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PREFACE

The Blue Book for Ghana provides concrete measures that will improve the investment climate and can be implemented by the Government within 12 months. These measures are intended to support Ghana's development goals as articulated in the National Medium Term Private Sector Development Strategy 2004-2008 (PSDS). This Strategy outlines an action plan for revitalizing the private sector and achieving a "Golden Age of Business" in Ghana.

Four objectives are presented in the PSDS. 1) An enhanced position for Ghana in regional and global markets 2) Increased efficiency and accessibility of national markets 3) Increased competence and capacity at the firm level and 4) Strengthened government private sector policy formulation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation. To achieve these objectives, the PSDS contains actions at the international, national and firm levels. The Blue Book on Ghana proposes measures that support the Strategy. Annex 1 contains a list of the relevant institutions involved in the implementation of the proposed Blue Book measures, and Annex 2 contains a description of the relationship between the measures and the four PSDS strategic objectives and related actions.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AGI	-	Association of Ghana Industries
BITs	-	Bilateral investment treaties.
BPO	-	Business Process Outsourcing
CEPS	-	Customs, Excise and Preventive Service
DTTs	-	Double Taxation Treaties
ECOWAS	-	Economic Community Of West African States
FDI	-	Foreign Direct Investment
FIAS	-	Foreign Investment Advisory Service
GIPC	-	Ghana Investment Promotion Centre
GoG	-	Government of Ghana
IPP	-	Independent power projects
IPR	-	Investment Policy Review
IT	-	Information Technology
LDCs	-	least developed countries
NCA	-	the National Communications Authority
OSS	-	One-Stop Shop
PSDS	-	Private Sector Development Strategy
TNCs	-	Transnational Corporations
TSSP	-	Trade Sector Support Programme
UNCTAD	-	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
US\$	-	United States Dollars
VoIP	-	Voice over Internet Protocol

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