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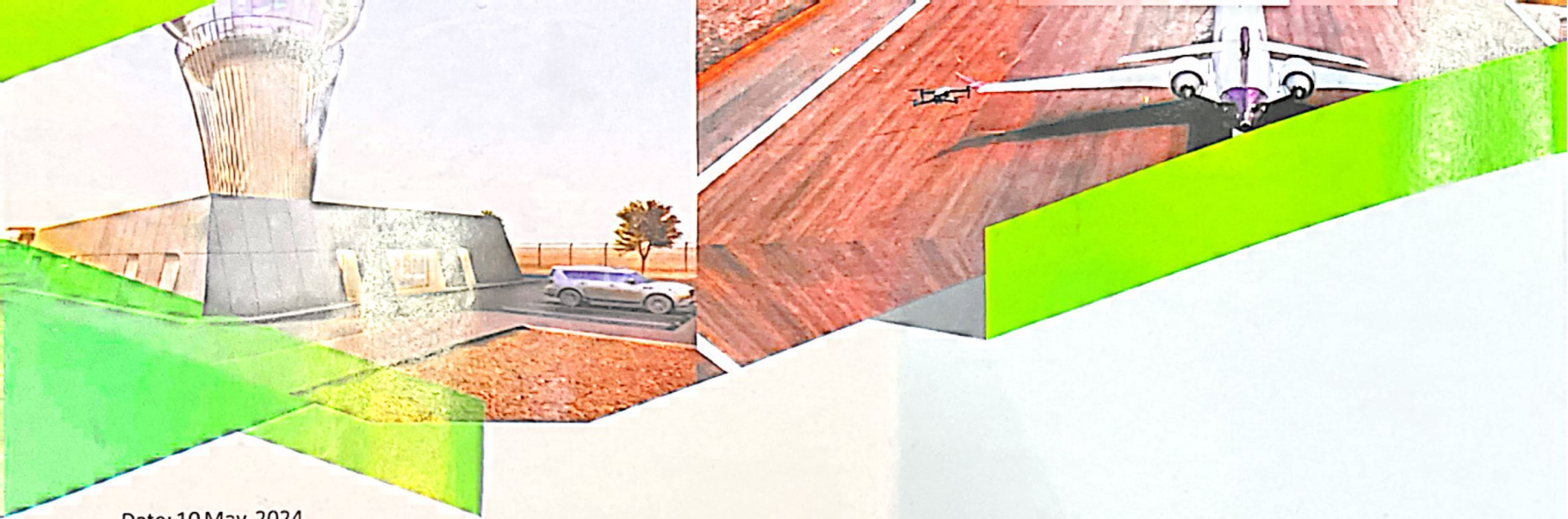
OGUN STATE AGRO-CARGO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT:

FROM CONCEPTION
(2004; OTUNBA GBENGA DANIEL)

TO COMPLETION
(2024, PRINCE DAPO ABIODUN)

*A Story of Proven Vision, Tested Organisation
and Trusted Resilience.*

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Your Excellency,
Prince Dapo Abiodun, CON,
Executive Governor of Ogun State,
Governor's Office, Oke Mosan, Abeokuta,
Ogun State, Nigeria.

Your Excellency,

Gateway Airport: Letter of Congratulations

We wish to congratulate you once again on the landmark achievement for the completion of the Gateway International Airport, Ogun State, a feat which has no doubt registered our Gateway State on the Nigerian and global aviation Sector map.

We heartily congratulate you because we know that it takes exemplary courage and commitment to continue a project which was initiated by another administration even after eight years of oversight and deliberate abandonment in this part of our country.

We need to say, and unequivocally too that the continuation and completion of this initiative which was conceptualised and started during the administration of Otunba Gbenga Daniel in 2004 is quite commendable, especially considering the amount of work, enormous human and

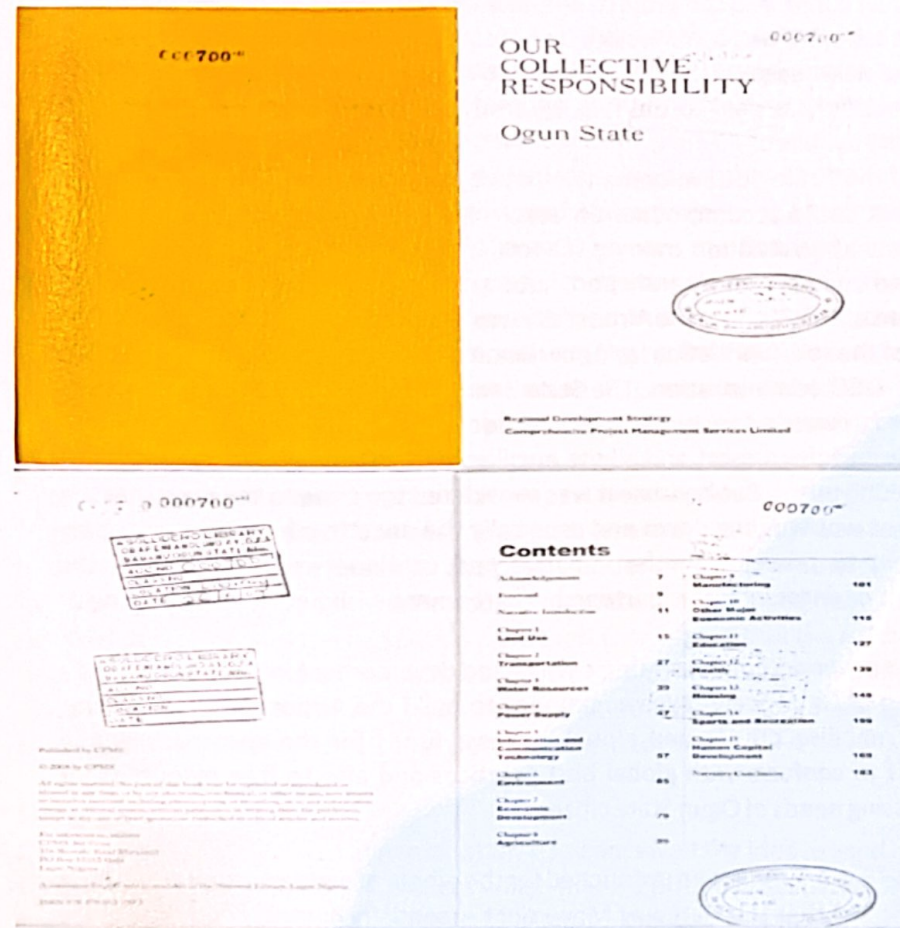
capital resources already deployed towards the take off the project since 2004.

We equally salute the Visionary power of His Excellency, The Senator Otunba Gbenga Daniel for blazing the trail to conceptualize the airport project and appreciate the Prince Dapo Abidoun-led administration for the courage to share in the vision, to continue and seize on the initiative of his predecessor in the award the contracts towards actualising that vision seen by Otunba Daniel 20 years earlier.

It is however instructive, both for posterity and the overall developments of all parts of Ogun State, that some of these efforts (included but not limited to the Airport projects), derived from the strategic development initiative of a 25-Year Regional Development and Economic Master plan which was conceived and commissioned during the Otunba Gbenga Daniel led administration, under a team headed by the renowned Project Development Expert, Engineer Bayo Adeola and was presented to the former President Olusegun Obasanjo then at his Country Home in Ota.

This Master plan envisioned a simultaneous development of all the four regions of Ogun State on equal terms with strategic linkages of projects which were termed Economic Drivers. For the success of the airport, and in order for the whole of Ogun State people to benefit from it, we advise that the state government should not loose sight of these strategic linkages and connectivity in the Master plan. For instance, the Olokola Free Trade Zone (which was conceived as a multi investments platforms, comprising a Deep Sea Port, LNG project and a Refinery and Fertilizer company) was designed to serve as the Economic Driver for Ijebu area; the Agro-Cargo airport for the Remo area; the Kajola Free Trade Zone in Ifo Local Government was conceived as the Economic Driver for Ogun Central (our Egba people); while the Ogun-Guangdong Free Trade Zone was to take care of the interest of Ogun West (our Yewa/Awori population). If these nexus are broken, we might as well have broken the chain of simulatenous and complimentary developments in our original Master plan.

It is in the sense of the above that we wish Your Excellency will go a step further to open up the complimentary corridors and synergy of that development initiative.



The Cargo Airport

PROJECT SCOPE

The cargo airport will be a hub to develop a new industrial town providing the following services and business opportunities:

- Air cargo Terminal
- Aircraft maintenance facilities
- Warehousing services and cargo depot
- Agricultural cargo depot
- All other facilities in the fast track approach

FAST TRACK APPROACH

The present concept is to fast track the project by starting off as an industrial Air Park that over time will evolve into the Cargo Airport.

The industrial airport will have the following facilities:

- Airstrip for light to medium cargo and commercial air traffic and helicopter shuttle/taxi services
- Aircraft maintenance hangar
- Pilot training school
- Airline services training school
- Flying club
- Theme park
- Federal Government designation of facility as a customs bonded warehousing & Clearance centre for the oil sector
- Residential and industrial development
- Flower, vegetable, fruit farming activities with supportive cottage industries
- Housing estate
- Travelers' inn/bus terminus
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- NNPC mega petrol station
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- A terminal for the Lagos, Ogun and Oyo Light Rail Project
- Truck transport depot/link trailer park
- Hospitality and resort complex with training facilities

PROJECT STRENGTH

- Proximity to commercial cities of Abeokuta, Lagos, Ibadan and Ijebu (within 30 minutes drive)
- Good road network, accessible nationwide
- Good access to commercial centres
- Located away from densely populated/highly built-up areas
- Close to haulage area of grain and produce

PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES

- Establish Ogun State as an important cargo destination
- Ease Traffic and Port congestion in Lagos Potential market opportunity for cargo transportation
- Improving communication network in Nigeria
- Increased inward investment and international interest in Ogun State/Nigeria
- Constraint on space at Murtala Muhammed International Airport
- Strong agitation for cold storage facilities by importers and exporters



**Investment Destination
of Choice**

70% of Ogun Agro-Cargo Airport Projects Done with all Necessary Approvals and Documentations; 30% Awards of Contracts

2003 - 2011 (Otunba Gbenga Daniel-led administration):

- conceptualising the airport project, getting the team of experts to look at the feasibility, economic viability and the environment impact assessment
- acquisition of the Land
- securing all necessary local and international approvals for the take off of such a highly technical venture as the establishment of an airport.
- to give local content to the project, a renowned Ogun State born Architect Chief Femi Majekodunmi was commissioned to design the airport projects and later Da Al-Handasa who designed the Dubai Airport to ease international approval.
- compensation was paid to the families from whom the land and sites for the project were acquired.
- as part of the strategic development initiative and projection, a massive expanse of land that could accommodate an aerotropolis; an airport city with various components as an Aviation training schools, industrial clusters/hubs, residential estates and complimentary transport hubs and light rail system to link various other towns and cities from the Airport city was acquired.
- Turning of the sod/foundation laying ceremony. This was done on May 31st, 2005 under the OGD administration. The State secured the partnership of a German Consortium towards the twilight of the administration around 2010 for the construction of the Airport and all the ancillary projects on a Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) terms. But because it was considered too close to the time that the government was winding down and especially the need to allow the succeeding government to proceed on the initiative and continue negotiation with the consortium or enter into new partnership agreement with any other company or organisations.
- NB: It was never part of the strategic vision and development initiative to spend a single kobo of Ogun State taxpayers money to build the Airport and airport city, rather to mobilise private and global business funds for the construction and operations to conform with global best practices and also to free resources for other pressing needs of Ogun State citizens.

Though the project remained untouched for the whole of eight years afterwards, It is in this regard that the Gateway Movement essentially commended the Prince

Dapo Abiodun's courage when he showed interest to revisit it by awarding the contract for the construction in line with all approvals and designs secured since 2004. We also commend the leadership role of the former Governor, the initiator of the projects for his acts of statesmanship and exemplary leadership by making available all relevant file records, designs and approvals which enabled Prince Dapo Abiodun to pursue the legitimate claims of the airport's existence at a point when such claims were threatened, challenged, almost thwarted and revoked. This act of statesmanship is legendary in pursuit of the greater interest of the development of Ogun State.

Your Excellency, as said earlier, the the airport project is just one stop in the development web that was weaved for Ogun State; that single stop cannot exist in isolation until it connects to the development of Egband, Ijebuland and Yewa/Awori land. All projects feed into one another; the Airport projects, as conceptualized feeds into the development Master plan of a Kajola Free Trade Zone in Ifo Local Government area of the State. Granted that at the time that Otunba Gbenga Daniel was conceptualising all these projects, the state might be regarded as squeezing waters out of the rocks, where the financial obligations towards the welfare of the citizens were competing for the little resources accruable to the State. The cumulative efforts at industrialization of that OGD visionary administration, which started with the FlowerGate Industrial Ecosystem at the Sagamu Interchange, Lagos-Ibadan Expressway corridor and the Interchange-Siun-Abeokuta expressway way corridor (which has now become one of the fastest growing industrial corridors in Nigeria) as well as the continuous efforts of successive administrations for the past twenty years have no doubt leap-frogged the state into one of the best three in Internally Generated Revenues (IGR) while the Federal Government allocation under the administration of His Excellency, Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu, to the state has increased multi fold as a result of the removal of the fuel subsidy. We therefore believe that the visions have been clearly laid, a template established, development models designed and Ogun State is now financially solvent, with considerable resources to pursue some of those Economic Driver projects that were envisaged to drive its development.

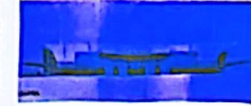
Ibara Flagship Estate

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Furthermore, the Airport will provide the foundation on which an export oriented horticulture sector e.g. export of vegetables, fruits, flowers and other perishable goods will be developed along the lines of other African countries such as Kenya and Ghana.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

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Other proposed uses for the Airport include services for mail and courier operations, pilot training school, aircraft maintenance facility, general aviation facilities including helicopter shuttle and air taxi services.

The proposed Airport will handle International Cargo of 300-500,000 tons per year. The critical Aircraft to be used is Boeing 747 with cargo capacity of 120 tons. It will be provided with large warehouse, Cold Storage facilities and Aircraft Maintenance Hangar services. The Runway and its Apron will cover 5,400 meters by 1,000 meters area of land.

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PROJECT STRENGTHS / OPPORTUNITIES

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Ibara area into the Abeokuta Business District as obtained in most Business capitals of the world. Part of these initiatives was to relocate the State Government Secretariat absolutely to its present location at Oke Mosan and the building of four new Blocks (A-D) to accommodate all those offices being relocated; and also the building of a Pocket-friendly affordable housing for the civil servants at the new Laderin Workers Estate which was practically created from a virgin forest. While the old Secretariat was envisioned as a Central Business District, the old Ibara Housing Estate with increased commercial value was set for regeneration as a Low Density High profile Ibara Flagship Estate.

We are equally happy that the Governor has revisited this Ibara Flagship Estate project which we think has now been renamed albeit with a slight variant, as the GRA Regeneration Project. It is however important to also note, on the side of caution that intention on the Ibara Flagship Estate project was not to displace the civil servants occupying the old Ibara GRA house and chase them into the cold; the concept was to create a new Workers Estate for them first, let them have a roof on their heads at a very flexible and affordable costs which they can also pay through mortgage, before the government can take possession of the old houses, engage developers to modernise them and give a befitting outlook to the flagship GRA in Ogun State.

Gateway Electricity Distribution Licenses

Your Excellency, one of the main issues being discussed in Nigeria today is Electricity; from the point of generation, transmission and distribution. There are complaints about the effectiveness of the Electricity Distribution Companies and well as controversies surrounding regulations especially on the distribution supply lines. States takeover of electricity distribution platforms are also being contemplated.

We think Ogun State should be considered lucky in this unresolved quagmire if Your Excellency can scramble through the records just as you did on the Airport projects and the Ibara Flagship regeneration project to look for some other valuable materials which can simplify governance. It was like the past administration envisaged and projected that a time like this may come in the history of our country to have made arrangements to insure and mitigate against the effects on Ogun State citizens. For emphasis, Ogun State has three licenses for electricity Distribution under the Gateway Electricity Distribution Company. Your

Excellency must seize on the initiative of the moment to activate and operationalise them. This will feed into the Integrated Development Initiative where all parts of Ogun State will develop simultaneously with economic drivers located in all the geographical zones so that no part is left out, and not to prepare a ground for the sowing of a future seed of discord.

HISTORY OF THE GATEWAY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

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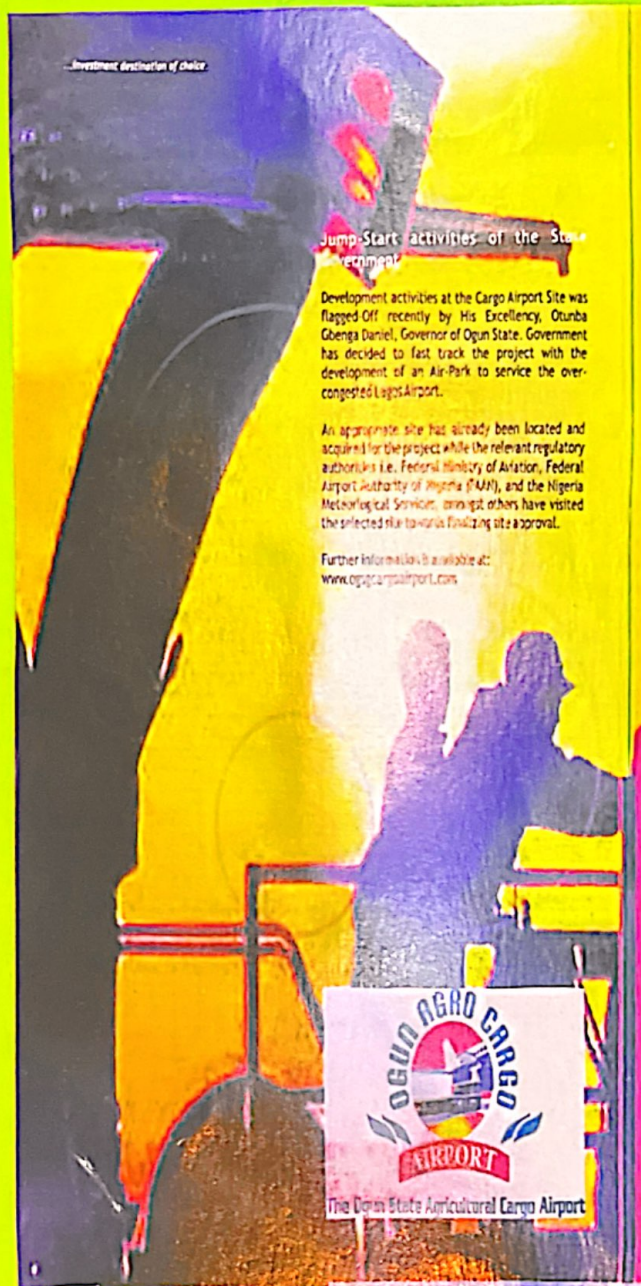
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| II. Development of Kajola Specialized Railway Industrial Free Trade Zone, which integrates the proposed inland container Terminal and the Railway Modernization program of the Federal Government. | ii) Acquisition of Project Site; |
| III. Development of Several Industrial parks designed to stimulate the development of the different zones of the State. | iii) Publication of Acquisition of Site; |
| IV. Strategic Agricultural development initiatives of the State. | iv) Initial site inspection by Officials of the Federal Ministry of Aviation; |
| | v) Identification of settlements within project area; |
| | vi) Crop enumeration of the Project Area already done |
| | vii) Submission of application for Permit to the Federal Ministry of Aviation 20th October, 2004; |
| | viii) Various Stakeholders' engagement / consultative meetings held; |
| | ix) Integration of Affected Community Representatives into Project Implementation sub-Committee; |
| | x) Interest of Potential Private Sector Investors taken; |
| | xi) Environmental Impact Assessment, Obstacle Survey, Technical Airport design and Master Plan done; |
| | xii) Soil test of Project area done; |
| | xiii) Award of Contract for the Topographical Survey done; |
| | xiv) Another site inspection by Officials of Federal Ministry of Aviation conducted 3rd November, 2004; |
| | xv) A chart of Speed / Direction for the years covering 1998 - 2002 has been obtained. |
| | xvi) Final approval given by Federal Ministry of Aviation. |
| | xvii) Approval to Construct by NCAA |

PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT FOCUS

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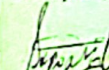
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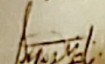
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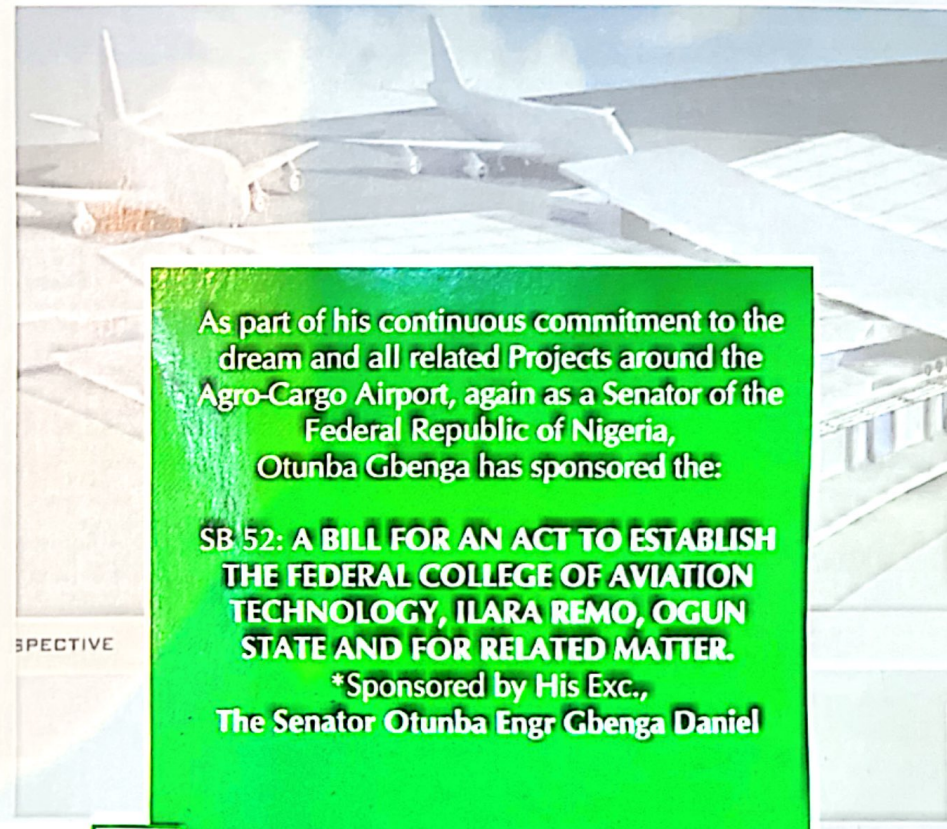
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PROJECT TECHNICAL DESIGNS AND CONSULTANTS

Government of Ogun State has not spared any effort in ensuring that the design, development and operation of the Airport compares with any International Airport of World Class status. The Final Outline Master Plan as well as the Technical Design of the project has been developed by Dar- Al-Handasah group, a World Class Airport design and Consultancy Firm.



As part of his continuous commitment to the dream and all related Projects around the Agro-Cargo Airport, again as a Senator of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Otunba Gbenga has sponsored the:

SB 52: A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE FEDERAL COLLEGE OF AVIATION TECHNOLOGY, ILARA REMO, OGUN STATE AND FOR RELATED MATTER.

***Sponsored by His Exc.,
The Senator Otunba Engr Gbenga Daniel**

ADDRESS DELIVERED BY THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR OF OGUN STATE, OTUNBA GBENGA DANIEL, AT THE FLAG-OFF OF THE AGRICULTURAL CARGO AIRPORT HELD AT KM. 12 SAGAMU-BENIN EXPRESSWAY, OGUN STATE, ON TUESDAY, 31ST MAY, 2005.

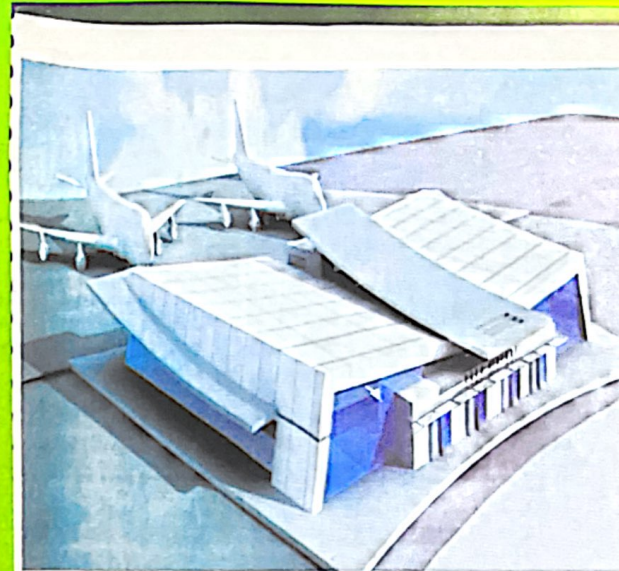
A GIANT STEP TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

At the first Ogun State Economic and Investment Summit held in November 2003, I declared that our State was on its way to becoming the investment destination of choice not only in Nigeria but also on the West Coast of Africa. At that time, our Administration was barely six months old and that assertion might have sounded to some as boastful or even utopian. To us, however, it served, and still serves, as a statement of aspiration, a selfchallenge that continues to energize us to dream big and to follow our dream until it becomes a reality.

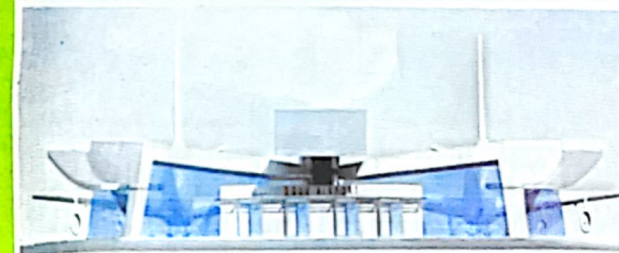
Today, we have cause to give thanks to Almighty God for the way Ogun State has been making progress towards the full realization of our set goals. Today, half-way into our tenure as an Administration, we can point to several tangible results of our efforts. The Ogun Agro Cargo Airport that we are flagging off today is one of the key items on our agenda for investment promotion that would squarely place our dear Gateway State on the commercial, industrial and developmental map of the modern world. With this project and several others that have sprung up in the last two years, we are making a clear statement that our State is now ready to redefine itself along the lines of global benchmarks as a viable emerging market. This is indeed an epoch making event in the life of our State and I daresay that after this, things will never be the same again.

This Agro Cargo Airport is positioned to serve as a conveyor belt for a huge chunk of Nigeria's import and export trade, especially agricultural products, horticulture, perishable food items and fresh vegetables as well as industrial raw materials; machinery; and consumer goods. The project is deliberately situated at a strategic location, at a key intersection of the Lagos-Ibadan and Sagamu-Benin Expressways, which are perhaps the two most critical arteries linking Lagos, the commercial capital of Nigeria, to the rest of the country and which also provide a corridor to the West Coast.

The Agro Cargo Airport is conceived as a commercially viable private sector driven project. As part of its initial viability projections, it will serve as a hub for

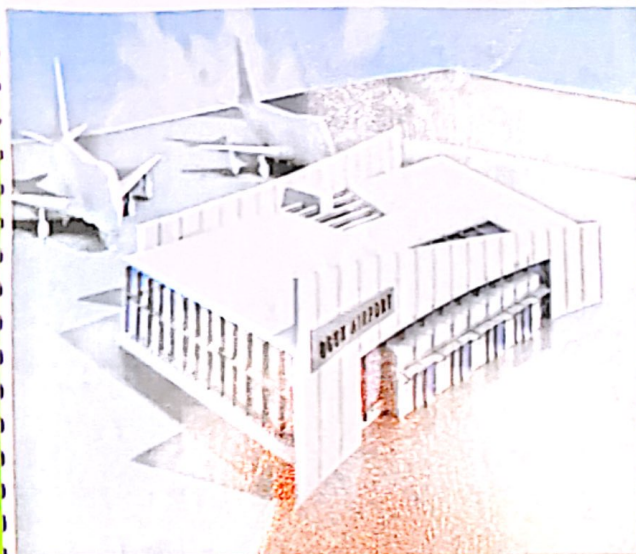


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developing a new industrial town while providing opportunities for developing an air cargo terminal, aircraft maintenance facilities, warehousing services and cargo depot as well as an agricultural cargo depot. The strength of the project lies in the copious advantages that it offers, including proximity and accessibility to major commercial centres such as Abeokuta, Lagos, Ibadan, and Ijebu Ode, all of which are within 30 minutes by road to the airport as well as Benin City, the Nigeria-Benin border and the vast northern and eastern markets of Nigeria.

The benefits of this project are truly limitless. Aside from its potential to launch Ogun State as an important cargo destination and embarkation point, it will also help to ease traffic in and out of Lagos and reduce the rate of road deterioration due to overuse. It will help to curb the port congestion in Lagos, occasioned by the high volume of haulage traffic by providing an alternative outlet. In addition, the project will improve communication networks, increase inward investment and international interest in Ogun State and Nigeria and generally serve as a stimulus for development.

That is not all. Our cargo airport seeks to ameliorate the constraint on space at Murtala International Airport while also responding to strong demands for cold storage facilities by importers and exporters.

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, today's flag-off ceremony is to formally announce the jump-starting of the project by the Ogun State Government with the commencement of work on an Industrial Air Park that will over time evolve into the Cargo Airport. The industrial park will have airstrip facilities for light to medium cargo and commercial air traffic, as well as helicopter shuttle/taxi services; aircraft maintenance and hangar facilities; pilot and airline services training school; flying club; and a theme park, amongst others.

We also envisage Federal Government designation of the facility as a Customs-bonded warehousing and clearance centre for the oil sector with petroleum products depots and tank farms and an NNPC mega station. It will serve as a hub for parcel and light mail sorting and delivery services and I am happy to inform you that we have already started receiving expressions of interest from key players in this regard. The project will offer ancillary incentives for residential and industrial development, a trailer park, travellers' inn and resort facilities, and terminus facilities to service the Lagos-Ogun-Oyo Light Rail Project.

What we are doing here today is to use the best resources to get the best results and to put the most appropriate structure in place within the quickest possible time frame. This is to indicate our seriousness and commitment to the project. The Cargo Airport project is being jump-started by the State Government with the firm belief that the private sector will rise to the opportunities that it offers and collaborate with us in concretely actualizing the dream.

Following this flag-off, you will, in the next eighteen months witness fastpaced development of this area as we seek to create a major hub for business transactions. This project will have positive linkages with the Free Trade Zone, jointly owned by Ogun and Ondo State as well as the nation's biggest Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Project being developed in the Ogun Waterside area. The linkages that this project presents for the overall development of our State and our nation are truly stupendous.

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, let me use this opportunity to reiterate that the agro cargo airport is being established purely for the purposes of socio-economic development and investment promotion. It is not a politically-induced project and should therefore not be the object or subject of unhealthy politicking. Its location is informed mainly by rational technical specifications that are applicable worldwide for projects of this nature. If the project is close to any community at all, this should be regarded as an accident of geography. As a result, the project does not belong to any section of the State or community and nobody should seek to lay proprietary claim to an initiative that belongs to the investors.

I wish to assure all communities and interest groups in the State that we shall continue to ensure fairness, equity and justice in the distribution of development projects and the dividends of democracy. This Administration has never, and will never, wilfully marginalize any section or community in the State. Since inception, we have been at the forefront of correcting real and perceived imbalances that are deeply rooted in the history and evolution of our State, whether in terms of appointments, patronage or distribution of infrastructure and amenities. There is no part of the State that is not benefiting from the OGRUMA magic; OGESEP's beneficial impact, OGRUMED's compassionate care; or OGSEP's luminous attention. The entire State is our constituency and there is no favourite group or section.





**FEDERAL MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION
(AIR TRANSPORT)**

ADDRESS: FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COMPLEX, SHOMU DISTRICT, ABEOKUTA
Department: SAFETY AND TECHNICAL POLICY
Ref: TAO/AD/8 53/2/109
Date: 11th February 2008

His Excellency,
The Executive Governor,
Government House,
Abeokuta,
Ogun - State.

**RE: APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL ON THE DEVELOPMENT
OF OGUN STATE AGRICULTURAL CARGO AIRPORT
PROJECT**

I am directed to refer to your letter dated December 11, 2007 on the above subject matter and to inform you that the Honourable Minister has approved for your State to embark on the development of Agricultural Cargo Airport at Shagamu.

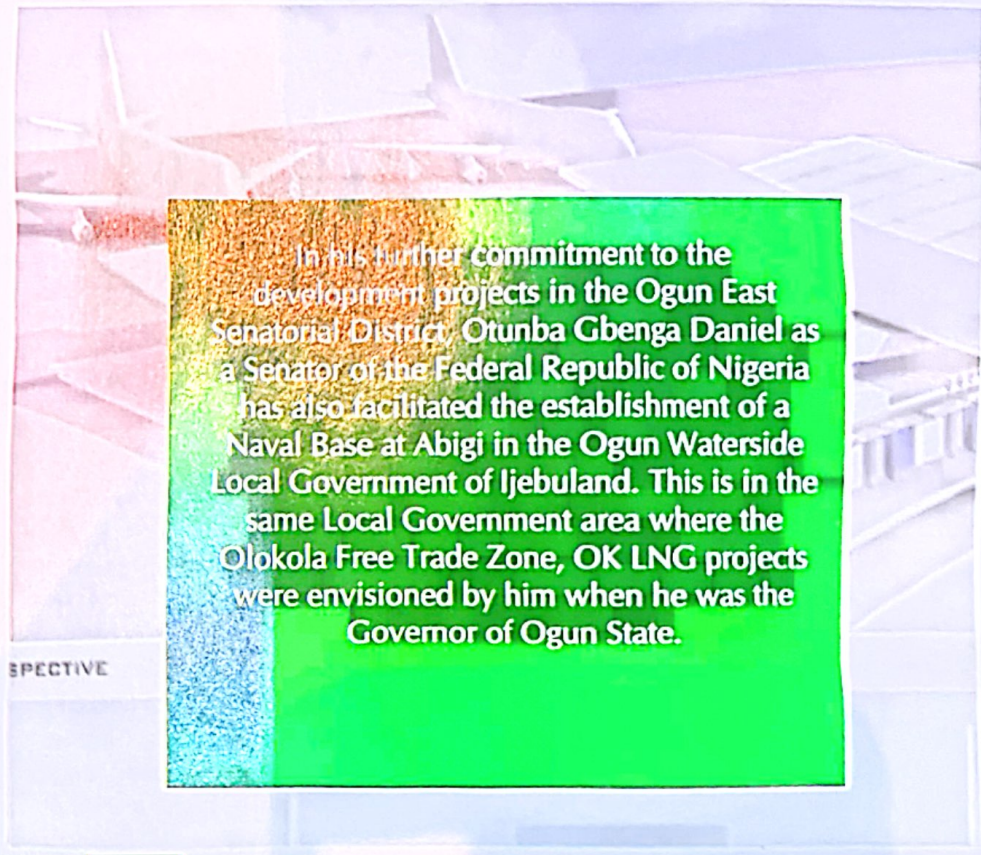
2. However, in view of the safety and security implication of the project and also in line with International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) requirements, a team of experts from the Ministry and its parastatals would be required to monitor the construction work up to completion stage.

3. The supervisory role of the team of experts is essentially to ensure that ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) are met especially in the design and construction procedures.

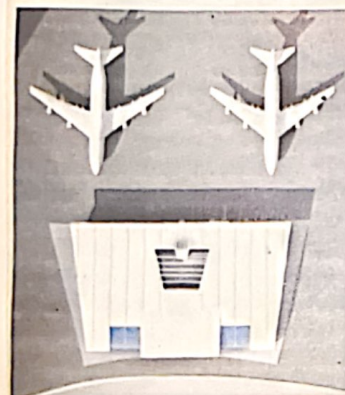
Our commitment is total towards changing the face and fortunes of Ogun State into an industrial and commercial hub, a land of happy people and thriving businesses that truly lives up to its name as the Gateway State. This project is one of our key interventions towards expanding the economic base of the State and transforming the lives of our people.

At this point, distinguished ladies and gentlemen, I call on you to join us as we flag off this great project and work towards its speedy and wholesome actualization to the Glory of God and the benefit of our State.

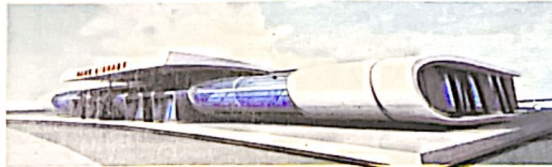
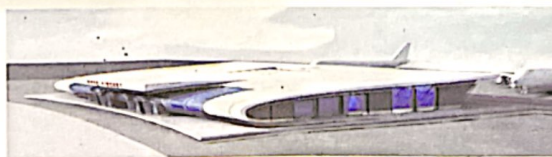
I thank you for listening.



In his further commitment to the development projects in the Ogun East Senatorial District, Otunba Gbenga Daniel as a Senator of the Federal Republic of Nigeria has also facilitated the establishment of a Naval Base at Abigi in the Ogun Waterside Local Government of Ijebuland. This is in the same Local Government area where the Olokola Free Trade Zone, OK LNG projects were envisioned by him when he was the Governor of Ogun State.



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4. In view of the foregoing, it would be necessary to inform the Ministry whenever you want to start the construction to enable the team of experts to commence monitoring.

5. Please, accept the assurances of the Honourable Minister's highest esteem.

Capt. M.S. Ruma
for: Honourable Minister of State I
(Air Transport)



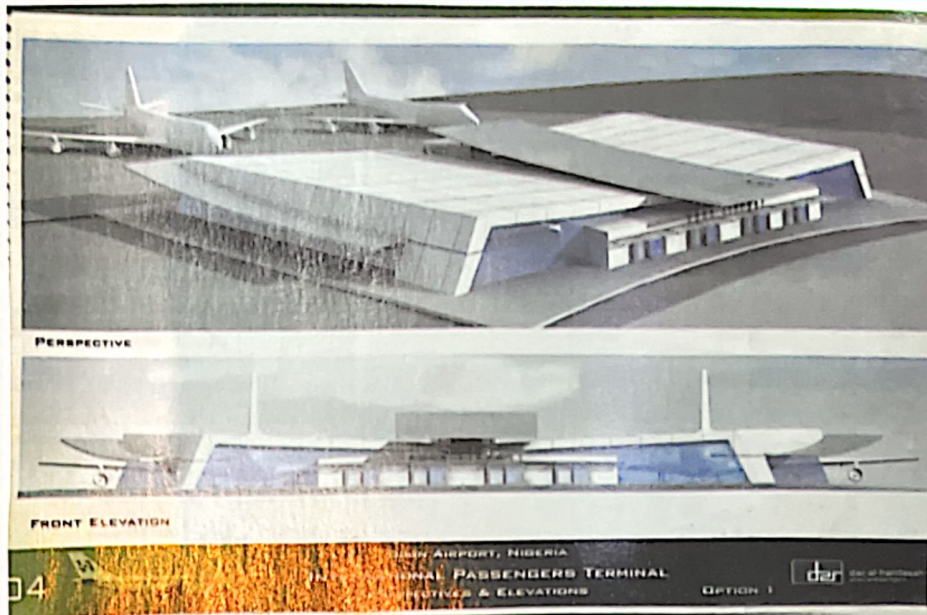
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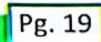
but Adesunju, on Saturday, said his administration decided to execute the Agro Cargo Airport at Ilisan-Remo in Ikenne Local Government Area based on the economic development agenda of his administration to have a cargo airport that would fully complement the agro value chain investments and activities in the state.


While inspecting the project site, he assured residents that the first phase of the airport would be ready by May 2022.

He said, "This project had been conceived since 2007 and all necessary approvals were got in 2008. The Environment Impact Assessment and all other regulatory assessments have been met 100 per cent. All we have to do is to update them up to ensure they meet current realities."

"This was not the decision that was taken for any other reason except that which is objective. When the Senate Committee on Aviation came to visit us, we shared with them the business case for this airport. We



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“As part of his continuous commitment to the dream and all related Projects around the Agro-Cargo Airport, again as a Senator of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Otunba Gbenga has sponsored”

SB 52: A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE FEDERAL COLLEGE OF AVIATION TECHNOLOGY, ILARA REMO, OGUN STATE AND FOR RELATED MATTER. *Sponsored by His Exc., The Senator Otunba Engr Gbenga Daniel