

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TRAINING ORGANIZATION TO BE KNOWN AS 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

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[] Commencement

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

PART I - INSTITUTION

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

Establishment of the Nigerian Institute of Steel Development

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

Governing Board of the Institute, etc.

(2) The Board shall consist of-

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

(b) the Director General of the Institute;

(c) the Minister of Solid Minerals;

(d) one representative to be chosen from the Federal University 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) train managerial and technical staff for the running of the steel
14 plants in Nigeria and for the carrying on of the various surveys, services and
15 other activities incidental or related to the plants and their establishment;

16 (c) conduct research and development in the technology and other
17 aspects of iron and steel production and in the application of iron and steel
18 products;

19 (d) establish facilities and conduct tests and operations for
20 ascertaining and improving the qualities and performance of the materials and
21 processes for iron and steel production, and of iron and steel products;

22 (e) provide consultancy in steel based design & instituting various
23 Award schemes;

24 (f) provide requisite thrust to increase steel consumption in rural
25 areas;

26 (g) prepare guidebooks, directories, design aids and manuals;

27 (h) upgrade the skills of the work force by organizing refresher
28 courses/training programmers and offering better technical know-how, design
29 aids and teaching aids;

30 (i) develop a comprehensive iron and steel industrial database;

- 1 (j) provide training programmes in steel fabrication;
- 2 (k) provide value-added services for iron and steel industry such as
3 facilitate the implementation of mandatory standards;
- 4 (l) create awareness amongst potential users about affordability
5 and benefits of steel;
- 6 (m) provide prompt advisory service on materials, construction
7 practices, interpretation of codes etc. and creating an environment for better
8 usage of steel by acquiring and disseminating knowledge about the best
9 practices;
- 10 (n) assist in the development of ancillary industries, which boost
11 the usage of steel and creating new market for steel usage;
- 12 (o) provide advisory services and carry out, commission or
13 promote the study of scientific, technology and economic aspects of iron
14 and steel industry development in Nigeria; and
- 15 (p) assist in mediating iron and steel industry related issues.

16 PART II - GOVERNING COUNCIL

- 17 4. -(1) The following shall be the governing bodies of the Institute-
- 18 (i) a Board;
- 19 (ii) a Senate; and
- 20 (iii) Such other authorities as may be declared by the Statutes to be
21 the authorities of the College.
- 22 (2) The Board of the Institute shall consist of the following persons,
23 namely-
- 24 (a) the Chairman, to be nominated by the President;
- 25 (b) the Director General of the Institute;
- 26 (c) the Managing Director of Ajaokuta Steel Company;
- 27 (d) four persons having special knowledge or practical experience
28 in respect of education, engineering or science, to be nominated by the
29 Minister; and
- 30 (e) two professors of the Institute, to be nominated by the Senate.

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

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

6 (5) The term of office of a member nominated to fill a casual vacancy
7 shall continue for the remainder of the term of the member in whose place he
8 has been nominated.

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

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

Functions of
the Board

15 5.-(1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Board of the Institute
16 shall be responsible for the general superintendence, direction and control of
17 the affairs of the Institute and shall exercise all the powers of the Institute not
18 otherwise provided for by this Bill.

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

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

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

24 (c) make Statutes;

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

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

1 (f) exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as
2 may be conferred or imposed upon it by this Bill.

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

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

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

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

10 (c) three persons, not being employees of the Institute, to be
11 nominated by the Chairman in consultation with the Director General; from
12 among educationists of repute, one each from the fields of science,
13 engineering and humanities.

14 **7.** Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Senate shall have the Functions of
15 control and general regulation, and be responsible for the maintenance, of the Senate
16 standards of instruction, education and examination in the Institute.

17 **8.**-(1) The Chairman shall ordinarily preside at the meetings of the Meetings of the
18 Board and at the Convocations of the Institute. Board

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

21 (3) The Chairman shall exercise such other powers and perform
22 such other duties as may be assigned to him by this Bill.

23 **9.**-(1) There shall be an officer of the Institute to be known as the Director General
24 Director General who shall be appointed by the President. of the Institute
and other staff

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

27 (3) The Director General shall be the chief executive of the
28 Institute and shall be responsible to the Board for the day-to-day
29 management of the affairs of the Institute.

30 (4) The Director General shall hold office for a fixed term of four

1 years, subject to renewal by the President for only one more term of the same
2 duration.

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

6 (6) The terms and conditions of service (including terms and
7 conditions as to remuneration, allowances, pensions, gratuities and other
8 benefits) of the persons employed by the Board shall be determined by the
9 Board from time to time.

10 (7) The control of the employees (including their promotion and
11 discipline) shall vest in the Board.

12 PART III - FINANCIAL PROVISION

13 **10.** -(1) The Institute shall establish and maintain a fund which shall
14 be applied towards the promotion of the objectives specified in this Bill.

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

17 (a) such sums as may be provided by the Government of the
18 Federation;

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

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

Power to accept
gifts

23 **11.**-(1) The Institute may accept gifts of land, money or other property
24 upon such terms and conditions, if any, as may be specified by the person or
25 organisation making the gifts.

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

Borrowing power

29 **12.**-(1) The Institute may, with the consent of the Minister or in
30 accordance with the general guidelines approved by the President, borrow by

1 way of loan or overdraft from any source any moneys required by the
2 Institute for meeting its obligations and discharging its functions under this
3 Bill.

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

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

9 **13.**-(1) The Board shall cause to be prepared not later than 30 June
10 in each year an estimate of the expenditure and income of the Institute
11 during the next succeeding year and when prepared they shall be submitted
12 to the Minister.

Annual estimates
accounts and audit

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

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

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

Annual report

22 **15.**-(1) The Board may, subject to the provisions of this Bill, make
23 staff regulations relating generally to the conditions of service of the
24 employees of the Institute and without prejudice to the generality of the
25 foregoing, such regulations may provide for-

Staff regulations

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

28 (b) appeals by such employees against dismissal or other
29 disciplinary measure, and until such regulations are made, any instrument
30 relating to the conditions of service of officers in the civil service of the

1 Federation shall be applicable, with such modifications as may be necessary, to
2 the employees of the Institute.

3 (2) Staff regulations made under subsection (1) or this section, shall
4 not have effect until approved by the Minister and when so approved they need
5 not be published in the Federal Gazette but the Board shall cause them to be
6 brought to the notice of all affected persons in such manner as it may, from time
7 to time, determine.

Procedure in
respect of suits
against the Institute

8 **16.** No suit shall be commenced against the Institute before the
9 expiration of a period of one month after written notice of intention to
10 commence the suit shall have been served upon the Institute by the intending
11 plaintiff or his agent; and the notice shall clearly and explicitly state-

12 (a) the cause of action;

13 (b) the particulars of the claim;

14 (c) the name and place of abode of the intending plaintiff; and

15 (d) the relief which he claims.

Service of
documents

16 **17.** The notice referred to in section 18 of this Bill and any summons,
17 notice or other document required or authorised to be served upon the Institute
18 under the provisions of this Bill or any other enactment or law may be served by
19 delivering the same to the chairman or the Director General of the Institute, or
20 by sending it by registered post addressed to the Director General of the
21 Institute.

Restriction on
execution against
the property of
the Institute

22 **18.** In any action or suit against the Institute, no execution or
23 attachment or process in the nature thereof shall be issued against the Institute,
24 but any sums of money which may, by the judgment of the court, be awarded
25 against the Institute shall subject to any directions given by the Institute, be
26 paid from the general reserve fund of the Institute.

Power to give
directions

27 **19.** The Minister may give the Board directions of a general character
28 or relating generally to particular matters (but not to any individual or case)
29 with regard to the exercise by the Board of its functions under this Bill, and it
30 shall be the duty of the Board to comply with such directions.

1	20. In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires-	Interpretation
2	"Board" means the Board of Governors of the Institute constituted as	
3	provided in section 2(1) of this Bill;	
4	"Chairman" means the chairman of the Board;	
5	"Director" means the Director of the Institute;	
6	"Institute" means the Agricultural and Rural Management Training Institute	
7	established by section 1 of this Bill;	
8	"member" means any member of the Board and includes the chairman;	
9	"Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for Solid	
10	Minerals Development;	
11	"President" mean the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.	
12	21. This Bill may be cited as the Nigerian Institute of Steel	Short title
13	Development Bill, 2019.	

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to make provision for a training organization to be known as the Nigerian Institute of Steel Development, to provide for its organization, control and operation.