

IN THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF THE FOURTH
REPUBLIC OF GHANA

**REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND DEFENCE
& INTERIOR ON THE CREDIT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
GOVERNMENT OF GHANA AND CAL BANK GHANA LIMITED FOR
FINANCING OF THE PROCUREMENT OF VEHICLES AND
COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT FOR THE GHANA ARMED
FORCES**

1.0. INTRODUCTION

The Credit Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Ghana and CAL Bank Ghana Limited for a medium term loan facility totalling Ghana cedi equivalent of Thirteen Million, nine Hundred and Twelve Thousand, Seven Hundred and Fifty United States Dollars (US\$13,912,750.00) and Three Million, Four Hundred and Eighty-Four Thousand, Four Hundred and Fifty Seven Euros. Fifty-Eight Cents (€3,484,457.58) for procurement of vehicles and communication equipment for the Ghana Armed Forces was laid on Friday 20th July, 2012 and referred to the Joint Committee on Finance and Defence & Interior for consideration and report in accordance with Article 181 of the Constitution and Order numbers. 158 and 171 of the Standing Orders of the Parliament.

2.0 DELIBERATION

The Committee met and considered the Agreement with the Hon. Deputy Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, Mr. Seth Terpkper, and official/officers from the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, the Ghana Armed Forces, and presents this report to the House in accordance with Order 161 (1) of the Standing Orders of Parliament.

3.0 BACKGROUND

The Presidential and Parliamentary election for 2012 will soon be conducted in Ghana and as has been the practice, the Ghana Armed Forces is requesting the Government of Ghana to provide the needed logistics to enable her carry out duties with the needed professionalism. Even though the country has witnessed peaceful Presidential and Parliamentary elections over the years, the possibility of the country being plunged into election crisis cannot be ruled out.

It has therefore become necessary for the Government of Ghana (GOG) acting through the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning (MOFEP) to source funds for the project. The Cal Bank Ltd has agreed to arrange financing.

4.0 PURPOSE OF THE CREDIT

The purpose of the credit is to secure a medium term facility of Thirteen Million, Nine Hundred and Twelve Thousand, Seven Hundred and Fifty United States Dollars (US\$13,912,750.00) and Three Million, Four Hundred and Eighty-Four Thousand, Four Hundred and Fifty Seven Euros. Fifty-Eight Cents (€3,484,457.58) for procurement of vehicles and communication equipment for the Ghana Armed Forces.

5.0 TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The terms of the financing is as follows:

CREDIT AMOUNT	:	US\$13,912,750.00 AND €3,484,457.58 (GH¢ EQUIVALENT)
INTEREST RATE	:	CBL BASE RATE (CURRENTLY 24.0%) P. A.
MATURITY PERIOD	:	60 MONTHS
GRACE PERIOD	:	3 MONTHS
REPAYMENT PERIOD	:	57 MONTHS
ARRANGEMENT FEE	:	0.50% FLAT

PARTICIPATION FEE : 0.50% FLAT

6.0 OBSERVATION

6.1 The Committee observed that there was the need to ensure free and fair elections, to avoid the country being plunged into election crisis and for the nation to continue to enjoy the existing peace and stability. It is therefore necessary to enhance the mobility of the security forces in order for them to effectively deal with any crisis during the elections period.

6.2 The Committee noted that the specifications of the Pick-Ups are to ensure that they meet basic military standards to enhance deployment in rugged terrain. The basic military standard include 4 wheel drive, protective guard in front, Communication facility and re-configuring of single Cabin Pick-Ups for the purposes of lifting.

6.3 Officers from the Ghana Armed Force informed the Committee that the buses required are to be used to supplement the existing fleet of Troop Carrying Vehicles (TCVs) to lift troops from unit locations to the operational areas and since troops would be deployed, there is the need for medical cover, hence the need for the ambulances. The Committee was informed that the vehicles would be deployed nationwide.

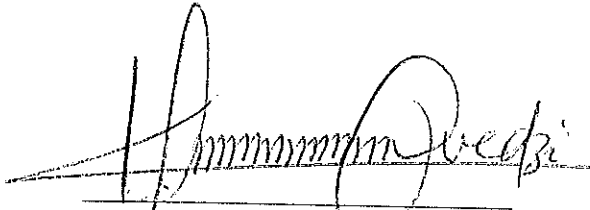
6.4 The breakdown of the vehicles and communication equipment for the facility is attached as "Appendices A, B and C".

7.0 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

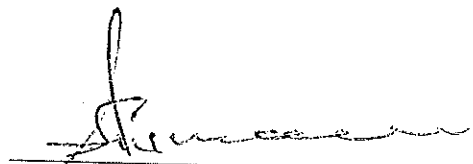
7.2 The Committee after careful examination, recommend to the House to adopt this report and approve by Resolution, the Credit Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Ghana and CAL Bank Ghana Limited for a medium term loan facility totalling **Ghana Cedi equivalent, Thirteen Million, Nine Hundred and Twelve Thousand, Seven Hundred and Fifty United States Dollars (US\$13,912,750.00) and**

Three Million, Four Hundred and Eighty-Four Thousand, Four Hundred and Fifty Seven Euros. Fifty-Eight Cents (€3,484,457.58) for procurement of vehicles and communication equipment respectively, from Messrs Svani Limited for the Ghana Armed Forces in accordance with Article 181 of the Constitution and section 3 and 7 of the Loans Act, 1970 (Act 335) and the Standing Orders of the House..

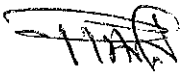
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APPENDIX "A"

DETAILS OF VEHICLES

ITEMS	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE (\$)	TOTAL AMOUNT (\$)
(a) 200 Units	Singles Cabin, long chassis military pattern Toyota Land Cruiser pickups with canopy and rear seats for troops	\$52,500.00	\$10,500,000.00
(b) 20 Units	Toyota LX10 4X4 (Ambulance)	\$61,900.00	\$1,230,000.00
(c) 10 Units	Mitsubishi Rosa Bus	\$71,900.00	\$719,000.00
(d) 5 Units	Nissan Civilian Bus	\$72,000.00	\$360,000.00
(e) 20Units	Mitsubishi L200 Pick-up in civilian pattern (with bull-bar side step etc.)	\$29,900.00	\$598,000.00
(f) 10Units	Toyota Hilux Pick-up in civilian pattern (with bull-bar side step etc)	\$36,800.00	\$368,000.00
TOTAL: 265	GRAND TOTAL		\$13,775,000.00
Various *Communication Equipment			€3,449,958.00
TOTAL			€3,449,958.00

DETAILS OF COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT

<u>HF</u>	Qty	Unit Price €	Total €
Codan SRX Mobile complete with Ant, ATU Cables	230	7,453.00	1,714,190.00
Codan ASR HF Base Stn Complete with antenna systems	30	12,322.00	369,660.00
ASR OPT, FAN TRAY	30	421.00	12,630.00
ANTENNA 250 W PEP-C463 MULTI-WIRE BROADBAND DIPOLE	30	791.00	23,730.00
INSTALLATION HARDWARE AND 30M COAXIAL - CABLE	30	312.00	9,360.00
<u>CODAN PROGRAMMING KIT</u>			
SYSTEM PROGRAMMER SOFTWARE CD	2	656.00	1,312.00
PROGRAMMING INTERFACE CABLE	2	69.00	138.00
ADAPTER, USB TO DB-9 SERIAL	2	247.00	494.00
<u>VHF MOTOROLA RADIOS</u>			
Motorola GM 340 VHF Base Stn	30	376.00	11,280.00
ADD BASE STATION ACCESSORIES	30	300.00	9,000.00
CABLE 50CM RG58	30	42.00	1,260.00
RG8 ANTENNA CABLE, LENGTH 30M	30	275.00	8,250.00
BDB BASE STATION ANTENNA (WORKING FREQ. IS REQUIRED)	30	484.00	14,520.00
MOTOROLA GM 340 VHF MOBILE UNIT COMPLETE WITH ACCESSORIES	60	376.00	22,560.00
5/8 MOBILE ANTENNA WITH STAINLESS STEEL WHIP AND CABLE	60	109.00	6,540.00
MOTOROLA GP340 HHR COMPLETE VHF0136-174 MHz	500	423.00	211,500.00
MOTOROLA 230V SINGLE UNIT CHARGER (EU/UK PLUG).	500	61.00	30,500.00
MOTOROLA GM650 REPEATER WITH ANTENNA & CABLE	30	3,407.00	102,210.00
BDB REPEATER ANTENNA WITH CABLES AND CONNECTORS	30	876.00	26,280.00
PROGRAMMING KIT, INCLUDING MANUALS, CPS CD AND CABLES	2	298.00	596.00
<u>GPS</u>			
GPS	220	565.00	124,300.00

	Qty	Unit Price €	Total €
<u>SATELLITE PHONES</u>			
IRIDIUM 9575	50	2,560.00	128,000.00
<u>POWER SYSTEMS</u>			
SPARE BTYS FOR MOTOROLA GP340 HHR	500	59.00	29,500.00
SOLAR PANEL (170W)	50	760.00	38,000.00
Accumulator Battery 100 AH	80	163.00	13,040.00
Trickle Charge 12V	80	62.00	4,960.00
Inventor (3,000W)	30	789.00	23,670.00
<u>ACCESSORIES</u>			
Telescopic Masts (12M) with guy ropes, pegs and carrying case	60	3,806.00	228,360.00
8031 VHF/UHF TO HFCROSSPATCH FOR NGT (CODAN)	100	1,693.00	169,300.00
<u>TRANSPORTATION AND INSURANCE</u>			
ESTIMATED AIRFREIGHT AND INSURANCE TO ACCRA FROM AUSTRALIA	1	6,7116.00	67,116.00
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SUB TOTAL			3,402,256.00
<u>OPTIONAL EXTRAS</u>			
<u>HF-CODAN RADIOS</u>			
OPTIONAL DATA MODEM FOR THREE (3) BASE STATIONS			
3012 HIGH SPEED HF DATA MODEM & CRADLE (CODAN)	1	2,992.00	2,992.00
UUPLUS EMAIL FOR HF SERVER (CODAN)	1	876.00	876.00
UUPLUS EMAIL FOR HF CLIENT	1	484.00	484.00
<u>OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES</u>			
ANTENNA BRACKET FOR MOBILE INSTALLATION (CODAN)	230	120.00	27,600.00
<u>INSTALLATION</u>			
INSTALLATION SUPERVISION INCL. PROGRAMMING SUPPORT (CODAN)	21	750.00	15,750.00
SUB TOTAL			47,702.00
GRAND TOTAL			3,449,958.00

DEPLOYMENT OF COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT FOR OPERATION PEACE TRAIL

Srl	Item	Qty	GA REGION	ASH REGION	WEST REGION	GEN REGION	EAST REGION	BA REGION	VOLTA REGION	NORTH REGION	UE REGION	UW REGION	REMARKS
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)
	RADIOS												
	HF												
1.	Codan SFX HF Mobile complete with Broadband Ant, ATU, cables	230	30	30	25	20	20	23	23	23	15	15	Vehicle mounted
2.	Codan HF Base Station complete with Broadband Ant	30	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	4	2	2	
3.	HF Telephone Patch System	3	1	1	1								
	VHF/UHF												
5.	Motorola GM 340 VHF Base Stn complete with Antenna system	30	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	4	2	2	
6.	Motorola GM 340 VHF Mobile Stn complete with Antenna system	60	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	Vehicle mounted
7.	Motorola GP 340 VHF Handheld Radios	500	90	70	70	30	30	40	40	70	30	30	
8.	Motorola GR 650 Repeater Stn complete with Antenna system	30	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	4	2	2	
9.	VHF Airband Radios Handheld	30	5	4	4	2	2	3	3	3	2	2	
10.	VHF Airband Radios Base Stn	15	2	2	3	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	
11.	Codan HF/VHF Cross Patch	100	20	10	10	8	10	10	8	10	7	7	
	GPS												
12.	GPS Handheld	220	28	26	26	20	20	25	20	25	15	15	
	SATELLITE PHONES												
13.	Satellite Phones	50	6	6	7	5	5	5	5	5	3	3	

ATTACHED