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Report on Abandoned Projects/Poorly Done Projects

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Project Location: Kaduna-Kano
Project Start Year: 2017
Project Abandoned Year: 2019
Level of Completion of the Project: 25%

The Kano-Kaduna road expansion and rehabilitation was contracted to Julius Berger in 2017 by Federal Government and was set to be completed in 14months, but the road is now an accident and dead zone due the snail walk of the project and now the construction work was abandoned and nothing was going on for the work. Apart from accident and slowness of the work, the travelling time from Kano-Kaduna which is 2hours before is now about 5hours.

The Zaria-Kaduna axis of the road has a problem as hundreds of travellers spend hours in holdups that many times result in accidents, loss of lives, waste of time and damage to goods worth millions of naira. Like Kwanar Tsintsiya to Jaji, a segment that is about 35km from Zaria which is described by many road users as “danger zones”. There is another trouble close to the diversion point at Birnin Yero village, adjacent the Federal Road Safety Corps’ (FRSC) office. Another trouble spot is

between Maraban Jos and Rigachikun, which is about 10km. Many travelers called it “the snail pace of the reconstruction work.

At Kano-Zaria, the first major diversion starts from Karfi village in Kura Local Government Area of Kano State as travelers are compelled to use one lane up to Kwanar Dangora in Kiru Local Government Area of the state. From Kwanar Dangora up to Zaria, travelers use different lanes depending on the portion that suits them. In Kura town alone, there are three different minor diversions: the first at the entrance of the town from Kano; the second at the middle of the town and the third at the end of the town. There is also another minor diversion at Kadawa village in Garun-Malam Local Government of the state. Again, shortly after Kura town. A journey from Karfi to Kwanar Dangora that hitherto took travelers 30 to 35 minutes now takes them an hour or more. The road from Dakatsalle-Gangarida villages up to Kwanar Dangora is terribly bad as drivers have to manoeuvre to avoid potholes. I hope that Federal Government will take all possible measures to see that the project was finish in a very short time even if it means giving some portion of the project to another company so that the project work will be done in a little while, so as to reduce the traveling time and save the lives of many good innocent Nigeria from accidents which some times cause them their lives.