BORNO STATE URBAN PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD (BSUPDB)

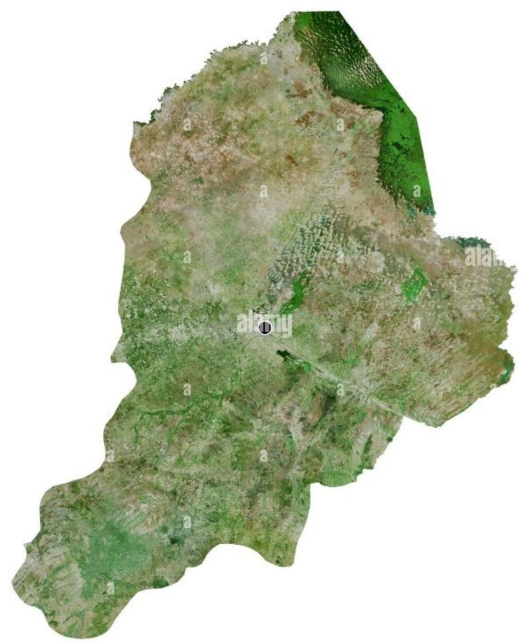
INVESTMENT BRIEF:
FIBER OPTIC DEPLOYMENT

"Connecting Borno to the Future"

Introduction

Borno State is at the forefront of Nigeria's digital transformation journey. As the State rebuilds and modernizes its economy, the deployment of robust ICT infrastructure is central to driving education, healthcare, commerce, governance, and security. Fiber optic connectivity is the backbone of this digital economy, enabling high-speed internet access, cloud services, e-governance platforms, and global business competitiveness.

The Borno State Urban Planning and Development Board (BOSUPDB) is mandated to provide the legal and institutional framework for all development projects within the State. With its clear statutory authority, BOSUPDB is committed to ensuring a transparent, secure, and investor-friendly environment for fiber optic deployment.

1.	State Fiber Deployment Target	Borno State welcomes all interested investors to participate in this transformative project. As at 2022 Borno state has a coverage of 716 km and then increase to 1000 km in 2024 it is projected that the next phase of deployment targets an aggregate of 600 kilometers coverage by the end of 2025. It is hoped that by 2027 the state will achieve a deployment target of 3500km of fiber optic cables across the State. This target is designed to provide an immediate backbone for statewide coverage while offering scalability for future expansion. Investors are encouraged to explore metropolitan fiber rings, last-mile connections, and rural extension projects, to all the 27 local Government Head-quarters	
2.	Reforms for fiber deployment and ICT Infrastructure		• Raw processing timelines are published (pfm.bo.ng) incorporating Borno State raw regulation and raw application guideline of 2nd December 2023. The raw application can also be obtained via email

			to infor.bsupdb@gmail.com. A dedicated timeline for processing all application in respect of all raw application in 7 working days. • Online application are processed within the same time frame by dedicated desk officer. • Reforms for dig-ones policy with ducts along major roads are also available which are, for free use by intending investors which will be guided through inter-agency collaboration state ministry of works and Borno Road Maintenance Agency. • Further guide-lines about development permits can be accessed from the state website pfm.bo.gov.ng
3.	Priority Deployment Areas	The fiber optic rollout is statewide, with strategic emphasis on the following priority areas	• The State Capital – Maiduguri, as the primary administrative and economic hub. • The 27 Local Government Headquarters to support governance and regional administration. • Civil Government Areas and Administrative Hubs to drive efficiency in public services. • Education and Healthcare Institutions – universities, schools, and hospitals. • Commercial and Business Districts – to support SMEs, banking, and trade. • Industrial Clusters – to attract new manufacturing and processing industries.
4.	Safeguarding Critical ICT Infrastructure	Borno State recognizes the importance of securing ICT investments. Investors will collaborate with BSUPDB to safeguard critical assets, with additional protection drawn from recognized security agencies, including:	• Nigerian Police • Nigeria Security and Civil Defense Corps (NSCDC) • Civilian Joint Task Force (CJTF) • Local vigilantes in rural areas Community-based monitoring initiatives will also be established to build local ownership and ensure uninterrupted service delivery

5.	Institutional and Legal Framework	BOSUPDB, established under the 2001 Law, is the sole planning authority mandated to approve, collect, review, and stipulate development fees for infrastructure projects in Borno State. The framework provides	• Clear timelines for processing Right of Way (RoW) permits, published on the official state portal: pfm.bo.gov.ng • A dedicated dispute resolution platform has been put in place https://www.bornoreport.com for prompt dispute resolution • Transparent investor guarantees, ensuring no arbitrary delays. • Inter- agency collaboration between the board and Borno geographic information service (BOGIS) and Borno Internal Revenue service (BOIRS) • A dedicated timeline for processing fiber infrastructure operation within (7)seven working days Raw application guidelines are accessed easily on pfm.bo.gov.ng (permits)
6.	**Taxes, Fees and Charges**	All fees relating to fiber optic deployment are regulated strictly under Borno State Urban Planning Development Boards (BSUPDB) gazed fees law 2023. This eliminates arbitrary levies and ensures uniformity across the State. Investors are advised to engage directly with the Board for clarification on applicable charges. By centralizing fee management, BOSUPDB guarantees fairness and consistency.	BORNO STATE "Home of Peace"
7.	**Incentive Packages**	To encourage early investment, the State has approved a comprehensive incentive program:	• 3-Year Fee Waiver (2025–2028): All statutory fees relating to fiber optic deployment are waived for new investors during this period. • Moratorium on Charges: Designed to reduce entry risk and support rapid deployment.

			• Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Opportunities: Investors may partner with the State for hybrid models that expand last-mile delivery. These incentives reflect Borno's strong commitment to building investor confidence and accelerating digital inclusion.
8.	Dedicated Contact for Investment Facilitation	For seamless engagement and guidance, BOSUPDB has established a dedicated Desk Officer alongside its General Manager:	***General Manager:-*** infor.bsupdb@gmail.com TPL. Liman Gana Mustapha, FNITP Tel: 08026779956 Email: lilnanganamustapha@gmail.com Desk Officer:- **SURV. Samali Joseph Mshelia, FNIS** samalijoseph@gmail.com Tel: 07035369919, 08052226709

CONCLUSION

Borno State has positioned itself as a front-runner in digital infrastructure development in Nigeria's North-East. With a clear legal and regulatory framework, security support for critical infrastructure, transparent and digitalized approval processes, and a groundbreaking 3-year waiver of all statutory fees, the State is ready for business and invites global, regional, and national fiber optic investors to partner in building the future of digital connectivity.