigation, Commercial litigation, Company Law, Property and Land Law, Banking, Insurance & Liquidation law, Arbitration, Maritime and Shipping Law.
- He is the author of various publications amongst which include: Securing and Enforcing Maritime Claims, Juriscope 1st Edition-2001 Series, Wills and Testamentary Disposition, Judicial precedent, Law Reporting and the need for Regulation, Justice Delivery and Judicial Bias.

- Attended several international and local law conferences and seminars particularly programmes on Intellectual Property.
- Appointed Notary Public (1994)
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- Officer of the Order of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (2014)
- Conferred with Honorary Doctorate in Law by Ladoke Akintola University of Technology (LAUTECH) (2023)

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