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POLICY IMPROVEMENT RECOMMENDATION MEMO EXTRACT (SUBMITTED TO MOCIT - 2024) Memo - Extract

The Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Commerce and Industry,
Sokoto State.

Date: 30th October 2024

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVING INVESTMENT CLIMATE & ADDRESSING PRIVATE SECTOR FEEDBACK

1. Background

Following consultations with private sector groups and investors between Q1-Q3 2024, SICL identified recurring challenges limiting investment expansion in agro-processing, leather, livestock, onions, and sesame value-chains.

2. Submitted Recommendations

a. Land Allocation Reform

- Introduce a standardized checklist for industrial land requests;
- Set service-delivery timelines for processing applications.

b. Infrastructure Support

- Prioritize feeder-road rehabilitation in Goronyo-Rabah and Wuruno-Silame corridors;
- Improve water access in Kalambaina industrial zone.

c. Regulatory Streamlining

- Establish a monthly inter-MDA desk (Commerce, Environment, Lands) with SICL as technical support;
- Publish simplified guides for permits/licensing.

d. Investor Information Improvements

- Update State investment information pack;
- Publish quarterly climate updates.

3. Follow-Up Actions

- SICL held technical discussions with MoCIT, Lands, and Environment on timelines;
- Draft version of harmonized investor information pack submitted in December 2024;
- Engagement initiated with Works Department on priority roads.

4. Status

Awaiting formal approval and integration into 2025 planning cycle.

Signed
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