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HON. MINISTER
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ATTENTION: MR. PATRICK NOMO
CHIEF DIRECTOR



Dear Hon. Minister,

**RE: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON THE AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT IN
RELATION TO PAYMENT TO KROLL ASSOCIATES UK LIMITED**

I refer to your letter reference SCR/CD/08/2019 dated 22nd August, 2019 requesting me to provide any available evidence to support the status of contract performance by Kroll Associates UK Limited (Kroll).

Since September, 2017 Kroll has been working with the Government of Ghana to undertake extensive and thorough investigations of allegations of wrongdoing, and providing evidence of assets recoveries for possible prosecution.

Kroll's assignments also include building capacity for the transfer of skills and supporting Ghana in its efforts to reduce corruption, and advising on preventive techniques structures to prevent corruption and asset dissipation.

As paragraph 3 of your letter points out, a Letter of Intent was signed on 2nd February, 2017 which allowed Kroll to commence work with effect from 13th February, 2017.

Kroll has since 2017 worked diligently and consistently and their fees have been paid against the investigations they have conducted and value of assets Kroll has identified and secured. All payments were properly invoiced for settlement.

I trust this information provided will be sufficient to enable you to respond to the Auditor-General's report.

Yours faithfully,

HON. YAW OSAFO-MAAFO
SENIOR MINISTER

cc: Hon. Dep. Ministers, MoF
Coordinating Directors, MoF
Director, Legal, MoF
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RESPONSE TO AUDIT FINDINGS

RE: REPORT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS OF GHANA MINISTRIES, DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER AGENCIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2018

We refer to your report referenced above. We also refer to our responses to your audit observations prior to finalising your report under reference.

Following the issuance of your report we wish to provide the following updates on your report.

1. Failure to Retire Accountable Imprest –GH¢201,392

Contrary to the assertion in paragraph 35 of your report, the payments under reference were not made to officers of the Ministry. The payments represent amounts provided to support Members of Parliament on an official visit to the UK. Attached herewith are copies of acknowledgement of receipt of the payments.

2. Payments Vide Chief Director's Account

The Chief Director's Account serves as an imprest account to deal with emergencies that arise from the operations of Ministry of Finance as a Central Management Agency. Refunds to the Chief Director's Account from the Ministry's Sub-Consolidated Fund Account occur when reimbursements are made in respect of urgent payments made from the Chief Director's Account for goods and services.

3. Non-Publication of Procurement Contracts

The omission to upload four contracts to the website of the Public Procurement Authority (PPA) occurred inadvertently. Technical challenges were encountered when efforts were made to upload the contracts. The Procurement Unit of Ministry of Finance therefore sent the contracts to the PPA office for publication on their website and retained a copy on file at Ministry of Finance.

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Please liaise with legal & trans
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4. Payment for Work Not Done - GH¢4,890,000

The payments made to Kroll Associates UK Limited were in accordance with the agreement signed on 29th September, 2017. Article 3 of the agreement states that the agreement takes effect from 13th February, 2017 in line with the Letter of Intent dated 2 February 2017.

Prior to the issuance of your report we informed the audit team that Ministry of Finance was arranging to obtain copies of progress reports in respect of the assignment under the agreement from the Office of the Senior Minister who are the beneficiary entity of the agreement and related payments for your audit inspection.

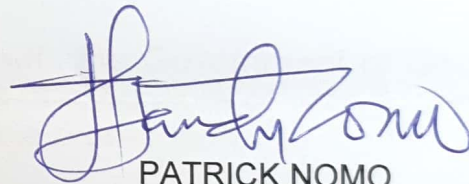
Please find attached a letter from the Senior Minister confirming progress of work in respect of the agreement and validating the payments made to Kroll Associates UK Limited.

5. Inefficient Use of GOG ICT Infrastructure

Your advice to ensure that a survey of government infrastructure is conducted to ascertain systems available to minimise duplication is very well noted.

We stand by to discuss any aspect of our response in respect of which you require further clarification.

Thank you.



PATRICK NOMO
CHIEF DIRECTOR
FOR: MINISTER

THE AUDITOR GENERAL
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Cc: Hon. Senior Minister
Hon. Minister of Finance, MOF
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