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SCOPING NOTICE

ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF ONE STOREY LABORATORY BUILDING AT ST. BENEDICT'S REFERRAL HOSPITAL, NDANDA, MASASI DISTRICT, MTWARA, TANZANIA

Established in 1908 soon after the Maji Maji Uprising in 1905, The St. Benedict's Ndanda referral hospital operates on a Not-for-Profit basis and has 300 beds and 350 staff (including professional and non-professional staff). Following recognition of its hundred years of provision of unparalleled excellent health care and laboratory services in the country's Southern region, and in the neighboring countries, particularly, Mozambique, the St. Benedict's Ndanda hospital was, on 12th November 2010, up-graded to Regional Referral Hospital through Government Notice No: 828, and published on the Government Gazette. In addition, the St. Benedict's Ndanda hospital was in 2014 awarded the WHO Certificate of Best Overall Laboratory-Satelite Laboratory Category under the East African Public Health Laboratory Network Project involving 33 laboratories from all East African Countries.

Further, the St.Benedict's Ndanda hospital has for the past 3 consecutive years maintained a **Four-star status** of the WHO assessment, meaning that is missing one point to attain the **Five-star status** which is the highest 'gold' status for best provision of health care and laboratory services globally. According to WHO, the missing point is attributed to laboratory services that are limited by current structure of the laboratory building in terms of space, facilities and staff.

It is on the basis of the above and the growing epidemics of communicable diseases (e.g. the case of Ebola), that the **Ministry of Health and Social Welfare** with support from the World Bank under the East Africa Public Health Laboratory Network intends to construct the new and modern laboratory building at St. Benedict's Ndanda hospital to strengthen capacities for diagnosis and surveillance of Tuberculosis and other communicable diseases in the region. The laboratory to be constructed falls under **level 4** according to the levels and categories of health laboratories in Tanzania. **Level 4** laboratories according to this clarification refers to laboratories that hasan automated high-throughput equipment run by laboratory personnel (technicians, technologists, and scientists) with at least an advanced diploma level of training.

On behalf of the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, Erneus Kaijage of Eco Associates (T) Limited of Dar es Salaam is undertaking a study of the impacts of the project to the existing environment, social and economic set ups as required by the law (Environment Management Act, Cap 191). The Environmental Impact Assessment seeks to address all significant impacts (both positive and negative) associated with the project, so as to provide objective information to the decision makers.

This notice is published to solicit the concerns of, and seek the views of all interested and affected parties. Anyone having an interest, concern, or special knowledge in relation to the potential environmental effects of the proposed project, may contact or submit such concerns to:

Project Proponent:	**Permanent Secretary**; Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, P. O Box 9083, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Phone: +255 22 212026/7, Email: info@moh.go.tz

St. Benedicts Ndanda Hospital; PO Box 25, Ndanda,Masasi, Mtwara, Phone: +255 787408125; E-mail:aholela@yahoo.co.uk

Director General — **The National Environment Management Council** (NEMC), Regent Estate, Plot No. 29/30; P.O. Box 63153, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania; Tel: +255 (0)22 2774889 Fax: +255 (0)22 2774901; E-mail: dg@nemc.or.tz

TANGAZO KWA UMMA

TATHMINI YA ATHARI KWA MAZINGIRA NA JAMII YA MRADI WA UJENZI WA JENGO LA GHOROFA MOJA LA MAABARA KATIKA HOSPITAL YA RUFAA YA MT.BENEDICT, ENEO LA NDANDA, WILAYA YA MASASI, MTWARA, TANZANIA

Hospitali ya rufaa ya Mt. Benedict ya Ndanda ambayo ilianzishwa mwaka 1908 mara baada ya vita vya majimaji, hutoa huduma zake za matibabu na afya ya jamii katika namna isiyokuwa ya kibiashara. Kwa sasa hospitali hii ina vitanda 300 na wafanyakazi 350. Kufuatia utambuzi wa huduma zake ya kipekee kwa kipindi cha takribani miaka 100, katika eneo la ukanda wa kusini pamoja na nchi jirani kama vile Msumbiji, hospitali hii ilipandishwa daraja mwaka 2010, na kuwa hospital ya Rufaa ya mkoa wa Mtwara kupitia tangazo la serikali namba 828, na kutangazwa katika gazeti la serikali. Sambamba na hilo hospitali hii pia ilishinda tuzo ya shirika la afya duniani (WHO) ya hospitali bora katika utoaji wa huduma bora za Maabara katika ukanda wa Afrika Mashariki, shindano ambalo lilishirikisha mahabara 33 kutoka nchiza zote za Afrika Mashariki.

Pia hospitali hii kwa miaka 3 mfululizo iliyopita imekuwa ikishika nafasi ya nyota nne (**Four-star status)** ya viwango vya WHO, na hivyo kukosa alama moja tu ili kupata nafasi ya nyota tano (**Five-star status)** nafasi ambayo ni kiwango cha juu kabisa (gold standard) cha utoaji wa huduma bora ya afya duniani. Kwa mujibu wa WHO, ukosefu wa alama moja kwa hospitali ya ndanda kunatokana na miundombinu ya sasa ya jengo la mahabara ambalo lina upungufu wa nafasi, vifaa pamoja na wataalamu.

Ni kwa sababu hizi pamoja ongezeko la matukio ya magonjwa ya mlipuko kama vile Ebola ambapo Wizara ya Afya na Ustawi wa Jamii

Tathmini hii ya mazingira inakusudia kubainisha athari mbaya na nzuri kwa Mazingira na Jamii. Athari mbaya zitaundiwa mkakati wa kuzipunguza au kuziondoa kabisa na athari nzuri zitaundiwa mkakati wa kuziboresha zaidi ili mradi uwe na taarifa muhimu na manufaa zaidi kwa jamii.

Tangazo hili limetolewa ili kukusanya maoni, dukuduku na kupata ushauri wa wadau mbalimbali na watu ambao kwa njia moja au nyingine wanaweza kuathiriwa na mradi huu. Kwa taarifa zaidi, ushauri, maoni, maswali au dukuduku tafadhali wasiliana na ofisi zifuatazo:

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kupitia msaada wa Benki ya Dunia inatarajia kujenga jengo jipya na la kisasa katika hospitali ya Mt. Benedict Ndanda kwa lengo la kuongeza uwezo wa kuchunguza magonjwa kama vile kifua kikuu na magonjwa mengine yanayoambukizwa kwa njia ya hewa katika ukanda huu. Mahabara inayotarajiwa kujengwa ni ile ya daraja la **4** (yaani level 4) ambayo itakuwa na vifaa yya kisasa na vya moja kwa moja (au automatic) ambavyo vitaendeshwa na wataalamu waliobobea ambao kiwango chao chini kabisa kitakuwa nistashahada.

Kwa kupitia Tangazo hili tungependa kuujulisha umma kuwa Wizara ya afya na Ustawi wa Jamii pamoja na Hospital ya Mt. Benedict ya Ndanda wameingia mkataba na mtaalam mshauri wa masuala ya mazingira na jamii ndugu *Erneus Kaijage* ili kuandaa Tathmini ya Athari kwa Mazingira na Jamii ya Mradi huu kama ilivyoainishwa na Sheria ya Usimamizi na Utunzaji wa Mazingira Na. 20 ya Mwaka 2004.

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