

16th July, 2014

Messrs Public & Private Dev. Centre Ltd/Gte

1st Floor UAC Commercial Complex

272/273 Central Business district

Abuja

Dear Sir,

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST ON THE AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF LEGAL ADVISORY SERVICES TO NIGERIAN BULK ELECTRICITY TRADING COMPANY (NBET)

We wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 16th June, 2014 on the above subject matter.

As you correctly stated in your letter, the contract was approved by the Federal Executive Council on the 24th of July, 2013. You may however not be aware that the processes for the award of this contract commenced much earlier than that. The initial procurement was carried out by the Bureau for Public Enterprises (BPE) long before the constitution of the current management of NBET.

In the light of this, and in accordance with Section 5 of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act, you may wish to direct your request to the BPE as the body that carried out the initial procurement on behalf of NBET as they have all the records pertaining to the initial procurement and are thus better placed to answer any questions you may have in connection therewith.

We thank you for your interest in our operations and assure you of our readiness at all times to partner with non-governmental agencies like yours to deliver on our mandate of ushering in a new Nigeria, where electricity is taken for granted.

Accept the assurances of our continued warm regards.



Dr. Eugene Edeoga

Assistant General Counsel

For: MD/CEO