



## TRANSMISSION COMPANY OF NIGERIA(TCN) MARKET OPERATIONS

AJAOKUTA STEEL COMPANY LIMITED

SUSPENSION ORDER NO: TCN/ISO/MO/2024/002

BEFORE THE MARKET OPERATOR, INDEPENDENT SYSTEM  
OPERATOR, TRANSMISSION COMPANY OF NIGERIA

IN THE MATTER OF NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS OF  
MARKET RULES AND MARKET PARTICIPATION AGREEMENTS.

### WHEREAS:

This is a formal suspension notice to Ajaokuta Steel Company Limited (ASCL) due to non-compliance with provisions of the Market Rules. As of the November 2023 billing cycle, ASCL has accumulated a total outstanding debt of **N33,071,002,129.49 (Thirty-Three Billion, Seventy-One Million, Two Thousand, One Hundred and Twenty-Nine Naira, Forty-Nine Kobo)**, Comprising of **N30,849,749,981.01** for energy and capacity delivered by Nigerian Bulk Electricity Trading PLC (NBET) and **N2,221,252,148.48** owed to Service Providers.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of March 2023, the MO issued a notification to Ajaokuta Steel Company Limited (ASCL) for the non-compliance with the Market Rules and requested corrective actions within a specified period, as advertised in three national newspapers (The Nation, Daily Sun, and This Day). Despite a Ministerial Intervention by the **Honorable Minister of Power**, which temporarily halted enforcement actions to allow Ajaokuta Steel Company Limited (ASCL) the opportunity to rectify its defaults, these defaults remain unresolved.

To avoid disconnection, ASCL is required to settle all outstanding invoices and provide an adequate Bank Guarantee of **N70,177,727.39** for MO's invoice and **N320,000,000.00** for NBET's invoice, within fourteen [14] days from the date of this notice. Failure to rectify these defaults within the specified period will lead to the disconnection of ASCL's network from the National Grid, in accordance with section 45 of the Market Rules.

Furthermore, should the defaults still remain unresolved after 30 business days of disconnection, the Market Operator will proceed to terminate ASCL's Market Participation Agreement and escalate the non-compliance matter to the **Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC)** for Business Continuity Regulation to commence.

BY THE ORDER OF THE MARKET OPERATOR  
DATED THIS 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2024

Engr. Dr. E.A. EJE  
MARKET OPERATOR/ Ag ED ISO



## TRANSMISSION COMPANY OF NIGERIA(TCN) MARKET OPERATIONS

APL ELECTRIC LIMITED-ABA

SUSPENSION ORDER NO: TCN/ISO/MO/2024/001

BEFORE THE MARKET OPERATOR, INDEPENDENT SYSTEM  
OPERATOR, TRANSMISSION COMPANY OF NIGERIA

IN THE MATTER OF NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS OF  
MARKET RULES AND MARKET PARTICIPATION AGREEMENTS

### WHEREAS:

This is a formal suspension notice to APL Electric Limited-Aba due to non-compliance with provisions of the Market Rules. As of the November 2023 billing cycle, APL has accumulated a total outstanding debt of **N10,951,460,668.62 (Ten Billion, Nine Hundred and Fifty-One Million, Four Hundred and Sixty Thousand, Six Hundred and Sixty-Eight Naira, Sixty-Two Kobo)**, Comprising of **N9,356,043,543.70** for energy and capacity delivered by Niger Delta Power Holding Company (NDPHC) and **N1,595,417,124.92** owed to Service Providers.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of March 2023, the MO issued a notification to APL Electric for the non-compliance with the Market Rules and requested corrective actions within a specified period, as advertised in three national newspapers (The Nation, Daily Sun, and This Day). Despite a Ministerial Intervention by the **Honorable Minister of Power**, which temporarily halted enforcement actions, to allow APL Electric the opportunity to rectify its defaults, these defaults remain unresolved and the commitment made before the **Hon. Min. of Power** defaulted by APL.

To avoid disconnection, APL Electric is required to settle all outstanding invoices and provide a Bank Guarantee of **N331,222,149.10** for MO's invoices and **N3,000,000,000.00** for NDPHC's invoice, within fourteen [14] days from the date of this notice. Failure to rectify these defaults within the specified period will lead to the disconnection of APL Electric's network from the National Grid, in accordance with section 45 of the Market Rules.

Furthermore, should the defaults still remain unresolved after 30 business days of disconnection, the Market Operator will proceed to terminate APL Electric's Market Participation Agreement and escalate the non-compliance matter to the **Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC)** for Business Continuity Regulation to commence.

BY THE ORDER OF THE MARKET OPERATOR  
DATED THIS 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2024

ENGR. DR. E.A. EJE  
MARKET OPERATOR/ Ag ED ISO