

## **PROCEDURE FOR GRANTING APPROVAL FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) AS MAY BE REQUIRED FOR ALL CATEGORIES OF DEVELOPMENTS IN ONDO STATE**

**1.0** In line with the provisions of the EIA Act Cap E12 LFN 2004 and Chapter 50, Section 4 (a-f) of the Ondo State Laws 2006 which makes EIA studies mandatory for all development projects; all proponent of any developmental projects in the State must embark on an EIA study before commencement of any activities and Environmental Audit (EAu) for all existing activities/projects.

### **2.0 Project Proposal**

As soon as a proponent decides to embark on any development projects contained in the schedule 1 below, the proponent should visit the Department of Environmental Assessment (EA) to make enquiry on the requirement for EIA approval of a proposed projects.

### **3.0 Notification/Project Registration**

The proponent/environmental consultant notifies the Ministry via a letter through the office of the Permanent Secretary (PS) of its intended activity or submits a proposal of the project/activity to the Ministry. The form shall also be obtained from Environmental Assessment (EA) department properly filled and submitted same at the department.

### **4.0 Screening**

The EA secretariat screens the proposal to evaluate the impact of the project/activity. It is also to decide whether the project may have impact or not on the environment, health of the people and the socio-economic activities of the host communities. Submitted project registration form shall also undergo screening to evaluate the authenticity of information provided as well as the scale of the project for categorization.

### **5.0 Scoping {Term of Reference (ToR)}**

Where a project/activity requires EIA the scope of the assessment will be defined and potential impacts are identified and a draft copy of Term of Reference (ToR) shall be prepared and submitted for approval by the commissioned Environmental Consultant.

### **6.0 Site Verification and Data Gathering**

Date for the site verification of the proposed or existing project and the data gathering of the existing environment (biophysical, socio-economic, and health) shall be fixed by the Consultant and communicated to the Ministry.

## **7.0. Submission/Review**

EIA report shall be submitted and a date of review will be fixed by the Ministry after consultation with the relevant stakeholders (Academia, community leaders, CBO/NGOs, relevant MDAs etc)

## **8.0. Review.**

The approval is by the Hon Commissioner after due diligence by the panel of experts and the EIA Secretariat.

### **SCHEDULE 1**

#### **(1) Petroleum:**

- Mini depot construction
- Petrol filling stations
- Gas Stations

#### **(2) Industry**

- Chemicals and Allied Industries (Small Scale)
- Pulp, paper and timber (Saw mill) processing
- Non-ferrous metals (Small Scale)
- Iron and steel manufacturing (Small Scale)
- Fertilizer Plant (Small Scale)
- Construction of bottle/sachet water production.
- Pharmaceutical & Cosmetics industry (Small Scale)
- Others

#### **(3) Agricultural & Rural Development**

- Agricultural Land Management (Less 500 hectares)
- Agro-industries (Small Scale)
- Drainage and Irrigation
- Use of agro-chemicals and fertilizers (Small Scale)
- Fish farming, piggery etc (Small Scale)
- Flood Management Programmes
- Natural forest management (Small Scale)
- Plantation development and reforestations (Small Scale)
- Small scale farming
- Agricultural Programme necessitating resettlement of less than 100 families

#### **(4) Infrastructural Projects**

- State Roads.
- Reclamation
- Estate development/Housing (less than 50 hectares)
- Domestic water supply and sanitation (Small Scale).

- Memorial parks/cemetery
- Hospitals
- Schools
- Telecommunication Mast

**(5) Power generation and transmission**

- construction of steam generated power station burning fossil fuel having capacity of less than 10 megawatts
- Construction of solar power.

**(6) Hospitality**

- Hotels
- Eateries
- guest house

**(7) Land Reclamation**

- Coaster reclamation involving areas less than 50 hectares

**Note:**

- 1) The projects not listed on this schedules that requires Federal EIA studies are being conducted by Federal Ministry of Environment in collaboration with Ondo State Ministry of Environment.
- 2) The time is between **6 months and a year** depending on so many factors.