Communiqué of 146th Executive Council Meeting of the Nigerian Metallurgical Society (NMS) Held at Ajaokuta Steel Company Limited 7-9th April 2016

The Council resolved as follows that:

1. Council commends the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for his consistency and sustainable fight against corruption, insurgency and total insecurity in the Country, however, Government should have a political will to develop the metals sector as promised to Nigerians in order to ensure Military’s Material’s Independence.

2. As a matter of urgency and responsibility Government should develop external infrastructures for metals industry which are critical for the smooth take off and transportation of finished products to various markets such infrastructures include building of roads, railways, dredging of rivers Niger and Benue and Excavos in Warri, Onne and Imo rivers.

3. The Society observed with dismay of non capital budgetary allocation to the Ajaokuta Steel Company Limited (ASCL) and National Iron ore Mining Company (NIOMCO) even when government avowed to diversify the economy towards Solid Minerals Sector. Therefore, we urge this situation remedied via supplementary budget.

4. In order to provide employment for the teeming graduates, Ajaokuta Steel Company Limited, Delta Steel Company, Aladja, Jos Steel Rolling Mills, Oshogbo Rolling Mills, National Iron Ore Mining Company, Itakpe and Aluminium Smelter Company Ikot Abasi, Government should harness the potentials of these industries without further delay to alleviate the suffering of the populace.

5. As a major stakeholder in the metals industry, the Society urges the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to sign into law the Metallurgical Industry Bill. This is the only instrument that would regulate the practice of the metals industry to prevent disastrous occurrences as it is currently obtained. The Bill could easily be amended after passage into law.

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