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Federal Republic of Nigeria
on the
Visitation Panel Report into the Affairs of the
Federal University, Lokoja
(2011 - 2015)**

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1. The Federal Government White Paper on the Report of the Visitation Panel to the Federal University, Lokoja (2011–2015) as provided in the schedule to this Notice is hereby published in the Federal Government Gazette.

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(viii) trace the historical evolution of the university and take stock of its net achievements and problems as well as its style and direction;

(ix) examine the general security in the university and how the university has dealt with it, and recommend appropriate measures ; and

(x) examine the processes and structures of discipline of students in each university in line with the due process of the rule of law.

1.3. Details of the Findings/Observations and Recommendations of the Visitation Panel, as well as the comments indicating recommendations accepted, noted or rejected by the Visitor are contained in a tabular format in sections 2 – 11 of this gazette. The highlights of the Visitor's directives include:

(i) University management should adhere to extant financial regulations and circulars;

(ii) The University should be more committed to a gradual movement to the institution's permanent site; and

(iii) The report did not capture critical elements of the Terms of Reference under the relevant sections.

TERM OF REFERENCE TWO

"To look into the leadership quality of the University in terms of the roles of the Governing Council, the Vice-Chancellors and other Principal Officers."

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3.1.	THE MANAGEMENT	The Management was constituted on Monday, 3rd September, 2012 with the mandate of ensuring that collective decisions were taken on issues concerning the day-to-day running of the School by both academic and non-academic stakeholders.		
3.2	FUNCTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY MANAGEMENT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To advise the Vice Chancellor on issues affecting the Management of the University. 2. To consider submissions from Units/Departments and advise the Vice Chancellor appropriately. 3. To constitute such sub-committee(s) as may be necessary from time to time. 4. To undertake any other matter relevant to the administration of the University. 		
3.3.	GOVERNING COUNCIL	The Chancellor of the University held ceremonial position and presided over the Convocation. The Governing Council was the highest organ in the hierarchy of the University in terms of policy and decision making. The first Council was constituted by the then President and Commander-in-Chief of		

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		<p>Chancellor. However, it was not appropriate for the Vice-Chancellor to head the Tender's Board and Monitoring Committee at the same time. Also, the absence of the Governing Council for a longtime affected policy making and the progress of the University.</p> <p>3.4.4. Leadership quality of the Governing Council, Vice-Chancellor and Principal Officers was satisfactory and effective as there was harmony, development and progress in the University.</p> <p>3.4.5. Management held weekly Management meetings about 143 times over the period under review.</p> <p>3.4.6. The following Units were under the Office of the Vice Chancellor: Academic Planning, Internal Audit, Students Affairs, Physical Planning and Development, General Studies, Sports, Health Centre, Management Information System, Environmental Health, Security, Legal Service, Procurement, Transport, SERVICOM, Public Information and Protocol Unit.</p>		

TERM OF REFERENCE FOUR

“To investigate the application of funds, particularly the Special Grants and Loans meant for Specific Projects, in order to determine the Status of such Projects and their relevance for further Funding.”

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5.0.	SPECIAL PROJECTS	<p>Projects handled by Physical Planning and Development were in the following categories :</p> <p>1ST CATEGORY :</p> <p>The projects carried out at the Adankolo Campus where the School is still operating from. These projects were under five (5) types of funding from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Internally Generated Revenue (IGR); (ii) Overhead Funds; (iii) TETFund Allocations ; (iv) NEEDS Assessment of Nigerian Public Universities Special Presidential Intervention Project (NANPU); and (v) Donations. <p>TETFund allocations were of two (2) types:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Normal Intervention Fund ; and (b) Special Intervention Fund. <p>2ND CATEGORY :</p> <p>During the period, the 2nd category were projects carried out at the Permanent Site at Felele, Lokoja. These projects were controlled, supervised and handled by Federal Ministry of Education and its parastatal such as TETFund.</p>		

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		<p>PROJECTS CARRIED OUT USING IGR/OVERHEAD</p> <p>These were 31 in number and all completed.</p> <p>TWENTY (20) PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN 2012 USING OVERHEAD GRANT/ INTERNALLY GENERATED REVENUE (IGR)</p> <p>FIVE (5) PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN 2014 USING OVERHEAD GRANT/ INTERNALLY GENERATED REVENUE (IGR)</p> <p>PROJECTS CARRIED OUT USING TETFUND ALLOCATIONS :</p> <p>1. Special Intervention (2011) Projects at Adankolo Campus ;</p> <p>(a) Batch 1, a total of fifteen (15) projects.</p> <p>(b) Batch 2, a total of fifteen (15) projects.</p> <p>(c) Batch 3, a total of nine (9) projects.</p> <p>2. Normal Intervention (2013) carried out in 2014; ten (10) in number</p> <p>(a) Ten (10) in number carried out in 2014 using a part of 2013 Normal Intervention Fund.</p> <p>3. Special Intervention</p> <p>(a) Special Intervention Allocation (2013) ; twenty-five million (25,000,000).</p>		

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		<p>There were delays in the release of some of the funds. This at times also resulted in delays in payments to contractors and in some few cases, contract values had to be reviewed upwards.</p> <p>5.1.1. Financial record keeping was mainly done manually. This made preparation of periodic reports very cumbersome and untimely.</p>	<p>a Consultancy Services company to render services that will attract revenues to the University.</p>	

