**BRIEF HISTORY** **OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) FOR THE PROPOSED BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PROJECT AT ASOKORO, ABUJA, FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY BY CHRIST CHURCH CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED (CCCCL).**

Christ Church Construction Company Limited (CCCCL) applied to the Ministry for EIA permit for the proposed building construction project located at Asokoro, Abuja Municipal Area Council, Federal Capital Territory. The application was supported by completed Registration Form, evidence of payment for the registration fee and Terms of Reference (ToR) for the proposed project.

2. The proposed project entails the construction of an integrated building project in Asokoro, Abuja, FCT on an acquired land area of 21799.54 sqm. The aim of the project is to construct a building using the best design and construction practises while maximizing the rough organic and natural terrain of the rocky strata which provides a 360o panoramic view of the Asokoro area. The proposed project comprises residential and office spaces with a purpose-built structure, a comfortable and better environment constructed for mutual social-economic sustainability to actualize and meet the need of the rapidly growing population.

3. In line with the EIA Procedural Guidelines, Site Verification exercise was conducted on the proposed project location by the Ministry’s Officials. The objectives of the exercise were to fulfil the provisions of the EIA Act Cap E12 LFN, 2004 and ascertain the information provided in the project’s Terms of Reference and also to examine the characteristics of the project environment and verify the status of the project prior to the application for the permit. Subsequently, the site verification report and the project’s Terms of Reference (ToR) were evaluated in-house

4. Upon completion of the EIA studies, the Proponent submitted ten (10) hard and two (2) electronic copies of the draft EIA report to the Ministry. The draft EIA Report is currently on 21 working days public display exercise from 31st May – 28th June, 2023 from 8:00am – 4:00pm daily for stakeholders/public information and comments. The display meeting was advertised in two National Newspapers namely-. The Guardian and Daily Trust. The advertisements were further augmented with announcements at prime time on Aso Radio Abuja for the first and last five days of the display period. The display centres were: -

* Headquarters, Abuja Municipal Area Council, Area 10 Garki Abuja FCT;
* Abuja Environmental Protection Board (AEPB) Plot 776, Off A.O Zakari Maimlari street Abuja, FCT
* Federal Ministry of Environment, Environment House, Central Business District, Abuja, F.C.T.

5. Following the conclusion of the public display exercise, the Honourable Minister of Environment approved the constitution of a technical panel to review the EIA draft report.

6. Thank you for your attention