

PRESS RELEASE

Access Bank Plc Appoints Two Independent Non-Executive Directors

Access Bank Plc has announced the appointment of Two Independent Non-Executive Directors following the approval of the Central Bank of Nigeria.

1. Mr. Iboroma Tamunoemi Akpana–Independent Non-Executive Director

Mr. Akpana is the Managing Partner of Solola & Akpana one of the leading commercial and oil and gas law firms in Nigeria. He is a consummate corporate and commercial lawyer with a career spanning more than two decades. Mr. Akpana has a proven track record of academic and professional excellence.

He graduated as a top student in Law from University of Jos and subsequently obtained a Masters Degree from Harvard Law School. He is licensed to practice law in Nigeria, England and Wales and United States of America.

Mr. Akpana is a Notary Public of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. Based on his work, he was recognized in the Chambers Global 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009 editions as a *‘Leading Individual’ in Nigeria in its Corporate/Commercial section. The International Financial Law Review 1000 has similarly ranked Mr. Akpana as a ‘Leading Lawyer’ in Nigeria in its 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009 editions while the Legal 500 Europe, Middle East and Africa profiled him as a ‘Recommended Individual.’*

He is a member of the International Bar Association, American Bar Association, New York State Bar Association, Nigerian Bar Association and the Law Society of England and Wales.

2. Mr. Adeniyi Adedokun Adekoya–Independent Non-Executive Director

Mr. Adeniyi is a highly experienced maritime and oil and gas industry expert with significant investment banking experience. He is currently an Executive Director with Synerpet Nigeria Limited (formerly Akeprime Limited). Prior to this, he had been a General Manager of Peacegate Holdings Ltd where he was responsible for setting up and developing the company's marine operations.

He was also a consultant to Maine Nigeria Ltd where he developed the framework for the private placement to raise start-up capital of USD 500 million and led the



company's participation in bid rounds for oil blocks in the Republic of Equatorial Guinea. He had a 3 year working experience with Mobil Producing Company Ltd as a Budget Officer, Exploration Department and has significant financial service industry experience obtained from AIM Fund and Trimark Investment Service both in Ontario, Canada.

Mr. Adekoya holds a Bachelors of Business Administration from University of Lagos.

Commenting on the appointments, **Mrs. Mosun Belo-Olusoga**, the Chairman of Access Bank said:

"We are very delighted to welcome the new appointees to the Board of Access Bank. These individuals have been chosen based on their exceptionally rich entrepreneurial, academic, professional and corporate experiences which are all relevant to the needs of our Board.

As we prepare for the next phase of our enterprise transformation, we are convinced that their skills will no doubt add significant value to our quest to become the World's Most Respected African Bank."

ABOUT ACCESS BANK PLC

Access Bank Plc is a full service commercial Bank operating through a network of 310 branches and service outlets located in major centres across Nigeria, Sub-Saharan Africa and the United Kingdom. Listed on the Nigerian Stock Exchange in 1998, the Bank serves its various markets through 5 business segments: Corporate and Investment Banking, Commercial Banking, Business Banking, Personal Banking, Operations and IT Divisions.

The Bank has over 800,000 shareholders including several Nigerian and International Institutional Investors and has enjoyed what is arguably Africa's most successful banking growth trajectory in the last 16 years.

As part of its continued growth strategy, Access Bank is focused on mainstreaming sustainable business practices into its operations. The Bank strives to deliver sustainable economic growth that is profitable, environmentally responsible and socially relevant.

Visit: www.accessbankplc.com.

For further information contact:

Abdul Imoyo

Head, Media Relations

E-mail: imoyoa@accessbankplc.com

Phone: +234 8032011590