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HONOURABLE MINISTER OF POWER, WORKS AND HOUSING

HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL GUIDELINES AT CONSTRUCTION SITES

In order to further ensure safety of persons and property especially with increasing construction activity going on across the States in Nigeria, I hereby issue the following Directives for the purpose of promoting health, safety and the environment:

1. Workplace Safety:

Any person working for any contractor carrying out construction work on behalf of the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing should be properly trained in all of construction work to ensure optimum safety, before entering a construction site, there are a number of precautions which must be observed as follows;

(a) Safety Compliance:

All workers on site must be educated about first aid and fire procedures. Basics such as the location of emergency phones, first aid kits, stretchers, fire extinguisher location and evacuation plans greatly reduce the risk of injury and accidents.

(b) Safety & Health Degree:

Movements within and around construction sites must be restricted and guided. No one should enter the site without a hard hat (helmet) and knowledge of how to conduct themselves properly on site. Hats, gloves, eye protection glasses and proper footwear are vital.

2. Construction Standards:

Workers must be healthy and fit to work on a construction site. If a worker suffers from dizzy spells, a fear of heights, is sick or anxious, they should not work at an elevated level to prevent injury or death by falling. A construction contractor should ensure that all staff are aware of these safety procedures and are willing to abide by them.

3. Safety on Site:

Safety harnesses should be worn at all times when working at a height to prevent injury or death from falling. Any area of danger should be barricaded and workers or visitors to the site should never enter a barricaded area. Reflective directional signs are vital at construction sites to avoid accidents at nights.

Electrical grounding on a construction site should be checked every day. A construction site is an unstable location and electrical flow may not be set up to normal safety standards, so it is vital that electricity supplies be checked to make sure that the supply is grounded.

4. Insurance:

Workers in the construction industry must be well insured by the employers against hazards and to be properly compensated in the event of accidents in the course of duty.

5. Medical Checks:

Periodic medical checks for workers in the construction industry (minimum of 3 times a year) is vital to keep workers in healthy condition and to improve workers morale.

6. This directives should be widely circulated to all Heads of Parastatals of the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing and to all Federal Controllers.

Issued this 6th day of February, 2017.

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Honourable Minister of Power, Works & Housing

CC: Hon. Minister of State, Power, Works & Housing.