



# REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

THE PRESIDENT

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 136

### EXTENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 112 FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL RAILWAY AUTHORITY

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order No. 112 was issued on October 17, 2022, for the purpose of establishing a National Rail Authority to regulate the use of rails as a public facility in Liberia;

**WHEREAS**, said Executive Order has now expired through the efflux of time without the passage of the National Rail Authority Act by the National Legislature, thereby removing the legal authority upon which the Authority would function;

**WHEREAS**, the Government remains committed to the development and enhancement of the National Rails Assets for use by the Mining sector of the economy, as well as for use in the transport of passengers and goods;

**WHEREAS**, the Government is committed to the core principles of multiple users of the rail infrastructure wherever it may be located in a manner that is well regulated and fair to all users; and complies with existing commitments made by the Government;

**NOW THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority of the President under the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Liberia, I hereby direct that there shall be established a National Railway Authority that shall have full authority to manage the National Rail Assets of Liberia as follows:

- a. To develop rail transport policies and establish the rules for the governance and management of rail assets in Liberia, and those assets ancillary to the use of rails including assets above rail and assets below rail.



- b. To procure the services of suitably qualified rail regulators to superintend the usage of existing rail facilities in Liberia in keeping with international best practice and equity. The rail regulator shall be responsible to maintain, operate, manage, plan and implement the development of the Liberian Infrastructure Assets system. The rail regulator shall also have the authority to coordinate access to and usage of the Liberian Infrastructure Assets by Eligible Users so as to maximize their fair, safe and efficient use pursuant to the lawful rights of each Eligible User.
- c. To establish proper offices to manage the affairs of the National Rail Authority, and to staff said offices as required for the fulfilment of the functions herein described, including the offices of the Managing Director, who shall be the chief executive officer, Deputy Managing Director for Administration and Deputy Managing Director for Operations, which offices shall be appointed by the President of Liberia.
- d. To fund the operations of the National Rail Authority through fees levied against users of the National Railway Assets.
- e. To facilitate and propose a draft act to be submitted to the Legislature for the passage into law of the National Rail Authority Act.
- f. To resolve all disputes resulting from the implementation of Executive Order No. 112 and this Executive Order through arbitration under the rules of arbitration of the Liberian Chamber of Commerce and in keeping with Liberian law.

This Executive Order may not be interpreted to interfere with or diminish the existing rights of any Eligible Users obtained under previous agreements with



the Government of Liberia but shall rather be interpreted to promote and regulate any such existing rights.

This Executive Order shall take immediate effect.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE  
SEAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA  
THIS 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER A.D.  
2024.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, written over a horizontal line.

Joseph Nyuma Boakai, Sr.  
**PRESIDENT**  
**REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA**

