MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AGENCY

AND

THE CHIEFDOM ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE OF YONI MAMAILA CHIEFDOM

This **Memorandum of Understanding** (hereinafter referred to as the "MOU") is made and entered into on this 11 day of April, 2025, by and between the **Environment Protection Agency**, a statutory body corporate established by an Act of Parliament with its principal office situated at 38 Freetown Road, Freetown, Sierra Leone (hereinafter referred to as "the EPA", which expression shall, where the context so admits, include its lawful officials, agents, and representatives), of the one part;

AND

The **Chiefdom Environmental Enforcement Committee of Yoni Mamaila Chiefdom** (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee", which expression shall, where the context so admits, include its lawful officials, agents, and representatives), of the other part.

The EPA and the Committee are hereinafter jointly referred to as "the Parties."

RECITALS

WHEREAS the EPA is established pursuant to an Act of Parliament to provide for the effective protection and management of the environment and to address other matters incidental thereto or connected therewith;

AND WHEREAS, the EPA is committed to implementing the Medium-Term National Development Plan (2024 – 2030) and the EPA Transformative Strategic Plan (2024 – 2030), which aim to promote economic development, advance socially inclusive societies, and foster environmentally resilient communities in Sierra Leone.

AND WHEREAS, the EPA has an overriding statutory mandate to ensure the protection of the environment and the enforcement of environmental legislation throughout Sierra Leone;

AND WHEREAS, the Chiefdom Environmental Enforcement Committee is duly constituted pursuant to Section 68 of the Environment Protection Agency Act, 2022, and is charged with the duty of protecting and managing the environment within its jurisdiction in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and guidelines;

AND WHEREAS, the Parties recognize the necessity for a collaborative framework to strengthen environmental governance and enhance enforcement measures at the chiefdom level.

AND WHEREAS, this MOU is intended to set forth the terms and conditions governing the parties' cooperation in environmental governance and enforcement matters.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual covenants contained herein, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1: PURPOSE

The primary objective of this MOU is to establish a collaborative framework to guide the Parties in undertaking joint environmental enforcement initiatives. These initiatives shall include, but not

be limited to, environmental monitoring, investigation of environmental infractions, formulation and enforcement of by-laws, and prosecution of environmental offenders within Kakua Chiefdom.

ARTICLE 2: OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this MOU are to:

1. Foster cooperation and coordination between the EPA and the Committee in enforcing environmental laws and regulations.
2. Facilitate sharing information and resources necessary for effective environmental enforcement.
3. Strengthen the institutional capacity of the Committee through technical support and training.
4. Promote public awareness and education on environmental compliance and conservation.
5. Ensure effective implementation of the Chiefdom Environmental Enforcement Action Plan.

ARTICLE 3: SCOPE OF COOPERATION

The scope of the cooperation under this MOU shall extend to the following activities:

- Conducting joint inspections and investigations pertaining to environmental violations.
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- Supporting the implementation of the Chiefdom Environmental Enforcement Action Plan.

ARTICLE 4: RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EPA

The EPA hereby agrees to:

- Provide technical support, logistical assistance, and other requisite resources to facilitate the execution of joint enforcement activities and the implementation of the Chiefdom Environmental Enforcement Action Plan.
- Share relevant information and data necessary to enhance the Committee's enforcement capabilities.
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- Assist in prosecuting environmental offenses within the jurisdiction of the Committee.
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- Support the Committee in developing quarterly work plans and guide them in preparing financial and technical reports.

ARTICLE 5: RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee hereby undertakes to:

- Diligently implement all priority activities agreed upon in the Action Plan.
- Deploy adequate personnel and resources in support of joint enforcement efforts and the execution of the Action Plan.
- Share pertinent data and information that may aid the EPA in its enforcement activities.
- Participate in joint field inspections and investigations alongside the EPA.
- Promote public awareness campaigns focused on environmental compliance and enforcement within the chiefdom.
- Submit quarterly reports in writing to the EPA detailing the status and progress of all activities undertaken pursuant to the Action Plan.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this MOU to be executed by their respective authorized representatives on this .....11... day of April 2025.

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MR. JIWOH EMMANUEL ABDULAI

Minister of Environment and Climate Change

for .....

ALFRED MOI JAMIRU

Deputy Minister of Local Government and Community Affairs

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DR. ABU BAKAR MASSAQUOI

Executive Chairman
Environment Protection Agency

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(PC ALHAMY BANGURA II)
PARAMOUNT CHIEF
Chairman
Yoni Mamaila Chiefdom Environmental Enforcement Committee

WITNESSES:

1. **NAME:**.....
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ARTICLE 6: FUNDING AND RESOURCE ALLOCATION

- The EPA shall, on an interim basis, mobilize and secure funding on behalf of the Committee for the sole purpose of implementing the activities outlined in the Action Plan (Annex A);
- The Parties shall jointly pursue additional funding sources to support the activities contemplated under this MOU.
- The EPA Regional Offices shall assist the Committee in the preparation of their respective quarterly budgets;
- The EPA Finance Department shall provide the Committee with technical support in establishing appropriate accounting systems and financial management procedures.

ARTICLE 7: PRINCIPLES GOVERNING IMPLEMENTATION

The following principles shall guide the implementation of this MOU:

- **Service to the safety and health of the people and their environment**: All actions and initiatives undertaken pursuant to this MOU shall prioritize the urgent need to protect the environment and its ecosystems from the adverse impacts of anthropogenic activities.
- **Transparency and accountability**: The Parties and their respective representatives shall always act with integrity, transparency, and accountability and refrain from any conduct that may tarnish their reputations or undermine public trust.

ARTICLE 8: DURATION

This MOU shall remain in force for an indefinite period, subject to the continued mutual commitment of the Parties to the objectives herein stated unless earlier terminated by mutual consent or in accordance with applicable laws.

ARTICLE 9: REVIEW AND AMENDMENT

This MOU may be reviewed or amended at any time upon the Parties' mutual agreement. Any such review or amendment shall be documented in writing and shall not contravene the EPA Act, 2022 provisions or any subsidiary legislation made thereunder.

ARTICLE 10: ASSESSMENT

The implementation and effectiveness of this MOU shall be assessed quarterly and annually. The assessments shall identify any operational gaps and make recommendations for improved implementation.

ARTICLE 11: DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Any dispute or difference arising between the Parties in relation to the interpretation or application of this MOU shall, in the first instance, be resolved amicably through consultation and negotiation. Should such efforts fail, the dispute shall be resolved in accordance with the laws of the Republic of Sierra Leone.

ARTICLE 12: EFFECTIVE DATE

This MOU shall become effective on the date of its execution by the duly authorized representatives of both Parties.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AGENCY

AND

THE CHIEFDOM ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE OF NONGOWA CHIEFDOM

This **Memorandum of Understanding** (hereinafter referred to as the "MOU") is made and entered into on this 7th day of April, 2025, by and between the **Environment Protection Agency**, a statutory body corporate established by an Act of Parliament with its principal office situated at 38 Freetown Road, Freetown, Sierra Leone (hereinafter referred to as "the EPA", which expression shall, where the context so admits, include its lawful officials, agents, and representatives), of the one part;

AND

The **Chiefdom Environmental Enforcement Committee of Nongowa Chiefdom** (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee", which expression shall, where the context so admits, include its lawful officials, agents, and representatives), of the other part.

The EPA and the Committee are hereinafter jointly referred to as "the Parties."

RECITALS

WHEREAS the EPA is established pursuant to an Act of Parliament to provide for the effective protection and management of the environment and to address other matters incidental thereto or connected therewith;

AND WHEREAS, the EPA is committed to implementing the Medium-Term National Development Plan (2024 – 2030) and the EPA Transformative Strategic Plan (2024 – 2030), which aim to promote economic development, advance socially inclusive societies, and foster environmentally resilient communities in Sierra Leone.

AND WHEREAS, the EPA has an overriding statutory mandate to ensure the protection of the environment and the enforcement of environmental legislation throughout Sierra Leone;

AND WHEREAS, the Chiefdom Environmental Enforcement Committee is duly constituted pursuant to Section 68 of the Environment Protection Agency Act, 2022, and is charged with the duty of protecting and managing the environment within its jurisdiction in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and guidelines;

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AND WHEREAS, this MOU is intended to set forth the terms and conditions governing the parties' cooperation in environmental governance and enforcement matters.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual covenants contained herein, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

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in undertaking joint environmental enforcement initiatives. These initiatives shall include, but not be limited to, environmental monitoring, investigation of environmental infractions, formulation and enforcement of by-laws, and prosecution of environmental offenders within Kakua Chiefdom.

ARTICLE 2: OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this MOU are to:

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2. Facilitate sharing information and resources necessary for effective environmental enforcement.
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The EPA hereby agrees to:

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- Deploy adequate personnel and resources in support of joint enforcement efforts and the execution of the Action Plan.
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- Participate in joint field inspections and investigations alongside the EPA.
- Promote public awareness campaigns focused on environmental compliance and enforcement within the chiefdom.
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MR. JIWOH EMMANUEL ABDULAI

Minister of Environment and Climate Change

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ALFRED MOI JAMIRU

Deputy Minister of Local Government and Community Affairs

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DR. ABU BAKAR MASSAQUOI

Executive Chairman
Environment Protection Agency

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(PC SADIQ MAHMOUD KAPUWA MATOE IV)
PARAMOUNT CHIEF
Chairman
Nongowa Chiefdom Environmental Enforcement Committee

WITNESSES:

1. **NAME:** MADAM BABY LAHAI

   TITLE: WOMENS LEADER

   SIGN: .....
2. **NAME:** CHIEF AMARA SOKO MUSA

   TITLE: SENIOR SECTION CHIEF

   SIGN: .....
3. **NAME:** Umaru Dabor

   TITLE: Deputy chair

   SIGN: .....
4. **NAME:** Augustine A. Sannoh

   TITLE: Regional Head CSOs East

   SIGN: .....

ARTICLE 6: FUNDING AND RESOURCE ALLOCATION

- The EPA shall, on an interim basis, mobilize and secure funding on behalf of the Committee for the sole purpose of implementing the activities outlined in the Action Plan (Annex A);
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BETWEEN

THE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AGENCY

AND

THE CHIEFDOM ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE OF KAKUA CHIEFDOM

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AND

The **Chiefdom Environmental Enforcement Committee of Kakua Chiefdom** (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee", which expression shall, where the context so admits, include its lawful officials, agents, and representatives), of the other part.

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MR. JIWOH EMMANUEL ABDULAI

Minister of Environment and Climate Change

For Hmoussa

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ALFRED MOI JAMIRU

Deputy Minister of Local Government and Community Affairs

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DR. ABU BAKAR MASSAQUOI

Executive Chairman
Environment Protection Agency

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(CHIEF JOE GBORIE SOGBADI)
CHIEFDOM SPEAKER
Chairman
Kakua Chiefdom Environmental Enforcement Committee

WITNESSES:

1. **NAME:** Frances Joy Maisa

   TITLE: Mama Queen

   SIGN: .....

2. **NAME:** Augustine Tomo Fatoma

   TITLE: Section Chief

   SIGN: .....

3. **NAME:** Vandi Gberie

   TITLE: Section Chief / Mining Chairman

   SIGN: .....

4. **NAME:** Joseph D. Blackie

   TITLE: Chairman Civil Society

   SIGN: .....

ARTICLE 6: FUNDING AND RESOURCE ALLOCATION

- The EPA shall, on an interim basis, mobilize and secure funding on behalf of the Committee for the sole purpose of implementing the activities outlined in the Action Plan (Annex A);
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BETWEEN

THE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AGENCY

AND

THE CHIEFDOM ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE OF LOWER BANTA CHIEFDOM

This **Memorandum of Understanding** (hereinafter referred to as the "MOU") is made and entered into on this day of April, 2025, by and between the **Environment Protection Agency**, a statutory body corporate established by an Act of Parliament with its principal office situated at 38 Freetown Road, Freetown, Sierra Leone (hereinafter referred to as "the EPA", which expression shall, where the context so admits, include its lawful officials, agents, and representatives), of the one part;

AND

The **Chiefdom Environmental Enforcement Committee of Lower Banta Chiefdom** (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee", which expression shall, where the context so admits, include its lawful officials, agents, and representatives), of the other part.

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RECITALS

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MR. JIWOH EMMANUEL ABDULAI

Minister of Environment and Climate Change

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ALFRED MOI JAMIRU

Deputy Minister of Local Government and Community Affairs

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DR. ABU BAKAR MASSAQUOI

Executive Chairman
Environment Protection Agency

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(PC JOHN JIBAO RUSSELL NYAMA VIII)
PARAMOUNT CHIEF
Chairman
Lower Banta Chiefdom Environmental Enforcement Committee

WITNESSES:

1. **NAME:** LUCY KENNEH
   TITLE: Women Leder
   SIGN: .....
2. **NAME:** ROMEO EVAN HOWARD
   TITLE: YOUTH CHAIRMAN
   SIGN: .....
3. **NAME:** FODAY SHERIFF
   TITLE: CHIEFDOM IMAM
   SIGN: .....
4. **NAME:** ABU SAFFA
   TITLE: PASTOR
   SIGN: .....

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AND

THE CHIEFDOM ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE OF UPPER BANTA CHIEFDOM

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AND

The **Chiefdom Environmental Enforcement Committee of Upper Banta Chiefdom** (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee", which expression shall, where the context so admits, include its lawful officials, agents, and representatives), of the other part.

The EPA and the Committee are hereinafter jointly referred to as "the Parties."

RECITALS

WHEREAS the EPA is established pursuant to an Act of Parliament to provide for the effective protection and management of the environment and to address other matters incidental thereto or connected therewith;

AND WHEREAS, the EPA is committed to implementing the Medium-Term National Development Plan (2024 – 2030) and the EPA Transformative Strategic Plan (2024 – 2030), which aim to promote economic development, advance socially inclusive societies, and foster environmentally resilient communities in Sierra Leone.

AND WHEREAS, the EPA has an overriding statutory mandate to ensure the protection of the environment and the enforcement of environmental legislation throughout Sierra Leone;

AND WHEREAS, the Chiefdom Environmental Enforcement Committee is duly constituted pursuant to Section 68 of the Environment Protection Agency Act, 2022, and is charged with the duty of protecting and managing the environment within its jurisdiction in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and guidelines;

AND WHEREAS, the Parties recognize the necessity for a collaborative framework to strengthen environmental governance and enhance enforcement measures at the chiefdom level.

AND WHEREAS, this MOU is intended to set forth the terms and conditions governing the parties' cooperation in environmental governance and enforcement matters.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual covenants contained herein, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1: PURPOSE

The primary objective of this MOU is to establish a collaborative framework to guide the Parties in undertaking joint environmental enforcement initiatives. These initiatives shall include, but not

be limited to, environmental monitoring, investigation of environmental infractions, formulation and enforcement of by-laws, and prosecution of environmental offenders within Kakua Chiefdom.

ARTICLE 2: OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this MOU are to:

1. Foster cooperation and coordination between the EPA and the Committee in enforcing environmental laws and regulations.
2. Facilitate sharing information and resources necessary for effective environmental enforcement.
3. Strengthen the institutional capacity of the Committee through technical support and training.
4. Promote public awareness and education on environmental compliance and conservation.
5. Ensure effective implementation of the Chiefdom Environmental Enforcement Action Plan.

ARTICLE 3: SCOPE OF COOPERATION

The scope of the cooperation under this MOU shall extend to the following activities:

- Conducting joint inspections and investigations pertaining to environmental violations.
- Facilitating the mutual exchange of information and data relevant to environmental enforcement.
- Providing technical assistance and capacity-building initiatives to strengthen environmental monitoring and enforcement.
- Collaborating in public education and awareness campaigns relating to environmental compliance and enforcement.
- Pursuing joint prosecution of environmental offenders.
- Supporting the implementation of the Chiefdom Environmental Enforcement Action Plan.

ARTICLE 4: RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EPA

The EPA hereby agrees to:

- Provide technical support, logistical assistance, and other requisite resources to facilitate the execution of joint enforcement activities and the implementation of the Chiefdom Environmental Enforcement Action Plan.
- Share relevant information and data necessary to enhance the Committee's enforcement capabilities.
- Participate in joint field investigations and inspection exercises.
- Assist in prosecuting environmental offenses within the jurisdiction of the Committee.
- Provide continuous training and capacity-building opportunities for members of the Committee.
- Develop project proposals aimed at sourcing funding to execute the Action Plan.
- Support the Committee in developing quarterly work plans and guide them in preparing financial and technical reports.

ARTICLE 5: RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee hereby undertakes to:

- Diligently implement all priority activities agreed upon in the Action Plan.
- Deploy adequate personnel and resources in support of joint enforcement efforts and the execution of the Action Plan.
- Share pertinent data and information that may aid the EPA in its enforcement activities.
- Participate in joint field inspections and investigations alongside the EPA.
- Promote public awareness campaigns focused on environmental compliance and enforcement within the chiefdom.
- Submit quarterly reports in writing to the EPA detailing the status and progress of all activities undertaken pursuant to the Action Plan.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this MOU to be executed by their respective authorized representatives on this ...21st.. day of April 2025.

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MR. JIWOH EMMANUEL ABDULAI

Minister of Environment and Climate Change

Per .....Jamiru.....

ALFRED MOI JAMIRU

Deputy Minister of Local Government and Community Affairs

.....Abubakar Massaquoi.....

DR. ABU BAKAR MASSAQUOI

Executive Chairman
Environment Protection Agency

.....Jombla.....

(PC TOMMY MUALAYLAY JOMBLA VIII)
PARAMOUNT CHIEF
Chairman
Upper Banta Chiefdom Environmental Enforcement Committee

WITNESSES:

1. **NAME:** Sheku Kamanda.....
   TITLE: Upper Banta Chiefdom youth Chairman
   SIGN:.....
2. **NAME:** Betty Seibureh.....
   TITLE: Chiefdom Mamie Queen
   SIGN: BETTY
3. **NAME:** Samuel F. Brainard.....
   TITLE: Chiefdom Pastor.....
   SIGN: Brainard.....
4. **NAME:** Alhaji Alpha Jimmy.....
   TITLE: Chiefdom Imam.....
   SIGN: A.A.J.....

ARTICLE 6: FUNDING AND RESOURCE ALLOCATION

- The EPA shall, on an interim basis, mobilize and secure funding on behalf of the Committee for the sole purpose of implementing the activities outlined in the Action Plan (Annex A);
- The Parties shall jointly pursue additional funding sources to support the activities contemplated under this MOU.
- The EPA Regional Offices shall assist the Committee in the preparation of their respective quarterly budgets;
- The EPA Finance Department shall provide the Committee with technical support in establishing appropriate accounting systems and financial management procedures.

ARTICLE 7: PRINCIPLES GOVERNING IMPLEMENTATION

The following principles shall guide the implementation of this MOU:

- **Service to the safety and health of the people and their environment**: All actions and initiatives undertaken pursuant to this MOU shall prioritize the urgent need to protect the environment and its ecosystems from the adverse impacts of anthropogenic activities.
- **Transparency and accountability**: The Parties and their respective representatives shall always act with integrity, transparency, and accountability and refrain from any conduct that may tarnish their reputations or undermine public trust.

ARTICLE 8: DURATION

This MOU shall remain in force for an indefinite period, subject to the continued mutual commitment of the Parties to the objectives herein stated unless earlier terminated by mutual consent or in accordance with applicable laws.

ARTICLE 9: REVIEW AND AMENDMENT

This MOU may be reviewed or amended at any time upon the Parties' mutual agreement. Any such review or amendment shall be documented in writing and shall not contravene the EPA Act, 2022 provisions or any subsidiary legislation made thereunder.

ARTICLE 10: ASSESSMENT

The implementation and effectiveness of this MOU shall be assessed quarterly and annually. The assessments shall identify any operational gaps and make recommendations for improved implementation.

ARTICLE 11: DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Any dispute or difference arising between the Parties in relation to the interpretation or application of this MOU shall, in the first instance, be resolved amicably through consultation and negotiation. Should such efforts fail, the dispute shall be resolved in accordance with the laws of the Republic of Sierra Leone.

ARTICLE 12: EFFECTIVE DATE

This MOU shall become effective on the date of its execution by the duly authorized representatives of both Parties.