

Endorsement Letter

To:

The African Development Bank (AfDB)
Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire

Subject: Endorsement of Operational Partnership for ECHO Infrastructure Platform

Dear Sir/Madam,

Fortaco Group, as a leading Nordic provider of advanced industrial manufacturing and operational excellence solutions, is pleased to confirm its support and intent to operate the ECHO modular infrastructure platform under the Social Development and Empowerment Programme (SDEP) and ECHO Implementation initiative. We have been involved in the project from its early steps and confident of our ability to deliver ECHO units in Kotka/Hamina region in Finland with high quality, in reliable, transparent and sustainable manner.

Fortaco has reviewed the programme's framework and governance model, including the fiduciary and compliance systems anchored by Trust FI and aligned with AfDB's Integrated Safeguards System and Procurement Policy. We recognize that this framework ensures full transparency, environmental and social responsibility, and robust accountability mechanisms for all operational partners.

As the designated operator of the ECHO Factory in Finland, Fortaco will ensure that all production, assembly, and quality-assurance processes meet the highest Nordic and EU standards in safety, sustainability, and traceability. Our operations comply with ISO 9001 (Quality), ISO 14001 (Environment), and majority also with ISO 45001 (Occupational Health & Safety), and we commit to applying these standards in the manufacturing and deployment of ECHO components for the AfDB-supported programme.

Fortaco's engineering and industrial capacity will ensure that ECHO systems are delivered with full adherence to circular-economy principles, lifecycle efficiency, and renewable energy integration. We are confident that our involvement will contribute to the programme's objectives of delivering climate-smart, high-quality, and cost-efficient infrastructure solutions that meet AfDB's expectations for sustainable impact and institutional integrity. We look forward to continued collaboration with EUSL AB, Trust FI, and AfDB in advancing this transformative initiative.

For the sake of clarity, this document is not a guarantee document or a commitment of any kind, whether express or implicit.

Yours sincerely,
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