

*On This Day, Friday, The 29<sup>th</sup> Of September 2023*

His Excellency,  
**President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR,**  
President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria,  
C-in-C of the Armed Forces,  
Presidential Villa,  
Abuja.

Through: The Chief of Staff to the President  
Your Excellency,



**COASTAL TRUNK ROAD AT NELGA OIL & GAS HUB:  
An Appeal For Presidential Approval**

The **Organised Ndokwa Effort** (ONE) is a duly registered socio-cultural and apolitical organization focused on promoting the progress and development of the entire Ndokwa people and our environment as a Federal Constituency comprising of Ndokwa-East, Ndokwa-West and Ukwuani Local Government Areas as an 'Ndokwa without barriers'. Our geographical areas are major Oil & Gas bearing, and *the only producing Host communities in the whole of the Delta North district of Nigeria*. You may wish to know that Oil exploration and production began in the Ndokwa area since 1962.

**2.** Our people deeply appreciate the solid imprints of your strong leadership from the dawning of this Administration. **Our belief is that only your political will can break the age-long jinx still lingering for over 5 decades** which has denied us a crucial economic trunk road, but presents a huge opportunity before you to harvest. To this end **we appeal for the construction of a coastal trunk road at the NELGA Oil & Gas producing hub** in the economic nerve center of the Oil industry as a standout legacy for you to fulfil, and **possibly at zero cost to the Federal Government**.

**3.** Having painstakingly evaluated the possibility of achieving this onerous and costly project that is a *prime felt need* of the grassroots people we came up with the option of using either the instrument of the Executive Order of the President for a Tax Credit Scheme (TCS), or Public Private Partnership (PPP). Your kind consideration and approval for the use of the TCS or PPP to fund and implement the project **will be of immense credit to you**.

**4.** The proposed **Coastal Trunk Road** at Ndokwa-East LGA (**NELGA**) routed through Oko, Abala-Oshimili, Utchi, Obecha, Okpai amongst several other towns across the rural **NELGA** areas, ending at Patani in the Delta South district; also **links a cluster of several major Oil & Gas producing communities**.

Suitable for an evergreen project of Mr. President. The impact of your *special gesture* of approval will resonate across the various host communities of the region who will be eternally grateful to you for identifying with our plight and turning around our abject poverty and underdevelopment for good. The landmark project will also be used as a **cynosure** of the CSR, giving it a *human face* in the governance of the PIA regime, thereby make a strong statement.

#### **5. PRAYERS:**

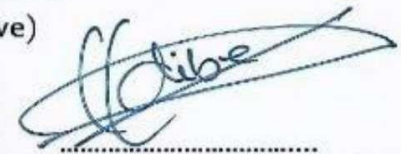
Sir, our *appeal* is an overriding need for you to establish the project as your bestowal to the South-South economic belt. Thus, we pray for you to kindly:

- a) Approve the **road to be a Special project of the Presidency**.
- b) Also give approval to the **NNPCL**, Federal Ministry of Works and the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS), for either the use of the **Presidential Executive Order on the Tax Credit Scheme**, or **Public Private Partnership (PPP)**, for the road construction.
- c) Permit its historic naming as **'Bola Ahmed Tinubu Coastal Road'**.
- d) Consider an **accelerated FOUNDATION LAYING CEREMONY** to be performed before December 2023, which will be **graced with a million-man carnival of our appreciation**.

Your Excellency, please accept the assurances of our highest respect, esteem and appreciation.

Yours Sincerely,

for the: **'Organized Ndokwa Effort'**  
 (aka Oluku Ndokwa Envoys-Initiative)

  
 Sen. **E. W. T. Diffa, JP**  
*Patron*
  
 Okei **Ossai Udom**  
*Chairman*
  
 Svt. **Rodney Odibe Odili-Obi**  
*Coordinator*

**Please Note:** More details shall be provided on request. Attached appendixes:

**A:** NELGA/ Road Diagram

**B:** Funding

**C:** Description & Benefits



## The **NELGA MAJOR OIL & GAS FIELDS HUB:**

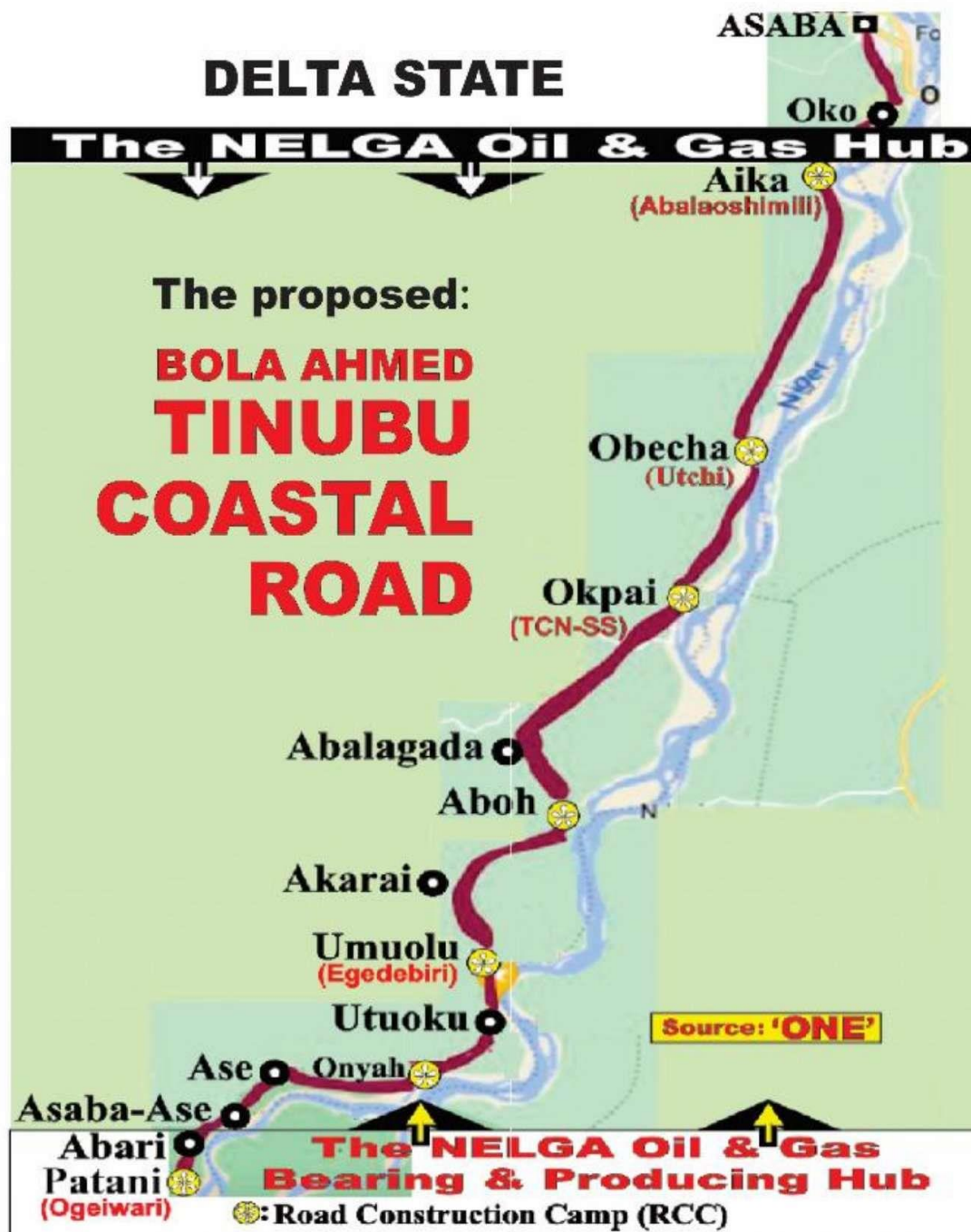
Ndokwa East LGA, a.k.a. 'NELGA' contributes so much to the Federal Treasury and national economy (*as detailed in below item d*), yet we lack an essential trunk road across communities that are part of a major Oil & Gas producing hub. Our experience has taught us to appreciate and imbibe the wise reasoning of **Dr. Frederick Douglas**, which now resonates in our minds, that indeed ***'Power concedes nothing with demand, it never did, and it never will'***.

Kindly note that:

- a. It is over half a century that this proposed road has been on the drawing board of both the State and Federal governments. When the road is approved and constructed, it will give a quantum leap of development, empowerment, livelihoods and emancipation of the people.
- b. The trunk road across the NELGA Oil & Gas hub will enhance Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and promote mutual peace between the host communities, Oil & Gas operators, and Federal Government. The NELGA model of ***proven peaceful conduct*** is outstanding, having never destroyed pipelines or blown up oil facilities and other critical assets; thus acclaimed as one of the most peaceful host communities in the Niger Delta, deserving of reward. **The need to send the right message that other host communities should emulate peaceful conduct for mutual progress and benefit.**
- c. Vehicular access into host communities in the major Oil and Gas producing hub, majorly traversing across the length of NELGA in Delta State, **is a very difficult task and demands concerted efforts due to the swampy terrain and topography of the area(s)**. The very poor access road is **similarly problematic for the transporting fresh agricultural produce to markets**.
- d. Ndokwa is the ***only*** Oil and Gas bearing and producing community in the ***entire*** Delta North Senatorial District. We are currently contributing a significant **150,000 BPD** from over a billion barrels Oil reserve to the Nigerian economy. Our Natural Gas reserve is enormous, more than **10Trillion Cubic feet** that can support two or more LNG projects. Please recall that **Nigeria's first Gas Recycling Plant was commissioned at Kwale-Okpai**. The Gas Master Plan and 'OB3 Gas Plant', AKK Gas Pipeline supplies amongst others are largely built on the bulk of Ndokwa Gas supplies.
  - Several Oil blocks & marginal Oil producing companies, allied oil services companies, other critical economic assets plus a network of pipelines ***across many towns*** are hosted within Ndokwa East LGA (NELGA). Past and present development of Ndokwa has been, and still is, in a very sorry state, despite their proven huge quantum of Oil reserves and one of the highest single largest deposit of Natural Gas, as a major Oil & Gas bearing and producing hub.
  - ✓ The LPG Plant of **Sterling Oil Exploration & Energy Production Company Ltd (SEEPCO), Nigeria Agip Oil Company (NAOC)**, Gas project, Nigerian Gas Company (NGC), gas gathering/OB-OB3 national distribution hub, and emerging Gas Plants of Pillar Oil, Energia and NIDO Gas, plus the pioneer NNPC/Agip Okpai IPP expansion to 960MW are among the several other operating companies and projects, all of which are hosted within a cluster of the **NELGA major Oil & Gas producing hub**.

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**Diagram of the proposed concrete coastal road from 'Asaba to Patani';**  
crossing into **Bayelsa State** at ODI onto **KAIAMA**:



## Significance of the proposed road route:

The Road can effectively serve as a receptacle for easy movement of fresh agricultural produce from this axis to Onitsha, Warri and Port Harcourt main market and other parts of the Country while shortening journey time for business and commercial activities to other cities.



### **SOURCE OF FUND:**

- a) The need for a **Presidential Executive Order** to approve the use of TAX CREDIT SCHEME, or **Public Private Partnership (PPP)**, exclusive for the Niger Delta area, and specific for the proposed **‘Bola Ahmed Tinubu Coastal Road’**.

Considering that only 3% of the total Kilometer distance was allotted to the entire South-South zone in a similar Road Infrastructure Development & Refurbishment Investment Tax Scheme of the Federal Government/NNPC/FIRS through a Presidential Executive Order.

An option for Mr. President’s Executive Order through the **SEEPCO**/ AGIP/ NAPIMS/ NNPC Ltd and your commission, “Tax Credit Scheme”, or **Public Private Partnership (PPP)**, for the concrete Road Infrastructure Development.

- b) **NNPCL** may engage **SEEPCO** and **NAOC (AGIP)**. **SEEPCO** has emerged as a major Oil & Gas producing company operating in **Nigeria** with over 200 (former SPDC) wells at Okpai, amongst other places in Ndokwa. This may include *NNPC Ltd as the senior partner in the JV with SEEPCO, and several Oil companies including NAOC, all operating in Ndokwa East LGA can secure fund for the Road project through a joint effort of a consortium.*

### **c) Estimated Minimum Cost: \$20m USD**

Sir, kindly recall, that the 375Km Abuja - Kano road funded from the 2017/2018 FG Budget is ₦415.2m/Km (₦155.7B total). Comparatively, minimum estimated **comprehensive project cost for the construction** of the proposed road on a difficult coastal terrain, including **Clearing, Removal of the Top Soil Filling, Formwork, Volume of concrete, Bridges/Fly-Over/Culverts, Reinforcement, Line Drain**, was **\$20m USD** as at February 2023.

### DESCRIPTION:

- a) Proposed Name: **'BOLA AHMED TINUBU COASTAL ROAD'**.
- b) Route in **Delta State**: From **ASABA** through OKO - ABALAOSHIMILI - UTCHI - OBECHA - OKPAI - ABALAGADA- ABOH - AKARAI - UMUORU - ADIAI - OWORUBIA - ONYAH - ASABA ASE - ABARI to PATANI; crossing into **Bayelsa State** at ODI onto **KAIAMA**.
- c) Location: Ndokwa East LGA (NELGA), Delta State.
- d) Standard: Dangote standard CONCRETE coastal Road.
- e) Trunk Distance: 160 Kilometers.
- f) Width: 10m
- g) Thickness: 0.35m
- h) Languages: Ndokwa people predominantly speak Ukwuani Language, with a few elements of Itshekiri, Urhobo, Ijaw and Isoko extractions.
- i) Topography: Lowland area, Rain Forest, West bank of the Niger. The road will run through coastal swampy flood plains and low sea levels of Ndokwa land.
- j) Competent Road Construction Company: **HITECH Construction Company Limited**, or AG-Dangote Construction Company Ltd.
- k) Seasoned Civil & Structural Consultant: Ideal Concepts Engineering Ltd (Previous jobs include Federal Secretariat Katsina, Funtua Textiles Ltd, Allied Bank Kaduna, Peugeot Automobile Nigeria, Federal Ministry of Transportation HQ, Oil & Gas Free Zone Authority [Roads/ Flood control/ Buildings], Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs, etc.)

### SOME KEY BENEFITS:

The trunk road as a prime felt need can 'give hope to clusters of several host communities within the major Oil & Gas Hub, and improve their living standards thereby attenuate their sufferings:

- a. It will discourage **YOUTH RESTIVENESS** and save hundreds of millions of US Dollars for attendant post-incidence repairs of asset damages, by avoiding the destruction of Ndokwa sourced GAS for critical assets like the AKK and the Nigeria-Morocco Gas pipelines, amongst others.
- b. The road will also be a major connector through several oil producing communities connecting the Benin-Onitsha Road and the Warri-Port Harcourt Road.
- c. Oil & gas logistics operations and economics will be enhanced by providing direct access from the East-West Road to the vast oilfields around Ijaw, Isoko and Ndokwa; amongst others.