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Clarification on Alternative uses of some Toll Stations Across the Country

The Ministry of Roads and Highways (MRH) has noted with much concern various discussions on the proposals recently put out by the Hon. Minister for Roads and Highways, Hon. Kwasi Amoako-Attah (MP), concerning the alternative use of toll booth locations across the country, following the Government's recent policy of suspending the collection of tolls.

To give the context, the Minister for Roads and Highways was providing clarification to the media on the issue after a meeting with road contractor associations on contractor re-classification and the inauguration of a committee to help control the nuisance of dropping concrete on our roads by ready-mixed concrete producers.

In that interview, the question of the removal of toll booths along our roads was asked against the backdrop of the Government's policy of suspension of tolling across the country.

In addressing the question, the Hon. Minister indicated that the Ministry had plans to put the toll booth locations throughout the country to alternative uses considering the changing trends. These proposals were advanced by the operators of the toll locations, Toll and Routes Management Ltd., against the backdrop of the government's decision not to lay off the workers at the toll locations. It should be important to emphasize that at each toll booth location in the country, apart from the

toll booths, there are ancillary structures such as offices, urinals and other facilities which complement the collection of the tolls.

For instance, at the ACCRA TOLL PLAZA location on the Accra-Tema Motorway, there are eight (8) toll booths, one (1) office and one (1) washroom. The same numbers are present at the KASOA TOLL location. At the ASHAIMAN toll location, there are four (4) toll booths, two (2) offices and one (1) washroom, while at the SEKYERE toll location, there are four (4) toll booths, three (3) offices and two (2) washrooms. However, at the BAMBOI toll location, there are two (2) booths and one (1) container for office purposes.

The essence is that the facilities can be remodelled into police posts, first aid/emergency centres, towing service centres, ambulance centres and other ancillary services. This provides the opportunity to re-engage the toll workers and other backroom staff, thereby providing further employment for our youth.

These facilities will be incorporated into the ministry's programme to dualize the major highways in the country, such as the Accra-Kumasi Road, the Accra-Takoradi Road, and the Tema-Aflao Roads.

It is important to restate that the reference by the Hon. Minister was to the **thirty-eight (38) toll booth locations** and not the toll booths themselves, which are well over one hundred (100) in number.

It has become necessary to clarify this position to set the records straight. Therefore, the public is advised to ignore the gross misrepresentation of the Minister in his quest to provide information to the public about the government's plans to find alternative uses for the **thirty-eight (38) toll booth locations** with over 100 toll booths across the country.

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