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FOLLOW-UP RECORDS REQUEST & MEDIA INVITATION

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Nigeria-United States Minerals Framework: further information and invitation to a GSR televised discussion

Honourable Minister,

Global Scenes Reports (GSR) thanks you for your letter of 8 October 2026 responding to our request of 28 September 2026, and for providing the signed four-page framework dated 23 September 2026. We appreciate the Ministry's cooperation and its clarification that the framework is non-binding and that subsequent projects require the applicable agreements and approvals.

To complete our documentary review and accurately explain the framework to the public, we request the following existing records and official clarifications. This follows our original request under Nigeria's Freedom of Information Act 2011; the requests for records below do not require the Ministry to create a new study or analysis.

1. Completeness of the disclosure. Please confirm whether the four pages supplied constitute the complete executed instrument. Please supply any annexes, schedules, appendices, side letters, amendments or supplementary arrangements held by the Ministry, or confirm that none are held.

2. Basis of the approximately US\$700 billion estimate. Please provide any existing valuation report, geological assessment, methodology and source data supporting the mineral-resource estimate identified in our original request. Please clarify its valuation date, minerals and geographical coverage, and whether it represents an indicative gross resource value, economically recoverable reserves, anticipated revenue or another measure. If the figure originated elsewhere, please identify the source and relevant record-holder.

3. Operation of the "First Look" provision. Section I(2)(d) refers to a first opportunity to invest in assets sold in Nigeria or by Nigerian-headquartered or incorporated companies. Please explain the intended beneficiaries, eligible assets and proposed procedure, including how competitive bidding, valuation transparency and existing investors' interests would be addressed. Please clarify whether any reciprocal arrangement covers U.S. assets and supply any existing implementing guidance or related agreement.



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FURTHER INFORMATION & TELEVISED DISCUSSION

4. Projects, financing and implementation. Please supply any existing project lists, implementation plans, financing proposals or commitments, and records identifying participating public bodies or companies. For Section I(2)(b), please clarify the measures envisaged within six months of signing, the responsible authorities and intended milestones. Please distinguish proposals from approved commitments and actual disbursements, including whether any Nigerian public guarantee, loan or expenditure has been approved.

5. Nigerian benefits and safeguards. Please explain the intended approach to domestic processing and value addition, Nigerian employment and skills transfer, public revenue, community benefits and environmental safeguards. Please supply any existing records addressing these matters, access to and use of geological data, or proposed changes to permitting, pricing and asset-sale review under Sections I(3)-(5) and I(8). Where policies or arrangements remain under development, please state this.

Response arrangements. Please respond to each numbered item and provide searchable electronic copies where available to office@gscreports.com. Where no responsive record is held or an arrangement has not yet been developed, please say so expressly. If any material is withheld, please identify it and the applicable basis, and supply any releasable portions. Where another institution holds a record, please identify that institution and advise whether the request has been referred. Please notify us of any copying costs before they are incurred.

Invitation to a GSR televised discussion

We also invite you to participate in a GSR televised discussion entitled "**Understanding the Nigeria-United States Minerals Framework: Benefits, Safeguards and Next Steps.**" The discussion would give you an opportunity to explain the Government's objectives and address the public-interest questions set out above. These topics would guide the interview, with follow-up questions arising from your explanations and the documentary record.

Please propose three convenient dates and times, with the applicable time zone. We would be pleased to discuss a remote video interview or another mutually practical arrangement. If you are unavailable, we would welcome an appropriately authorised representative. The format, duration and broadcast arrangements would be agreed with your office in advance.

The discussion would complement the written response and supporting records. GSR will assess the material independently and represent the Ministry's explanations fairly. We would appreciate acknowledgment of this follow-up and an indication of when the documentary response and a decision on the invitation can be expected.

Yours faithfully,

D. O. Abiodun

Founder and Editor-in-Chief

For and on behalf of the GSR Editorial Office