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The National Stakeholders Working Group (NSWG) of the Federal Government of Nigeria are pleased to announce the appointment of Goldwyn International Strategies, LLC as advisers to assist the NSWG in implementing Nigeria's Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) program.

“President Obasanjo has directed us to lead a historic effort to promote transparency in Nigeria's oil and gas industry through the creation of a National Stakeholders Working Group, composed of government, private sector and NGO representatives, said Senior Special Assistant to the President, and EITI-Nigeria Director Obi Ezekwisili. “Today, with the appointment of Goldwyn International Strategies, LLC as the NSWG's Adviser, we begin the implementation of a world class system of transparency in our energy industry.”

David L. Goldwyn, an international energy sector transparency expert, will lead the Goldwyn International Strategies consortium, partnering with Dupre International Nigeria.

The GIS Consortium will: 1) Assist the NSWG in selecting an auditor of the highest integrity for Nigeria's oil and gas sector; 2) Provide a communications strategy to educate all sectors of the Nigerian public on the changes to come; 3) Devise an information technology system to permit the Nigerian government and Nigerian people to track all payments made to and by Nigeria in the oil and gas sector; 4) Facilitate creation of a legal framework to guarantee that transparency will be legislatively mandated; and 5) Provide the NSWG with guidance on best practices in procurement, contract administration, and local content to ensure Nigeria's energy industry remains competitive and prosperous.

“The Federal Government of Nigeria has made an historic decision to bring transparency to its oil and gas sector. We are honored to assist the NSWG in this groundbreaking enterprise. President Obasanjo has recognized that transparency is vital to public confidence, and also to Nigeria’s future as a premier petroleum producer and destination for international investment,” says Goldwyn, a former US Assistant Secretary of Energy for International Affairs, Senior Adviser to the US Mission to the United Nations and Chief of Staff to the US Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs. “This courageous effort will empower Nigeria’s civil society, enhance Nigeria’s governance and, we hope, provide real and lasting benefit to the Nigerian people.”

Goldwyn International Strategies, LLC (GIS) is a leading provider of political and business intelligence, energy sector analysis, and corporate social responsibility advice to Fortune 100 companies and investment advisers. The GIS Consortium includes Christopher Mailander, an expert in the procurement of professional services and complex systems, and formerly with global systems integrator BearingPoint, Inc.; Michel Tellings, a former United Nations Oil Overseer and oil accounting expert; Shirley Neff, international energy economist and former Chief Economist for the US Senate Energy Committee; Cynthia Quarterman, Partner at Steptoe and Johnson and former Director of US Minerals Management Service; Witney Schneidman, a former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, and Robert Vogel, a former US Justice Department antifraud prosecutor.

GIS is partnering with Dupre International Nigeria, a Lagos-based leader in international procurement services and material management for the Nigerian oil and gas industry, whose experts include Stanley Ukaga, an expert in oil services and oil sector procurement, Wilfred Nzewi, an expert in public and private sector auditing, and Yinka Craig, a career broadcast journalist and media expert.

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