



8<sup>th</sup> May, 2026

**The Honourable Minister,  
Ministry of Health  
Accra**

**Attn: Tony Goodman  
Spokesperson  
Ministry of Health  
Accra**

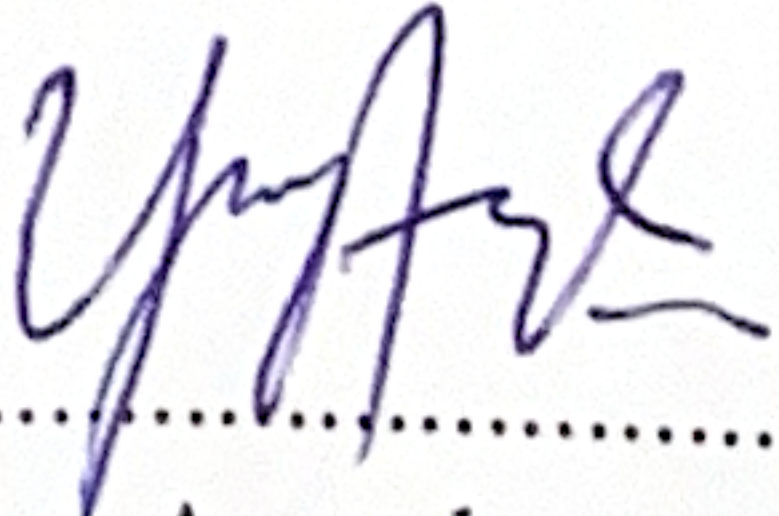
Dear Sir,

**RE: PRESS RELEASE. OPERATIONALIZATION OF THE WEIJA PAEDIATRIC HOSPITAL – REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE RETRACTION AND APOLOGY**

1. We write as Solicitors for Awerco Construction Limited (“our Client”). Our attention has been drawn to the press release issued by the Ministry of Health (the “Ministry”) titled “Operationalisation of the Weija Paediatric Hospital” and published on the Ministry of Health’s Facebook page and X.
2. The press release, signed by Mr Tony Goodman, was also circulated through various news portals and social media platforms on 5th May 2026. Our Client has been wrongly portrayed as being responsible for the Ministry’s inability to commission and operationalise the Weija Paediatric Hospital (the “Hospital”).
3. In your Press Release, you stated that **in 2024, the World Bank raised concerns about misprocurement, including inflated medical equipment costs up to about 11 times the actual price.** This allegation is unfounded, and without any disclosed factual or evidential basis.
4. The purported concerns of the World Bank were never communicated to our Client. Had this been done, the Ministry could have relied on our Client’s expertise to explain and substantiate the price of the said equipment.
5. Nonetheless, our Client, acting in good faith, has fulfilled its obligations under the Contract and, has delivered written correspondence requesting payment over a year now. Despite these repeated requests, the Ministry of Health has declined to respond to the correspondence or to offer any platform for discussion on the way forward.
6. Alarmingly, this is not the first time the Ministry of Health has resorted to a Press Release to justify depriving our Client of its just due under the lawful contract with the Government of Ghana for the construction of the Hospital. In December 2025, similar claims were made in the media, and our Client, in the spirit of cooperation, responded to them in a private letter to you on 15th December 2025.
7. Again, you state in paragraph 4 of your press release that **the Ministry of Health engaged relevant stakeholders and was prepared to commission the facility for use. However, the contractor subsequently halted this process, insisting that all outstanding issues be fully resolved before granting access to the hospital.** This assertion is not only untrue but materially misrepresents the correspondence exchanged between our Client and the ministry.

8. For clarity, our Client received a letter from the Ministry of Health dated 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2026. In that letter, the Ministry acknowledged receipt of our Client's letter notifying completion of the construction works. The Ministry of Health also stated in the letter, its intention of immediate occupation and operationalization by the End-Users, ensuring that healthcare services are made available to the public without delay.
9. Upon receipt this letter, our Client wrote to the Ministry on March 27, 2026, outlining the contractual procedures required for the formal handover of the facility, including issues relating to outstanding financial obligations. Contrary to the impression created by your press release, our Client never stated in its letter that it had halted the process of commissioning of the facility.
10. Rather, our Client drew the Ministry's attention to the need for critical protective systems, including UPS units and Automatic Voltage Regulators (AVRs), to safeguard sensitive medical equipment and ensure the facility's proper operation. These units were procured by our Client and used during installation and testing outside the contractual scope. The Ministry was advised and warned that a failure to provide these protective systems could expose some of the valuable equipment to damage and would also compromise the operational integrity of the facility. The Ministry would have to bear the risk. True to form, our Client received no response from the Ministry.
11. These are some of the true reasons the facility has not been operationalized. Indeed, if the Ministry genuinely believed, as stated in its Press Release and purportedly based on concerns raised by the World Bank, that certain medical equipment prices were inflated to as much as eleven (11) times the actual price, it is curious that the same Ministry would nonetheless proceed to commission and operationalize the facility for public use.
12. You are well aware that the contract requires end-user training prior to handover, which imposes a substantial cost on our Client. Due to the Ministry's failure to honor its payment obligations including delay payment damages, this critical component of the Contract cannot be undertaken at present. Failure to undertake such training poses an additional risk to the project and to potential patients, as critical medical equipment may not be operated properly.
13. Despite the Ministry's inability to meet its financial obligations, our Client received a team from the Ministry, including officials of the Ghana Health Service, at the facility on March 27, 2026, as part of the ongoing processes leading to open the facility. During the meeting, your team promised to communicate a proposed date for the end-users to take over and occupy the facility, but our Client has yet to receive it.
14. Our Client therefore finds your publication an attempt to divert public attention from the Ministry's inaction and the real issues which have delayed the operationalization of the completed hospital. The inaccuracies and misrepresentations in your press release are just as disconcerting and baffling, and they have the tendency to damage our Client's reputation and adversely affect its business. Your choice of medium to 'communicate' crucial information about the Hospital runs contrary to the cordial working relationship our Client has sought to maintain with the Ministry.
15. In direct response, our Client hereby demands a retraction of your Press Release, in particular 'paragraphs 2 and 4', in the same manner it was published – within 24 hours of receipt of this letter.
16. We are under strict instructions to pursue all legal remedies available to our Client should you fail to comply.

Kindly govern yourselves accordingly



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Head, Dispute Resolution

cc:

1. The Chief Director, Ministry of Health
2. All Media Houses, Ghana