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His Excellency
The Governor of Cross River State
Office of the Governor
Calabar.



Your Excellency,

RE: RESTRUCTURING OF THE SURVEY DEPARTMENT TO AN EXTRA MINISTERIAL STATUS

I have studied the brief submitted by the State Surveyor-General for the restructuring of the Surveys Department into an extra Ministerial Department. I also examined the attached Bill for a Law to create the office of the State Surveyor-General.

Beyond the fact that the Federal Government undertook that restructuring exercise about 8 years ago, I believe the proposal has merit on its own. The reasons adduced in the brief are clear and sufficient to justify the request. The Surveys Department, especially in view of the CRGIS, will become even more critical to physical planning and implementation.

Should your Excellency approve, we can review the draft Bill for consideration at Exco. The financial provisions in the Bill for instance are contrary to our Public Finance Management Law and Fiscal Responsibility Law and cannot stand. However these are details we can straighten out upon your approval of the proposal.

For your consideration.

Attah Ochinke
Attorney-General/Commissioner for Justice

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Approved 20 June 2013
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