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It is indeed a great pleasure for me to welcome Abuja Zonal Panel members and gentlemen of the press to this historic event of the inauguration of Abuja Zonal Electrical Installation Certification Panel (ZEICCP) holding today 5th August, 2016 at our Zonal office in Abuja. Also, I want to reiterate and remind you that National **Certification of Electrical Contractors in Nigeria** was flagged off by the Honourable Minister of Power, Works and Housing, Mr. Babatunde Raji Fashola (SAN) on the 26th July, 2016 at Federal Ministry of Power Auditorium, Maitama, Abuja.

2. Let me state here categorically that the importance and essence of this panel to the certification of Electrical Installation Contractors working in the Nigerian Electricity Supply Industry (NESI) and other workplaces cannot be overemphasized.

3. The Nigeria Electricity Management Services Agency, (Formerly Electricity Management Services Limited (EMSL)) is established by the Nigerian Electricity Management Services Agency Act of 2015 to carry out the functions of enforcement of technical standards and regulations, technical inspection, testing and certification of all categories of electrical installations, Electricity Meters and Instruments to ensure the Efficient Production and delivery of Safe, Reliable and Sustainable Electricity Power Supply and guarantee Safety of Lives and Property in the Nigerian Electricity Supply Industry (NESI) and other allied industries/workplaces.

4. As you all know, many lapses have been identified in the power sector and other workplaces where electricity is used in the area of electrical installation, which have resulted to the unstable networks and fire incidences over the years. These lapses include:

- i. Design and construction failures.
- ii. Improper planning and execution of electrical projects.
- iii. Use of substandard materials and equipment.
- iv. Deliberate oversight of the procedures, codes and requirements for executing electricity projects as specified by regulations and standard codes of practice.
- v. Lack of adherence to standard construction and installation.
- vi. Inadequate safety provisions during construction and subsequent utilization of the network.

5. These lapses are largely responsible for the networks getting into states of disrepair soon after commissioning them for use, and not aging equipment and networks, as regularly adduced as the causes of frequent networks/system collapse and failures. Therefore, the safety, reliability, quality and efficiency of power supply to the populace largely depend on the quality of networks and systems that are built according to specification and standard.

6. The composition of the panel includes

- i. Zonal/Area Inspecting Engineer (NEMSA).....Chairman
- ii. Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE).....Member
- iii. Standard Organisation of Nigeria (SON)..... Member
- iv. Electrical Engineer from Federal Ministry of Works.....Member
- v. A representative of the Federal Ministry of Labour and Productivity..... Member
- vi. Licenced Electrical Contractors Association of Nigeria (LECLAN).....Member
- vii. A representative of DisCos.....Member
- viii. Electrical Engineer in the Zonal Office.....Secretary
- ix. A representative of Certification Unit (HQ).....Member

7. Also, let me review the functions of the Zonal Panel which among others include:

- i. Receiving completed application forms from prospective candidates
- ii. Scrutinizing the received application forms with credentials and assessing/determining suitability of such candidates
- iii. Compiling list of candidates suitable for oral and/or written interview
- iv. Scheduling date and inviting candidates for the interview/examination
- v. Convening the Zonal Panel interview meeting once in every quarter

- vi. Maintaining a register of Certified Electrical Installation Contractors within their zone.
- 8. Our utmost goal is to play our part in stamping out quack/unqualified electrical installation contractors and bad electrical installations in Nigeria to ensure the delivery of uninterrupted power supply to Nigerians, ensuring safety of lives and property and taking Nigerians out of darkness into light.
- 9. Thank you and God bless you.

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