

**PRESS BRIEFING BY THE HON. COMMISSIONER FOR INFORMATION, ONDO STATE, MR RANTI AKERELE ON THE OUTCOME OF THE WEEKLY STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN AKURE ON WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 2010.**

**Gentlemen of the Press**

The Ondo State Executive Council held its weekly meeting on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2010 and took far reaching decisions on a number of vital issues of importance in pursuit of its avowed commitment to the overall well-being of the entire citizenry of the Sunshine State.

I will now proceed to give you the breakdown of the EXCO decisions as they affect the different sectors of the polity.

**APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS FOR DEVELOPMENTAL PROJECTS**

The Council also deliberated on the recommendations of the State Tenders Board on construction projects in different parts of the state especially in the riverine areas as well as the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding on the Supply and Installation of Reverse OSMOSIS Water Treatment Plants in furtherance of the state government efforts to ensure the provision of adequate and potable water for the populace.

After considering the technical expertise and past job experience of the various companies, the budgetary provisions and most importantly, the Project Pricing Monitoring Unit (PPMU) benchmark prices for each project, Council approved a number of construction contracts in fulfilment of its electoral promises.

1. Ondo State Oil Producing Areas Development Commission (OSOPADEC), as part of its Capital Projects for 2010, is undertaking about 25 construction jobs in different areas in both Ilaje and Ese Odo local Government Areas while other communities not yet covered by this phase will soon enjoy those to be sited there as more of such projects are presently before the State Tenders Board for appropriate action. These are projects that would have direct impact upon the lives of our people who live in the riverine areas.
  
2. The projects include the following:
  - Model Schools on Pile at Molutehin, Ikorigho and Ajapa.
  - Model Schools on Raft at Ugbonla and Igbokoda.

- Model Health Centre on Pile at Araromi, Bolowoghu and Ayetoro.
- Model Health Centre on Raft at Igbobini and Ode Etikan.
- Mother and Child Hospital at....
- Students hostel at Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba Akoko.
- Students Hostel at Rufus Giwa Polytechnic, Owo.
- Skill Acquisition Centre at Ugbonla.
- Rural Eletrification Project at Idiogba.
- Dredging of Idiogba-Ilowo-Ilepete Phase 1 and Reclamation Works.
- Opening, Clearing and Earthworks of Spur on Igbokoda-Ayetoro Road and a host of others.

The Council also approved the construction of Twin Box culverts at various areas across Owo Township, Augumentation Water Treatment Plant at Idoani by the State Implementation Committee on MDGS/CGS as well as New Intake for Oke-Igbo Water scheme.

Also, the State Government signed a Memorandum of Understanding on the Supply and Installation of Reverse OSMOSIS Water Treatment Plant with Graham Tek Systems, United Kingdom on production of potable water by reverse OSMOSIS desalination for the Southern Senatorial District.

Gentlemen of the Press, I want to reiterate for the umpteenth time that the present government is highly focussed and untiringly committed to good governance and the fulfilment of its electoral promises as it approaches its second anniversary in office through the provision of infrastructural facilities and even distribution of basic amenities for the people's well-being.

On the part of the electorate, we believe that as the owner of our mandate, you shall always continue to be supportive of this your government and be law abiding as well as perform your civic obligations for the betterment of our dear Sunshine State.

Thanks and God bless.