

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE AJAOKUTA STEEL COMPANY COMPLETION FUND FOR THE SPEEDY COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Uzoma Nkem Abonta

[] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows:

- 1 1. Nothing in this Bill shall be deemed to affect the legality of any Expenditure incurred
- 2 expenditure incurred before the commencement of this Bill.
- 3 2. There is hereby established the Ajaokuta Steel Company Ajaokuta Steel
- 4 Completion Fund, (in this Bill referred to as the Fund) which shall comprise Company
- 5 of: Completion Fund
- 6 (a) The sum of \$1bn from excess crude revenue;
- 7 (b) all moneys from time to time appropriated and authorized to be
- 8 paid into the Fund by this Bill; and
- 9 (c) all loans or grants from time to time made to Nigeria for the
- 10 purposes of completing the Ajaokuta Steel Company;
- 11 Provided that moneys in the Fund together with interest (if any)
- 12 payable in respect thereof shall be applied for the purposes specified in
- 13 clause 3 of this Bill.
- 14 3. The monies in the Fund shall be applied by the Minister only for Application of
- 15 the purposes of: moneys in the Fund
- 16 (a) the construction, improvement, extension, enlargement and
- 17 replacement of infrastructure and works, including the provision,
- 18 acquisition, improvement and replacement of other capital assets (like
- 19 vehicles, vessels, machinery, instruments and equipment) required in
- 20 respect of or in connection with the completion of the Ajaokuta Steel

- 1 Company project;
- 2 (b) the acquisition of land and of any right or interest in or over land
- 3 and in respect of the use of any invention;
- 4 (c) the carrying on of any survey, research or investigation
- 5 preparatory to the undertaking of any such purpose as is referred to in
- 6 paragraph (a) and (b) or to the formation of any plan or scheme for the
- 7 development, improvement, of Ajaokuta Steel Company project;
- 8 (d) the payment of any charges or expenses incidental to or arising
- 9 from the carrying out of any of the purposes referred to in paragraphs (a) - (c).

Disbursement
from the Fund

10 4. Disbursement from the fund shall be applied by the Minister in

11 accordance with rules made under Section 23 of the Finance (Control and

12 Management) Act.

Unspent proceeds
of existing loans

13 5. The proceeds of any loans which have been raised under any

14 written law and which have not been spent before the commencement of this

15 Bill, may, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in any such law, be

16 directed by a resolution of National Assembly to be paid into the Fund and to be

17 applicable only to all or any of the purposes of the Fund in accordance with the

18 provisions of this Bill.

Contingencies

19 6.-(1) The Minister may, if he is satisfied that there has arisen an

20 urgent and unforeseen need for expenditure for which no other provision exists

21 and for which funds cannot be provided under this Bill, shall with the approval

22 of the National Assembly make advances from the Fund to meet such need.

23 (2) Where any advance is made by virtue of the authority conferred

24 under sub-clause (i), a supplementary estimate of the sum required to replace

25 the amount so advanced shall, as soon as practicable, be presented to and voted

26 on by the National Assembly and the sum shall be included in a Supplementary

27 Budget.

Concession of
the Ajaokuta
Steel Company

28 7. The Ajaokuta Steel Company shall be concessioned under the

29 provisions of the policy on privatization or any written law:

30 Provided that the project is completed and is seen to have begun

1 production at a very significant stage.

2 8. Except as otherwise provided in this Bill, a person who Penalties
3 contravenes the provisions under this Bill shall commit an offence and on
4 conviction be liable to imprisonment for a term of 6 months or to a fine of up
5 to N1,000,000.00 or both.

6 9. This Bill shall remain in force up until the completion of the Expiry
7 Ajakouta Steel Company project, on such a date so declared by the
8 President.

9 10. In this Bill: Interpretation
10 "Ajaokuta Steel Company Completion Fund" means the fund created under
11 clause 2 of this Bill;
12 "Excess crude revenue" means revenue acquired from sale of crude above
13 the benchmark set by the Appropriations Act and is determined to be the
14 share of the federal government;
15 "Minister" means Minister responsible for Steel;
16 "Significant stage" means above 50 percent.

17 11. This Bill may be cited as the Ajaokuta Steel Company Short title
18 Completion Fund Bill, 2019.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to provide for the Ajaokuta Steel Company Completion Fund
for the speedy completion of the project.

