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In furtherance of its mandate, the Federal Ministry of Environmental (FMEnv), as the leading Ministry for the overall protection of the Environment and Conservation of Natural Resources as contained in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Act of 2017, has developed the present set of guidelines on various sectors of the economy. This is to ensure the environmental sustainability of these sectors through compliance with section (5) , subsection (2) of section (20) and section (66) of the EIA Act of 2017 which makes the social impact sector of the EIA mandatory for all new major projects.

In order to achieve sustainable development, the significance of Social Impact Assessment (SIA) for projects, processes or activities cannot be overemphasized. These guidelines have been developed to assist project proponents in conducting detailed environmental assessment of project with emphasis on the significance associated with and potential impacts of such projects. Procedure of minimizing, eliminating or alleviating any adverse impact as well as plans for future monitoring programmes is also included for guidance.

 The guidelines if properly followed shall assist the project proponent(s) in conforming with the requirements of EIA Acts of 2017, and to obtain certification from the Federal Government of Nigeria through the FMEnv.

The existence of these guidelines does not in any way preclude the project proponents from complying with other applicable laws and regulations and laws. The agency reserves the right to modify or replace these guidelines in whole or in part as deemed fit in the circumstances without notice.

ACCRONYMS

DPR -   Department of Petroleum Resources

EIA -   Environmental Impact Assessment

FMEnv -   Federal Ministry of Environment

GIS -   Geographical Information System

IEEs -   Initial Environmental/Social Examination

IAIA -   International Association for Impact Assessment

NGO -   Non Governmental Organization

PAPs -   Project Affected Persons or Project Affected People

RAP -   Resettlement Action Plan

RPF -   Resettlement Policy Framework

SIA -   Social Impact Assessment

SIS -   Social Impact Statement

SMP -   Social Management Plan

SP -   Significance Points