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A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL OIL AND GAS MUSEUM RESEARCH INSTITUTE TO BE SITUATED IN OLOIBIRI, OGBIA LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA OF BAYELSA STATE AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2019

Sponsored by Hon. Obua Azibapu Fred

[] Commencement

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

1 1. There is hereby established a body to be known as the National
2 Oil and Gas Museum and Research Institute (in this bill referred as "the
3 Institute").

Establishment
of the National
Oil and Gas
Museum and
Research Institute

4 (2) The Institute shall be a body corporate with perpetual
5 succession and a common seal and may sue and be sued in its corporate
6 name;

7 (3) The Institute hereby being established shall be located in
8 Nigeria having its headquarters at Oloibiri in Ogbia Federal Constituency,
9 Bayelsa State.

10 (4) The Institute shall consist of a national oil and gas museum.

11 2. The function and purpose of the Institute and museum is to -

Functions of the
Institute

12 (1) Train or educate prospective students in becoming technical
13 experts in the field of Oil and Gas sector which will be in line with the
14 modern day technology to explore and exploit oil and gas in Nigeria;

15 (2) Exhibit and explain how oil and gas are created, discovered and
16 produced, and what they are used for. It will also provide information about
17 technological advancement and the way petroleum influences Nigerian
18 society. Original objects, models, films and interactive exhibits that will
19 illustrate everything from everyday life offshore to technology and dramatic
20 incidents.

1 (3) The Institute will focus on accelerating mid- to late-stage oil and
2 gas technology development which will comprise of research programs in
3 various Energy sectors but are not limited to the following:

4 (i) Production Systems: next-generation artificial lift technologies,
5 well pad electrification and other technologies used for production
6 optimization:

7 (a) Well Construction Systems: development of transformational
8 technologies for drilling and completion operations, including reducing
9 environmental impact and footprint;

10 (b) Energy Systems: bringing modeling and analysis capability for
11 full systems integration and optimization across the entire value chain-
12 upstream, midstream and downstream, including building new markets for
13 natural gas;

14 (c) Water Systems: advancing technologies to reduce, reuse and
15 recycle water, and research new solutions that replace or eliminate the use of
16 water altogether;

17 (d) CO₂ Systems (Utilization of CO₂): applying new solutions for
18 capture, transport, storage and beneficial use of CO₂ including enhanced oil
19 recovery.

20 (ii) Act as a 'HUB' for various Energy Company (Multinational,
21 Servicing, Design and Fabricating) operating in Nigeria conduct their Sample
22 tests, Experiments, Designs and Fabrications. This will create skilled jobs,
23 create wealth, improve livelihood to be in accordance with the 'LOCAL
24 CONTENT ACT'. Also, It will bring together top-notch scientists and
25 researchers world-wide to solve real national and global problems related to
26 Energy (Oil and Gas);

27 (iii) Aid Research partnerships with Local and Global Scientists,
28 Researchers, and fellow universities, scholars and students which will produce
29 discoveries with far-reaching economic and environmental impact for
30 advancing responsible energy development around Nigeria and the globe.

1 (4) Train prospective students to be professionals or experts in the
2 oil and gas laws as well as globally recognized and accepted safety standards
3 relating to the sector;

4 (5) Act as an Institute for Continues Professional Development
5 (CPD), Teaching, Seminars, Conferences and other Research activities in
6 relations to sustainability and further advancement of the Institute;

7 (6) Inform the present and future generation of the historic
8 antiquities of oil and gas sites as Oil and Gas Museum with the help of audio-
9 visual aids, objects and interactive installations, the exhibitions provide a
10 fascinating insight into the geological, political, economic and technical
11 factors that affect the oil industry.

12 (7) Act as direct linkage to Oil and Gas company's social strategy to
13 disseminate science education in Nigeria.

14 (8) Advise the federal government on financial implications,
15 national policies, priorities and its implementation of such plans in oil and
16 gas research and training.

17 (9) Prepare periodic master-plans for oil and gas research and
18 training

19 (10) Keep a track record of existing faculties of research and
20 training in oil and gas and advise the federal government on their
21 inadequacies.

22 (11) Grant scholarships to students into research and training in oil
23 and gas laws including health and safety in oil and gas.

24 (12) The provisions of section 4 (1) (2) of the national commission
25 for museums and monuments Act cap. N19. Shall be applicable to the
26 Institute.

27 **3. The council shall have such powers to-**

28 (i) Handle or direct the day to day running of the Institute, Keep
29 proper record books of the Institute;

- 1 (ii) Generally direct and control all other employees of the Institute;
- 2 (iii) Create other relevant boards or committees in the Institute for
3 effective performance of the goals and objectives of the Institute;
- 4 (iv) Appoint such number of board members or committees members,
5 as required to assist the Institute in the discharge of any of its functions;
- 6 (v) Employ other staffs for the effective performance of the Institute
7 and also terminate employment of defaulting staffs after due legal process is
8 followed;
- 9 (vi) Prepare payroll for persons so appointed or employed (including
10 allowances and other benefits) by the Institute in line with the rules of the
11 federal civil service commission make regulations and governing conditions of
12 service for its employees the administration of the secretariat of the council;
- 13 (vii) Create such number of departments in the Institute to take charge
14 of other necessary functions therein;
- 15 (vii) Liaise and Partner with International Bodies for the
16 advancement of the Museum and Research Institute;
- 17 (viii) develop the "National Oil and Gas Museum (this Includes
18 Exhibition Hall, Conference Room, Oil Facts, Children, Youths, Vulnerable
19 Persons, Men and Women Section (Library (E & Visual), Industrial Heritages,
20 Café, Recreational Institute etc), and a" Research Institute).

Members of
the Council

- 21 4. The council shall consist of the following members-
- 22 -(i) An executive director who shall be appointed by the President on
23 the recommendation of the Minister and shall possess relevant qualifications
24 equivalent to a director in the ministry;
- 25 (ii) Assistant director who shall also be appointed by the President on
26 the recommendation of the Minister with such qualification of an assistant
27 director in a ministry;
- 28 (iii) A chartered secretary;
- 29 (iv) Legal personnel who shall be a LLM holder;
- 30 (v) A Safety Personnel duly certified by a qualified and recognized

1 Safety Institute;

2 (vi) The Chairman of the National Commission for Museums and
3 Monuments;

4 (vii) Safety personnel who shall be certified by a recognized and
5 qualified Safety Institute.

6 5.-(1) The tenure of office of the executive director, the assistant Office Tenure
7 director, members of the council and such other board members shall be for
8 a term of four years at the first instance upon appointment and may be
9 reappointed for a further term of four years and no more;

10 (2) The office of a member of the board shall become vacant if he
11 resigns his office by a letter addressed by him to the minister or,

12 (3) Where a vacancy occurs in the membership of the board, it shall
13 be filled by the appointment of a successor to hold such office for the
14 remainder of the term of office of his predecessor. The successor shall
15 represent the same interest and shall be appointed by the President on the
16 recommendation of the Minister.

17 6. There is hereby established a governing board which shall Governing Board
of the Institute
18 consist of the following members to be appointed by the President on the
19 recommendation of the minister:

20 (1) A chairman of the board having a wide knowledge and
21 distinction in one or more fields of the sciences;

22 (2) A deputy knowledgeable in the field of sciences;

23 (3) The Minister may appoint one of the members of the Institute
24 referred to in subsection (a) to be the deputy chairman of the Institute;

25 (4) The Director of the petroleum Training Institute established
26 under cap P16

27 The chairman of the committee of Deans of the Faculties Sciences of
28 Nigeria federal Universities;

29 (5) One person to be appointed by the minister to represent the
30 Federal Ministry of Petroleum;

- 1 (6) Two persons appointed by the Minister to represent the NNPC;
- 2 (7) Four persons appointed by the Minister to represent the interest of
- 3 other bodies (excluding NNPC) engaged in the oil and gas industry in Nigeria;
- 4 (8) Chairman of the National Commission for Museums and
- 5 Monuments;
- 6 (9) One representative of the Federal Ministry of Science and
- 7 Technology, not below the rank of a director;
- 8 (10) One representative from each geo-political zone to be appointed
- 9 in rotation, so however that no zone shall have more than one representative at
- 10 any one time.

Remuneration
and Allowances

11 7. The members of the Board shall be paid such remunerations and
12 allowances as the federal government may, from time to time, determine for the
13 chairman and members of statutory boards generally.

Funding and
Sponsorship

14 8. The Museum shall be sponsored by 2% of the annual revenue of
15 the various Energy (Oil and Gas) companies operating in Nigeria but does not
16 include private firms:

17 (i) The Institute shall be funded mainly by the Federal Government of
18 Nigeria and partially by the various Energy (Oil and Gas) companies operating
19 in Nigeria:

20 (ii) The Institute shall contribute annually to the Federal Government
21 Coffees from fund generated after 4 years of operations;

22 (iii) The Institute shall fund innovative research projects that will
23 bridge gaps in the Energy Industries, and are of benefits to Nigeria at large.

24 (iv) The Institute shall be provided with a take-off grant by the
25 government.

Sustainability
Strategy

26 9.-(1) The Institute shall be committed in helping the Sustainable
27 Economic, Social and Environmental Development of Nigeria through -
28 technology, Social Investment, Local Content, and Environment and Safety.

Application of
the Pension Act

29 10.-(1) Service in the Institute shall be approved service for purposes
30 of the Pension Act.

1 (2) Employees of the Institute shall be entitled to pensions,
2 gratuities and other retirement benefits as are enjoyed by persons holding
3 equivalent grades in the civil service of the federation.

4 (3) Nothing in this bill shall prevent the appointment of a person to
5 any office on terms which preclude the grant of pensions and gratuity in
6 respect of that office.

7 (4) For the purposes of the application of the provisions of the
8 Pensions Reform Act, any power exercisable thereunder by a Minister or
9 other authority of the Government of the Federation, other than the power to
10 make regulations under section 97 of the Act, is hereby vested in and shall be
11 exercisable by the Institute.

12 11.-(1) The council shall establish and maintain for the Institute a
13 fund from which shall be defrayed all expenditure incurred for the purposes
14 of the Institute.

Financial and
Related Provision

15 (2) There shall be paid and credited to the fund established in
16 pursuance of subsection (1) of this section-

17 (i) Such money as may be available by the Federal Government for
18 the running expenses of the Institute;

19 (ii) All other money which may from time to time, accrue to the
20 Institute.

21 (4) The Institute shall, from time to time, apply the funds at its
22 disposal-

23 (i) To the cost of the administration of the Institute;

24 (ii) To the payment of fees, allowances and benefits of members of
25 the Board;

26 (iii) To the payment of salaries, allowances, and benefits of officers
27 and employees of the Institute;

28 (iv) For the maintenance of any property vested in the Institute
29 under its administration;

1 (v) For and in connection with the functions of the Institute under this
2 Act.

3 (5) The Institute may from time to time make or enter into investments
4 as internally generated revenue subject to the approval of the Minister.

Power to accept
gifts

5 12. -(1) The Institute may accept gifts of land, money, grants or other
6 property on such terms and conditions, if any, as may be specified by the person
7 or organization making the gift.

8 (2) Sponsorship or grants both foreign and locally are accepted.

9 (3) The Institute shall not accept any gift if the conditions attached by
10 the person or organization offering the gift are inconsistent with the objectives
11 and functions of the Institute under this Act.

Annual Estimate

12 13.-(1) The Board shall cause to be prepared, not later than 30th
13 September each year, an estimate of the expenditure and income of the Institute
14 during the next succeeding year and when prepared, they shall be submitted to
15 the Minister for approval.

Accounts and
Audit

16 (2) The Board shall cause to be kept a proper account of the Council
17 and proper records in relation thereto and when certified by the Board, the
18 accounts shall be audited by auditors appointed by the minister from the list
19 and in accordance with the guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General for the
20 Federation.

21 (3) Any affected member of the council or board, or an employee
22 affected of the Institute who fails (without reasonable cause) to comply with a
23 requirement of an auditor under subsection (2) of this section, commits an
24 offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding N50,000.00 or
25 imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to both.

Annual Report

26 14. The Institute shall not later than six months of each new year
27 immediately submit to the Minister, a report on the activities and the
28 administration of the Institute during the immediately preceding year and shall
29 include in its report, the audited accounts of the Institute.

1 15. Subject to this Act, the Minister may give to the Institute Directives by
2 directives of a general nature or relating generally to particular matters, but the Minister
3 not to any particular individual or case with regard to performance by the
4 Institute of its functions under this Bill.

5 16. The Institute may with the approval of the Minister, make Regulations
6 regulations for giving effect to the provisions of this Bill.

7 17. In this Bill- Interpretation

8 "Board" means Governing Board of the Institute;
9 "Institute" means the Oil and Gas Research Institute and Museum Oloibiri;
10 "Chairman" means the Chairman of the Board
11 "Council" means Governing Council of the Institute
12 "Executive-Director" means the Executive Director appointed by the
13 president.
14 "Member of the Board" includes the Chairman and other such number of
15 members;
16 "Minister" means the Minister charged with the responsibility for Petroleum
17 "President" means President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
18 Interpretation.

19 18. This Bill may be cited as the National Oil and Gas Museum Short title
20 and Research Institute, Oloibiri Bill, 2019.

21 SCHEDULE

22 FIRST SCHEDULE

23 Subject to this Bill and section 27 of the Interpretation Act, the board may
24 make standing orders and those of any of its committees. (Cap. 123.)

25 1.-(1) The Board shall meet not less than three times in each year
26 and subject thereto, the Board shall meet whenever it is summoned by the
27 Chairman and if the Chairman is required to do so by notice given to him by
28 not less than one- third of all the members of the Board, he shall summon a
29 meeting of the Board to be held within fourteen days from the date on which
30 the notice is given.

1 (2). Where the board desires to obtain the advice of any person on a
2 particular matter, the board may co-opt him to the board for such period as it
3 thinks fit; but a person who is in attendance by virtue of this sub- paragraph
4 shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the board and shall not count
5 towards a quorum.

6 *Committees*

7 2.-(1) The council may appoint one or more committees to carry out
8 such other of its functions as the Institute may determine.

9 (2) A committee appointed under this paragraph shall consist of such
10 number of persons (not necessarily members of the Board) as may be
11 determined by the board and a person other than a member of the Board shall
12 hold office on the committee in accordance with the terms of his appointment.

13 (3) A decision of a committee so appointed shall be subject to
14 approval by the council.

15 *Miscellaneous*

16 3. The fixing of the seal of the Institute shall be authenticated by the
17 signature of the Chairman, the Executive Secretary or of any other person
18 authorized generally or specifically to act for that purpose by the Institute
19 Any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by a person not being a
20 body corporate, would not be required to be under seal may be made or
21 executed on behalf of the Institute by the Chairman or any person generally or
22 specially authorized to act for the purpose of the Board.

23 Any document purporting to be a document duly executed under the seal of the
24 Institute shall be received in evidence and shall, unless and until the contrary is
25 proved, be presumed to be so executed.

26 The validity of any proceedings of the board or of a committee thereof shall not
27 be adversely affected by any vacancy in the membership of the board or
28 committee, or by any defect in the appointment of a member of the Board or of
29 a committee, or by reason that a person not entitled to do so took part in the
30 proceedings of the Board or committee.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill Seeks to establish the National Oil and Gas Museum and Research Institute Oloibiri. This is necessitated by the fact that Oil was first Discovered in Oloibiri, and a determination to develop the Area.

