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Senate to begin constitution review soon

As committee assures protection of women's interests

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Abuja

ALTERATION of specific provisions of the 1999 Constitution will commence soon, deputy president of the Senate and chairman of the ninth Assembly Constitution Review Committee, Ovie Omo-Agege, has said.

Omo-Agege, who represents Delta Central in the Senate, said the committee is already bracing for the task that will definitely be demanding, as the committee has been inundated with bills for review.

The chairman of the committee, who received the League of Women Voters of Nigeria in his office in Abuja, said besides the bills, the committee had received memoranda from different interest groups in the country, which he noted are still coming in.

Commenting on one of the memoranda personally delivered to him by national officers of the League of Women Voters of Nigeria, Omo-Agege assured women that their interests would be protected, but not to the detriment of constitutional provisions against discrimination of whatever form.

He said: "Let me appreciate the League of Women Voters of Nigeria for this memorandum. It is very timely and apt because the

Constitution review Committee is already steaming for action (sic).

"Anything about women is very important to us, because the day women decide to speak with one voice, men will definitely be in trouble.

"I know part of what would be in the proposals just submitted will be about increase in proportion of women participation in governance in line with the Beijing protocol, but that would be looked into in a way that would not infract provisions of the constitution as regards gender discrimination.

"Although what you have submitted in the memorandum will be thoroughly perused by us, in line with our procedures, your proposals will still be needed to be routed through bill submission and consideration by the Senate in plenary.

"So, from our own end here, a bill will have to be sponsored on proposals for constitution amendments made by the women voters for it to be officially forwarded to the committee as part of other numerous bills that have been received to that effect."

Earlier in her presentation, the national secretary of the League of Women Voters, Pastor(Mrs) Reginald Omo-Agege, said all proposals made in the memorandum were geared toward making the voice of women heard in

the scheme of things in the country.

The vision of the network, according to her, "is to be Nigerians leading network for women's empowerment, leadership and achievement driven by participatory democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge and the confidence to participate."

Other national officers of the group at the memorandum presentation were Dr Aisha Lemu and Mrs Mate Olori.

President of the Senate, Senator Ahmed Lawan, had on February 6, while inaugurating the committee, said:

"As for the activities of the committee, you will engage not only members of the National Assembly and other statutory bodies like the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), civil Society groups, but Nigerians are interested in the way we do our duties here.

"Nigerians definitely have interest in the constitution review the National Assembly will embark upon. There are several issues that Nigerians feel strongly about.

"The constitution review committee is supposed to be a platform where such issues will be brought, and those who are interested should ensure that they make every possible effort, including presentations for their views to be considered."

Rival caretaker committee members expelled as Plateau PDP crisis deepens

They are wallowing in ignorance —Expelled chairman

Isaac Shobayo | Jos

THE crisis rocking the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Plateau State took another dimension on Thursday with the expulsion of a seven-man rival Caretaker Committee led by Honourable Nandom Exodus.

But Honourable Exodus dismissed the expulsion, saying they were ignorant of the workings of the party.

It will be recalled that PDP in Plateau State had been enmeshed in crisis following the inauguration of a caretaker committee by the national secretariat of the party to steer the affairs of the party for the next three months.

This, however, did not go down well with a cross section of the party members, who formed a parallel caretaker committee on the premise that those appointed

as caretaker, led by Mr Yakubu Chocho, were former state executives, whose tenure had since elapsed and also interested in contesting state congress election.

According to the statement

signed by the head of media to the caretaker committee, Mr John Akans, and made available to the *Nigerian Tribune*, seven members of the

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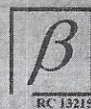
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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 46th Annual General Meeting of Beta Glass PLC will be held by Proxy at The Federal Palace Hotel, 6-8 Ahmadu Bello Way, Victoria Island, Lagos on Thursday, July 2, 2020 at 12.00 Noon for the following purposes:

1. To lay before the meeting, the audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2019 together with the Directors', Auditors' and Audit Committee's Reports thereon.
2. To declare a dividend.
3. To re-elect Directors retiring in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association.
4. To authorize the Directors to fix the remuneration of the Auditors.
5. To elect Shareholders' Representatives on the Audit Committee.

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6. To fix the remuneration of the directors.
7. To consider and if thought fit, pass the following resolution as an Ordinary Resolution of the Company:

"That pursuant to the Nigerian Stock Exchange Rules governing transactions with Related Parties or Interested Parties, a general mandate be and is hereby given to the Company to enter into recurrent transactions with related parties for the Company's day-to-day operations, including the procurement of goods and services, on normal commercial terms."

Notes:

1. Compliance with COVID-19 Related Directives and Guidelines

The Federal Government of Nigeria, Health Authorities and Regulatory Agencies have issued a number of guidelines and directives aimed at curbing the spread of COVID-19 in the country. Particularly, the Lagos State Government prohibited the gathering of more than 20 people, while the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) issued guidelines on Holding AGM of Public Companies by Proxy. The convening and conduct of the AGM shall be done in compliance with the said directives and guidelines.

2. Proxies

In view of the COVID-19 Pandemic, restriction on mass gathering and in line with CAC Guidelines, attendance at the AGM shall be by **PROXY ONLY**. A member entitled to attend and vote at the General Meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote instead of him. A proxy need not be a member of the company. Consequently, members are required to appoint a proxy of their choice from the list of the nominated proxies below:

1. Otunba Abimbola Ogunbanjo (Chairman)
2. Mr. Darren Bennett-Voci (Managing Director)
3. Mr. Nomah Awoh
4. Sir. Sunny Nwosu
5. Mr. John Ogunlape

3. Stamping of Proxy

A proxy form is enclosed in the Annual Report. All instruments of proxy should be deposited with the Registrar at Cardinalstone (Registrars) Limited, 358 Herbert Macaulay Way, Yaba, Lagos or by email to registrars@cardinalstone.com not less than 48 hours before the time for holding the meeting. The Company has made arrangements, at its cost, for the stamping of the duly completed and signed proxy forms submitted to the Registrar within the stipulated time.

4. Live Streaming of the AGM

The AGM will be streamed live online. This will enable shareholders and other stakeholders who will not be attending in person to follow the proceedings. The link for the AGM live streaming will be made available on the Company's website at <https://www.frigoglass.com/beta-glass-investors/>

5. Dividend

If the dividend recommended by the Directors is approved, dividend will be paid on **July 3, 2020** to the shareholders whose names appeared on the Company's Register of Members at the close of business on **June 11, 2020**.

6. E-Dividend

Notice is hereby given to all Shareholders to open bank accounts, Stockbroking accounts and CSCS accounts for the purpose of dividend. A detachable application form for e-dividend is attached to this Annual Report to enable all Shareholders furnish particulars of their accounts to the Registrar as soon as possible.

7. E-Report

In order to improve delivery of our Annual Report, we have inserted a detachable Form to the Annual Report and hereby request Shareholders who wish to receive the Annual Report of Beta Glass PLC in an electronic format to complete and return the Form to the Registrar for further processing. In addition, Annual Reports are available online for viewing and download from our website at <https://www.frigoglass.com/beta-glass-investors/>

8. Closure of Register

The Register of Transfers shall remain closed from **June 15, 2020 to June 19, 2020** (both dates inclusive) for the purpose of updating the Register of Members.

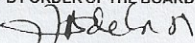
9. Nominations for the Audit Committee

The Audit Committee consists of 3 Shareholders and 3 Directors, in accordance with section 359 (5) of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, CAP C 20, LFN 2004, any member may nominate a shareholder for election as a member of the Audit Committee by giving in writing, notice of such nomination to the Company Secretary at least 21 days before the Annual General Meeting.

10. Rights of Shareholders to ask questions

In accordance with the Rule 19.12(C) of the Listing Rules of the Nigerian Stock Exchange, Shareholders have a right to ask questions not only at the Meeting, but also in writing prior to the Meeting, and such questions must be submitted to the office of the Company Secretary on or before June 25, 2020

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD



BOLA ADEBISI (MS.)
Company Secretary
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IDDO HOUSE, IDDO, LAGOS

Dated this 28th day of May 2020