

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF STEEL DEVELOPMENT; TO PROVIDE FOR ITS DETAILED IDENTIFICATION OF MANAGEMENT TRAINING NEEDS IN STEEL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES THROUGHOUT NIGERIA; TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT TRAINING PROGRAMMES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF MANAGERS IN THE STEEL SECTOR OF THE ECONOMY, AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

*Sponsored by Hon. Yusuf Ahmed Tijani*

[ ] Commencement

BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows-

### PART I - THE INSTITUTE

1           1. There shall be established the Nigerian Institute of Steel  
2 Development (in this Act referred to as "the Institute") which shall be a body  
3 corporate under that name, with perpetual succession and a common seal and  
4 may sue and be sued in its corporate name, subject to the provision of this  
5 Act.

Establishment of  
the Nigerian  
Institute of Steel  
Development

6           2.-(1) The government of the Institute and the direction of its  
7 affairs shall vest in the Board of Governors of the Institute (in this Act  
8 referred to as "the Board").

Governing Board  
of the Institute,  
etc.

9           (2) The Board shall consist of-

10           (a) a chairman and two other members to be appointed by the  
11 President;

12           (b) the Director General of the Institute;

13           (c) the Minister of Solid Minerals;

14           (d) one representative to be chosen from the Federal University

15 Lokoja, University of Ilorin and Ahmadu Bello University;

1 (e) a representative of the Kogi State Polytechnic.

2 (3) Subject to subsection (4) of this section, a person appointed as a  
3 member of the Board (not being an ex-officio member) shall hold office for  
4 three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for one further period of  
5 three years.

6 (4) The President may terminate the appointment of a member of the  
7 Board (not being an ex-officio member) if satisfied that it is not in the interest  
8 of the Institute that the person concerned should continue in office.

9 (5) Any member of the Board (not being an ex-officio member) may  
10 by notice in writing under his hand addressed to the Minister resign his office.

Functions of the  
Institute

11 3. The functions of the Institute shall be to-

12 (a) provide education and training to professionals and students;

13 (b) provide consultancy in Steel based design & instituting various  
14 Award schemes;

15 (c) provide requisite thrust to increase steel consumption in rural  
16 areas;

17 (d) prepare guidebooks, directories, design aids and manuals;

18 (e) upgrade the skills of the work force by organizing refresher  
19 courses/training programmers and offering better technical know-how, design  
20 aids and teaching aids;

21 (f) develop a comprehensive iron and steel industrial database;

22 (g) provide training programmes in steel fabrication;

23 (h) provide value-added services for iron and steel industry such as  
24 facilitate the implementation of mandatory standards;

25 (i) create awareness amongst potential users about affordability and  
26 benefits of steel;

27 (j) provide prompt advisory service on materials, construction  
28 practices, interpretation of codes etc. and creating an environment for better  
29 usage of steel by acquiring and disseminating knowledge about the best  
30 practices;

1 (k) communicate the benefits of steel vis-a-vis other competitive  
2 materials, through life cycle cost studies, where required;

3 (l) assist in the development of ancillary industries, which boost  
4 the usage of steel and creating new market for steel usage;

5 (m) provide advisory services and carry out, commission or  
6 promote the study of scientific, technology and economic aspects of iron  
7 and steel industry development in Nigeria; and

8 (n) assist in mediating iron and steel industry related issues.

9 PART II - GOVERNING COUNCIL

10 4.-(1) The following shall be the governing bodies of the Institute -

11 (i) a Board;

12 (ii) a Senate; and

13 (iii) Such other authorities as may be declared by the Statutes to be  
14 the authorities of the College.

15 (2) The Board of the Institute shall consist of the following persons,  
16 namely-

17 (a) the Chairman, to be nominated by the President;

18 (b) the Director General of the Institute;

19 (c) the Managing Director of Ajaokuta Steel Company;

20 (d) four persons having special knowledge or practical experience  
21 in respect of education, engineering or Science, to be nominated by the  
22 Minister; and

23 (e) two professors of the Institute, to be nominated by the Senate.

24 (3) Save as otherwise provided in this section the term of office of  
25 the Chairman or any other member of the Board shall be four years from the  
26 date of his nomination.

27 (4) The term of office of an ex-officio member shall continue so  
28 long as he holds the office by virtue of which he is a member.

29 (5) The term of office of a member nominated to fill a casual  
30 vacancy shall continue for the remainder of the term of the member in whose

1 place be has been nominated.

2 (6) Notwithstanding anything contained in this section, an outgoing  
3 member shall, unless the Board otherwise directs, continue in office until  
4 another person is nominated as a member in his place.

5 (7) The members of the board shall be entitled to such allowances, if  
6 any, from the Institute as the Minister in consultation with the Minister of  
7 Finance may determine.

Functions of  
the Board

8 5.-(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Board of the Institute  
9 shall be responsible for the general superintendence, direction and control of  
10 the affairs of the Institute and shall exercise all the powers of the Institute not  
11 otherwise provided for by this Act.

12 (2) Without prejudice to the provisions of sub- section (1), the Board  
13 shall-

14 (a) take decisions on questions of policy relating to the administration  
15 and working of the Institute;

16 (b) institute courses of study at the Institute;

17 (c) make Statutes;

18 (d) institute and appoint persons to academic as well as other posts in  
19 the Institute;

20 (e) consider and pass resolutions on the annual report, the annual  
21 accounts and the budget estimates of the Institute for the next financial year as  
22 it thinks fit and submit them to the Minister together with a statement of its  
23 developments plans; and

24 (f) exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may  
25 be conferred or imposed upon it by this Act.

26 (3) The Board shall have the power to appoint such committees as it  
27 considers necessary for the exercise of its powers and the performance of its  
28 duties under this Act.

The Senate

29 6. The Senate shall consist of the following persons; namely-

30 (a) the Director General shall be the Chairman of the Senate;

1 (b) the professors appointed or recognised as such by the Institute  
2 for the purpose of imparting instruction in the Institute; and

3 (c) three persons, not being employees of the Institute, to be  
4 nominated by the Chairman in consultation with the Director; from among  
5 educationists of repute, one each from the fields of science, engineering and  
6 humanities.

7 7. Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Senate shall have the  
8 control and general regulation, and be responsible for the maintenance, of  
9 standards of instruction, education and examination in the Institute.

Functions of the  
Senate

10 8.-(1) The Chairman shall ordinarily preside at the meetings of the  
11 Board and at the Convocations of the Institute.

Meetings of the  
Board

12 (2) It shall be the duty of the Chairman to ensure that the decisions  
13 taken by the Board are implemented.

14 (3) The Chairman shall exercise such other powers and perform  
15 such other duties as may be assigned to him by this Act.

16 9.-(1) There shall be an officer of the Institute to be known as the  
17 Director General who shall be appointed by the President.

Director General  
of the Institute  
and other staff

18 (2) The Director General shall act as the Secretary of the Board, the  
19 Senate, and such committees as may be prescribed by die Statutes.

20 (3) The Director General shall be the chief executive of the  
21 Institute and shall be responsible to the Board for the day-to-day  
22 management of the affairs of the Institute.

23 (4) The Director General shall hold office for a fixed term of four  
24 years, subject to renewal by the President for only one more term of the same  
25 duration.

26 (5) There may be appointed, from time to time, by the Board such  
27 other staff as may be required for the purpose of the efficient performance of  
28 the functions conferred on the Institute under or pursuant to this Act.

29 10. Service in the Institute shall be approved service for the  
30 purposes of the Pensions Act and, accordingly, officers and other persons

Service in the  
Institute to be  
pensionable

1 employed in the Institute shall in respect of their services in the Institute be  
2 entitled to pensions, gratuities and other retirement benefits as are enjoyed by  
3 persons holding equivalent grades in the civil service of the Federation.

4 PART III - FINANCIAL PROVISION

5 11.-(1) The Institute shall establish and maintain a fund which shall be  
6 applied towards the promotion of the objectives specified in this Act.

7 (2) There shall be paid and credited to the fund established pursuant to  
8 subsection (1) of this section-

9 (a) such sums as may be provided by the Government of the  
10 Federation;

11 (b) fees charged for services rendered by the Institute; and

12 (c) all sums accruing to the Institute by way of gifts, testamentary  
13 disposition and endowments or contributions from philanthropic persons or  
14 organisations or otherwise howsoever.

Power to accept  
gifts

15 12.-(1) The Institute may accept gifts of land, money or other property  
16 upon such terms and conditions, if any, as may be specified by the person or  
17 organisation making the gifts.

18 (2) The Institute shall not accept any gift if the conditions attached by  
19 the person or organisation making the gift to the acceptance thereof are  
20 inconsistent with the functions of the Institute.

Borrowing  
power

21 13.-(1) The Institute may, with the consent of the Minister or in  
22 accordance with the general guidelines approved by the President, borrow by  
23 way of loan or overdraft from any source any moneys required by the Institute  
24 for meeting its obligations and discharging its functions under this Act so  
25 however that where the sum or the aggregate of the sums involved at anyone  
26 time does not exceed N100,000.00 such consent or authority shall not be  
27 required.

28 (2) The Institute may, subject to the provisions of this Act and the  
29 conditions of any trust created in respect of any property, invest all or any of its  
30 funds with the like consent or general authority.

1 (3) The Board may invest any surplus funds of the Institute in such  
2 securities as may be approved by the President.

3 14.-(1) The Board shall cause to be prepared not later than 30 June  
4 in each year an estimate of the expenditure and income of the Institute  
5 during the next succeeding year and when prepared they shall be submitted  
6 to the Minister.

Annual estimates  
accounts and audit

7 (2) The Board shall cause to be kept proper accounts of the Institute  
8 and proper records in relation thereto and when certified by the Board such  
9 accounts shall be audited as provided in subsection (3) of this section.

10 (3) The accounts of the Institute shall be audited as soon as may be  
11 after the end of each year.

12 15. The Board shall, not later than 30 September in each year,  
13 submit to the Minister a report on the activities of the Institute and its  
14 administration during the immediately preceding year and shall include in  
15 such report the audited accounts of the Institute.

Annual report

16 16.-(1) The Board may, subject to the provisions of this Act, make  
17 staff regulations relating generally to the conditions of service of the  
18 employees of the Institute and without prejudice to the generality of the  
19 foregoing, such regulations may provide for-

Staff regulations

20 (a) the appointment, promotion and disciplinary control (including  
21 dismissal) of employees of the Institute; and

22 (b) appeals by such employees against dismissal or other  
23 disciplinary measure, and until such regulations are made, any instrument  
24 relating to the conditions of service of officers in the civil service of the  
25 Federation shall be applicable, with such modifications as may be  
26 necessary, to the employees of the Institute.

27 (2) Staff regulations made under subsection (1) or this section,  
28 shall not have effect until approved by the Minister and when so approved  
29 they need not be published in the Federal Gazette but the Board shall cause  
30 them to be brought to the notice of all affected persons in such manner as it

- 1 may, from time to time, determine.
- 2           17. No suit shall be commenced against the Institute before the
- 3 expiration of a period of one month after written notice of intention to
- 4 commence the suit shall have been served upon the Institute by the intending
- 5 plaintiff or his agent; and the notice shall clearly and explicitly state-
- 6           (a) the cause of action;
- 7           (b) the particulars of the claim;
- 8           (c) the name and place of abode of the intending plaintiff; and
- 9           (d) the relief which he claims.
- 10          18. The notice referred to in section 18 of this Act and any summons,
- 11 notice or other document required or authorised to be served upon the Institute
- 12 under the provisions of this Act or any other enactment or law may be served by
- 13 delivering the same to the chairman or the Director General of the Institute, or
- 14 by sending it by registered post addressed to the Director General of the
- 15 Institute.
- 16          19. In any action or suit against the Institute, no execution or
- 17 attachment or process in the nature thereof shall be issued against the Institute,
- 18 but any sums of money which may, by the judgment of the court, be awarded
- 19 against the Institute shall subject to any directions given by the Institute, be
- 20 paid from the general reserve fund of the Institute.
- 21          20. The Minister may give the Board directions of a general character
- 22 or relating generally to particular matters (but not to any individual or case)
- 23 with regard to the exercise by the Board of its functions under this Act, and it
- 24 shall be the duty of the Board to comply with such directions.
- 25          21. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires-
- 26 "Board" means the Board of Governors of the Institute constituted as provided
- 27 in section 2(1) of this Act;
- 28 "Chairman" means the chairman of the Board;
- 29 "Director" means the Director of the Institute;
- 30 "Institute" means the Agricultural and Rural Management Training Institute

Procedure in  
respect of suits  
against the  
Institute

Service of  
documents

Restriction on  
execution against  
the property of  
the Institute

Power to give  
directions

Interpretation



- 1 established by section 1 of this Act;
- 2 "member" means any member of the Board and includes the chairman;
- 3 "Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for Solid
- 4 Minerals Development;
- 5 "President" mean the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
- 6 22. This Bill may be cited as the Nigerian Institute of Steel Short Title
- 7 Development Bill, 2017.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to establish the Nigerian Institute of Steel Development, to provide for its organization, control and operation.

