

INFORMATION SHEET – TEST FOR GHANA

I – PRESENTATION OF THE COUNTRY

1. Geography – Population – Resources

1 – 1 – Borders

North	=	Burkina
South	=	Atlantic Ocean
East	=	Togo
West	=	Ivory Coast

1 – 2 – Land Surface = 112,000 km²

1 – 3 – Population = 18 million

1 – 4 – Main resources and activities = Cocoa beans, wood, mineral resources (gold, diamonds, bauxite...)

2. Strategic Objectives in the area of Transportation Infrastructure

- Within the framework of the TRP II (Transportation Rehabilitation Project II) and the HSIP (Highway Sector Investment Programme), the road network should improve very clearly.
- From now until the year 2005, road conditions should evolve as follows:

* Good :	70%
* Average :	20%
* Bad :	not more than 10%

This would require a regular and sufficient financial influx to guarantee both daily maintenance and periodical maintenance.

3. Road Network

3 – 1 – Administrative Classification

Main roads (Ghana Highway Authority)	=	13,433 km
Rural Paved and Dirt Roads (Department of Feeder Roads)	=	24,123 km
City Roads (Department of Urban Roads)	=	2,909 km
TOTAL	=	40,465 km

3 – 2 – Technical Classification

Paved Roads	= 8,295 km
Roads being paved	= 32,170 km
TOTAL	= 40,465 km

3 – 3 – Priority Road Network (to be completed)

4. Organisation of Road Maintenance

4 – 1 – Recent Institutional Reforms (to be completed)

4 – 2 – Road Network Management (to be completed)

II - THE ROAD FUND

1 – Creation and Restructuration

- Law N° 536 concerning the Road Fund (published in 1997)
- This law created the Fund and its Surveillance Council, and provides for its organisation as well as the means of financing

2 – Legal Status (to be completed)

3 – Role

The Role of the Council

- to assure the collection of all financial resources for the Road Fund
- to improve the organisation of the collection of revenues in order to struggle against fraud and evasion
- to make proposals concerning the price rates of various fees (fuel tax and others)
- to examine the annual budgets for maintenance work
- to determine the allowances for each maintenance project (or group of maintenance projects)
- to establish the procedures of certification guaranteeing the effectiveness of the maintenance work and the observance of specifications

4 – Structures

- Management Organism = Surveillance Council
- Direction Organism = Secretariat

5 – Resources for the Road Fund

The resources for the Road Fund are made up of the following:

- Fees on fuel purchase (collected by the Customs service) = 90% of the road fund revenue
- Fees on vehicle registration
- Road user fees
- Road toll fees and toll booths on bridges
- Fees for international transit on the roads

6 – Means of Collection of financial resources

(to be completed)

7 – Eligible roadwork

- Regular and special maintenance work
- Modernisation and rehabilitation of road
- Road safety activities

8 – Programming Procedures

For the regular and special maintenance work:

- the road maintenance companies give their work programmes to the Council for its approval
- the road maintenance companies sign contracts and countersign their detailed accounts

9 – Financial Management

- For the regular maintenance: the transfer of funds is done as payment is needed
 - For special maintenance work: the road maintenance companies give an anticipated calendar for the work, and the Road Fund transfers the funds to pay according to the calendar of finished work tasks.
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- Accounting reports and monthly activity reports
 - Inspections on site
 - By the Road Fund Council
 - By agents from the secretariat
 - By the agents of the Roads Ministry
 - Approval procedures for payments
 - Reports on road work progress, on payments made and results attained
 - Financial and technical auditing at the end of the fiscal year