# Abia State revokes ENASCO land title and reclaims assets over governance issues



The Abia State government has taken the decisive step to revoke the land title of Enyimba Automated Shoe Company (ENASCO) and reclaimed the associated property, signalling a major development in the state's management of its industrial assets. This action was announced in a statement issued on Friday morning by Ukoha Njoku Ukoha, Chief Press Secretary to Governor Alex Otti.

According to the statement, the government's decision followed a thorough regulatory, financial, and operational review of ENASCO conducted by reputed professional service firms. The review uncovered significant discrepancies and corporate governance issues within the company, prompting the government to intervene.

ENASCO was originally established in 2020 during the administration of former Governor Okezie Ikpeazu, with the ambition of advancing Abia’s leather industry by producing high-quality footwear for both local and international markets. The company was equipped with machinery imported from Turkey and had an anticipated annual production capacity of two million pairs of shoes.

The Abia State government invested substantially in ENASCO, providing assets such as land, buildings, and equipment, with the total contribution valued at approximately 158,315,809.60 Nigerian Naira. However, the statement highlighted a critical issue regarding the company's ownership structure. Despite these substantial contributions, the state was not recorded as a shareholder or beneficial owner in the shareholding records at the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) as of November 2024.

Further complicating matters, changes to the shareholding structure were made in July 2023, soon after Governor Alex Otti assumed office, yet the Abia State government remained absent from the publicly available shareholding records at CAC.

In addition to reclaiming ENASCO’s property, the state government declared it would recover all resources and assets it had contributed to the company. This move underscores the government's commitment to addressing governance lapses and securing public assets invested in industrial ventures.

The Daily Post Nigeria reports that this development marks a significant chapter in Abia State’s efforts to regulate and optimise its industrial enterprises under the current administration.

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