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PRESS STATEMENT

**RE: PRESS STATEMENT BY BEYEEMAN TANO KWAW BENBUIN III,
OMANHENE OF THE AOWIN TRADITIONAL AREA, ENCHI**

My attention has been drawn to a Press Statement from one of the most revered traditional rulers in the country, Beyeeman Tano Kwaw Benbuin III, Omanhene of the Aowin Traditional Area in relation to an alleged comment I made on a viral audio recorded during an encounter with a police officer on the night of Wednesday, February 2, 2022 in Takoradi.

Regrettable as portions of Beyeeman's statement may appear to me, I will like to respond to some of his concerns. First and foremost, I wish to place it on record that I have lived in Enchi for a period of time as a contractor to construct the Enchi College of Education (ENCHICO) Library. Apart from the library project, I also undertook some business activities in the area during my stay there. Indeed, I made a lot of friends and so much enjoyed whilst living in Enchi. I honestly consider Enchi as my second home in the Western and Western North regions because of the receptive, peace loving and warm nature of the people there. In fact, one of the key and very trusted officers I worked with at STMA until my suspension, Mr. James Amoah (finance officer) is from Enchi. He will attest to my relationship and in-depth knowledge of the Aowin Traditional Area.

I therefore cannot in my wildest imagination slight either the geographical location, infrastructural development nor the very good people living in the Aowin Traditional Area as a whole. I can assure Omanhene Beyeeman and all the good people of Enchi that the various negative interpretations placed on my comments in relation to Enchi in the said audio are unfortunately misplaced and far from the truth.

Reference to Beyeeman's concern of not apologizing on the said comment in my earlier press statement, I wish to state that the audio recording in question is a subject matter before a court of competent jurisdiction. I have accordingly been advised to avoid commenting in part or in whole of the contents so as to forestall any possible consequences.

I therefore respectfully plead with Beyeeman and everybody within the Aowin Traditional Area and more specifically Enchi to exercise restraint and allow the court to deal with the matter before it. As rightly acknowledged in the Omanhene's press statement when he said "I understand Mr Abdul Mumin Issah is such a pleasant man that what transpired between him and the police officer has left those who know him astounded", I can assure Omanhene and the people of Enchi that my said pleasant nature will be more pronounced after the court proceedings.

I reiterate my commitment to cooperate with the Police administration to prosecute the case to its logical conclusion. I remain resolute in my conviction that the real truth on the incident before, during and after the audio recording by the Police officer shall prevail.

God bless the good people of the Aowin Traditional Area, God bless Sekondi-Takoradi and God bless Ghana!!

SIGNED
ABDUL-MUMIN ISSAH