

**DECREE No. 2013/296 of 9TH SEPTEMBER, 2013
AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CERTAIN
PROVISIONS OF THE DECREE No. 2005/310 OF
SEPTEMBER 1, 2005 ON THE ORGANIZATION AND
FUNCTIONING OF THE INVESTMENT PROMOTION
AGENCY;**

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC

MINDFUL OF THE CONSTITUTION;
MINDFUL OF THE LAW No. 99/016 OF DECEMBER 22, 1999 INSTITUTING THE
GENERAL STATUTES OF PUBLIC CORPORATIONS AND COMPANIES OF THE
PUBLIC AND PARA-PUBLIC SECTOR;
MINDFUL OF THE LAW No. 2002/004 OF APRIL 19, 2002 INSTITUTING THE
INVESTMENT CHARTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON, AS AMENDED AND
SUPPLEMENTED BY SUBSEQUENT LEGISLATION;
MINDFUL OF THE LAW No. 2013/004 OF APRIL 18, 2013 TO LAY DOWN INCENTIVES
FOR PRIVATE INVESTMENTS IN THE REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON;
MINDFUL OF THE DECREE No. 2005/310 OF SEPTEMBER 01, 2005 LAYING DOWN THE
ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONING OF THE INVESTMENT PROMOTION AGENCY
AS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED BY THE DECREE No. 2012/172 OF MARCH
29, 2012;
MINDFUL OF THE DECREE No. 2011/408 OF DECEMBER 9, 2011 TO ORGANIZE THE
GOVERNMENT;

DECREES:

ARTICLE 1.- THE PROVISIONS OF THE ARTICLE 4 OF THE DECREE NO.
2005/310 OF SEPTEMBER 01, 2005 HEREIN ABOVE ARE AMENDED AND
SUPPLEMENTED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 4 (NEW). - (1) THE AGENCY'S MISSION, IN LIAISON WITH OTHER STATE
ADMINISTRATIONS AND PUBLIC AND PRIVATE STAKEHOLDERS, IS TO CONTRIBUTE TO
THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF GOVERNMENT POLICY IN THE FIELD OF
INVESTMENT PROMOTION IN CAMEROON».

AS SUCH ITS RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:

- PROMOTING THE BRAND IMAGE OF THE CAMEROON ABROAD;

- PARTICIPATING IN THE ESTABLISHMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF AN ENABLING AND CONDUCIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR INVESTMENTS IN CAMEROON;
- PROPOSING MEASURES AIMED AT ATTRACTING INVESTORS IN TO CAMEROON;
- COLLECTING INFORMATION ON VARIOUS INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN CAMEROON AND DISSEMINATING THEM TO THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY;
- SETTING UP A DATABASE OF PROJECTS AT THE DISPOSAL OF INVESTORS;
- WELCOMING, ASSISTING AND GUIDING INVESTORS AT ALL STAGES OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR INVESTMENT PROJECTS;
- PROPOSING MEASURES LIKELY TO IMPROVE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTORAL CODES.

(2) THE AGENCY ALSO PROVIDES TO FOREIGN AND LOCAL INVESTORS [WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SMALL AND MEDIUM SIZED ENTERPRISES] ON THE ONE HAND, PUBLIC SERVICES TO THOSE WHO HAVE SUBMITTED AN APPROVAL OR HAVE BEEN APPROVED UNDER ONE OF THE SCHEDULES OF THE INVESTMENT CHARTER , AND ON THE OTHER HAND, MONITORS COMPANIES WHO ARE EITHER BENEFICIARIES TO THE INCENTIVES IN THE SAID CHARTER OR BENEFICIARIES OF INCENTIVES CONTAINED IN THE LAW LAYING DOWN INCENTIVES FOR PRIVATE INVESTMENTS IN CAMEROON.

TO THIS EFFECT, THE AGENCY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR:

- RECEIVING THE APPLICATION FILES FOR APPROVAL TO ONE OF THE SCHEDULES PROVIDED FOR BY THE INVESTMENTS CHARTER;
- EXAMINING THE FILES RECEIVED AND TRANSMITTING THEM TO THE MINISTER IN CHARGE OF FINANCE FOR AN OPINION, WITHIN THE TIME LIMITS PROVIDED FOR BY THE LAW;
- OBTAINING THE NECESSARY VISAS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INVESTMENT PROGRAMS PROPOSED BY THE COMPANY FOR THE PERIOD OF VALIDITY OF THE APPROVAL DOCUMENT;
- OBTAINING THE NECESSARY VISAS FOR THE FOREIGN STAFF DURING THE PERIOD OF VALIDITY OF THE APPROVAL DOCUMENT;
- ASSISTING THE AUTHORIZED COMPANIES IN THE NECESSARY STEPS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INVESTMENT PROGRAMS, INCLUDING ACCESS TO PUBLIC FACILITIES RELATED THERETO;
- ESTABLISHING, IN LIAISON WITH THE RELEVANT TECHNICAL AUTHORITIES, SIMPLIFIED ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES FOR EACH ACTIVITY.

(3) THE AGENCY PROVIDES, IN ADDITION, RECEPTION, INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOR INVESTORS UPON THEIR ARRIVAL ON THE NATIONAL TERRITORY. FOR THIS PURPOSE THE AGENCY SHALL SET UP A WELCOME DESK FOR INVESTORS IN EVERY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN THE COUNTRY.

(4) FOR THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE TASKS REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 2 ABOVE, "THE AGENCY HAS A ONE-STOP-SHOP WHOSE ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONING SHALL BE SET UP BY AN ORDER OF THE MINISTER IN CHARGE OF PRIVATE INVESTMENTS."

ARTICLE 2.- THIS DECREE SHALL BE REGISTERED AND PUBLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURE OF URGENCY AND INSERTED IN THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE IN FRENCH AND ENGLISH.

YAOUNDÉ, SEPTEMBER 09. 2013
**THE PRESIDENT OF THE
REPUBLIC**

PAUL BIYA