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### **USTDA SUPPORTS GHANA'S EFFORTS TO EXPAND AIRPORT CAPACITY AT KOTAKA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

Accra, Ghana – Today, the U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) continues its support of and relationship with the Ghana Airports Company Limited (GACL) by signing a \$600,000 grant to develop the construction design specifications and tender documents for the refurbishment of the passenger terminal at Kotoka International Airport in Accra. This grant builds upon past USTDA support to advance this priority development project and supports the final steps necessary before construction can begin.

Ghana has experienced notable economic growth in the past several years, which has led to a considerable increase in air traffic. This increase in air traffic has placed pressure on the Kotoka International Airport in Accra, the country's primary international airport. When completed, the refurbished passenger terminal will facilitate higher volumes of passenger traffic at the airport, reduce congestion, and greatly improve the efficiency of airport operations.

“Our relationship with the Ghana Airports Company has already yielded great results, and we are excited to continue our support,” stated USTDA Director Leocadia I. Zak. “Expanding aviation infrastructure is a priority in Ghana, as well as a strong opportunity for U.S. businesses interested in working there.”

The grant was signed at the U.S. Embassy in Accra by Ambassador Donald G. Teitelbaum on behalf of the United States Government and Mrs. Doreen Owusu Fianko, Managing Director of Ghana Airports Company Limited. The technical assistance will be carried out by The LPA Group Incorporated.

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