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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
(CRIMINAL DIVISION)
GREATER ACCRA REGION
ACCRA – A.D. 2024

Case No. (2) 0257 2024

THE REPUBLIC

V.

ADJENIM BOATENG ADJEI

CHARGE SHEET

COUNT ONE

STATEMENT OF OFFENCE

USING PUBLIC OFFICE FOR PROFIT, contrary to section 179C(a) of the Criminal Offences Act, 1960 (Act 29).

PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE

ADJENIM BOATENG ADJEI, 65 years, between June 2017 and August 2019 in Accra in the Greater Accra Region of the Republic of Ghana and within the jurisdiction of this Court, while holding public office as the Chief Executive of the Public Procurement Authority; a member of the Governing Board of the Public Procurement Authority; and a member of the Due Diligence Unit of the Public Procurement Authority (by virtue of your position as the Chief Executive of the Public Procurement Authority), did corruptly abuse the public office for private benefit by improperly influencing the deliberation processes and outcome of a public restricted tendering procurement process in favour of Talent Discovery Limited (a company in which you were the majority shareholder and a director), in respect of a Ministry of Education project for the construction of a dormitory block at Collins Senior High School in the



Asante Akyem North District in the Ashanti Region of the Republic of Ghana, by actively participating in the deliberation processes and outcome of the procurement without disclosing your personal interest as the majority shareholder and a director of Talent Discovery Limited.

COUNT TWO

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STATEMENT OF OFFENCE

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PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE

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COUNT FOUR

STATEMENT OF OFFENCE

USING PUBLIC OFFICE FOR PROFIT, contrary to section 179C(a) of the Criminal Offences Act, 1960 (Act 29).

PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE

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processes and outcome of the procurement without disclosing your personal interest as the majority shareholder and a director of Talent Discovery Limited.

COUNT FIVE

STATEMENT OF OFFENCE

INDIRECTLY INFLUENCING THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS TO OBTAIN AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE IN THE AWARD OF A PROCUREMENT CONTRACT, contrary to section 92(2)(b) of the Public Procurement Act, 2003 (Act 663).

PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE

ADJENIM BOATENG ADJEI, 65 years, between June 2017 and August 2019 in Accra in the Greater Accra Region of the Republic of Ghana and within the jurisdiction of this Court, while holding public office as the Chief Executive of the Public Procurement Authority; a member of the Governing Board of the Public Procurement Authority; and a member of the Due Diligence Unit of the Public Procurement Authority (by virtue of your position as the Chief Executive of the Public Procurement Authority), did indirectly influence the award of a procurement contract, in respect of a Ministry of Education project for the construction of a dormitory block at Collins Senior High School in the Asante Akyem North District in the Ashanti Region of the Republic of Ghana, to obtain an unfair advantage in favour of Talent Discovery Limited (a company in which you were the majority shareholder and a director), by actively participating in the deliberation processes and outcome of the procurement without disclosing your personal interest as the majority shareholder and a director of Talent Discovery Limited.

COUNT SIX

STATEMENT OF OFFENCE

INDIRECTLY INFLUENCING THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS TO OBTAIN AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE IN THE AWARD OF A PROCUREMENT CONTRACT, contrary to section 92(2)(b) of the Public Procurement Act, 2003 (Act 663).



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COUNT EIGHT

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Dated at the Office of the Special Prosecutor, 6 Haile Selassie Avenue, South Ridge, Accra this Seventeenth Day of April 2024.

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The Special Prosecutor

The Registrar High Court (Criminal Division) Accra

And for service on the Accused Person.



FACTS TO BE ADDUCED

By a letter signed by his Secretary, the President of the Republic, H.E. Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo referred allegations of corruption against the Accused to the Office of the Special Prosecutor. The referral was on the back of and based on an audio-visual documentary titled *Contracts for Sale* – an investigative journalistic piece conducted by Manasseh Azure Awuni and aired by the Multimedia Group.

The evidence will establish that the Accused was at all material times the Chief Executive of the Public Procurement Authority; a member of the Governing Board of the Public Procurement Authority; and a member of the Due Diligence Unit of the Public Procurement Authority (by virtue of his position as the Chief Executive of the Public Procurement Authority). The Accused and another person incorporated Talent Discovery Limited in Ghana as a company limited by shares on 19 June 2017, three (3) months after the Accused was appointed as Chief Executive of the Public Procurement Authority. At all material times, the Accused was the majority shareholder and a director of Talent Discovery Limited.

Talent Discovery Limited, during the tenure of the Accused as the Chief Executive; a member of the Governing Board; and a member of the Due Diligence Unit of the Public Procurement Authority, participated in several restricted tenders in respect of public works contracts awarded by the Ministry of Works and Housing, Ministry of Education, and the Ghana Ports and Harbours Authority.

The Accused, in his capacity as the Chief Executive; a member of the Governing Board; and a member of the Due Diligence Unit of the Public Procurement Authority, conducted the procurement processes in respect of tenders in which Talent Discovery Limited was shortlisted; and he actively participated in the due diligence and decision-making processes leading to the selection of Talent Discovery Limited as the contractor in respect of the tenders, without disclosing his personal interest as the majority shareholder and a director of the company.

The Accused also employed his position as the Chief Executive of the Public Procurement Authority to improperly alter the decision of the Governing Board of the Public Procurement Authority in respect of two(2) Ministry of Education contracts in favour of Talent Discovery Limited leading to the improper award of the contracts to Talent Discovery Limited.

The Accused benefited personally and pecuniarily through the use of public office for profit and influencing the public procurement process to obtain unfair advantage



in favour of Talent Discovery Limited, in respect of which he had a financial interest as the majority shareholder.

After investigations, the Accused was duly charged with the offences on the charge sheet.

