# Hire Bidding: A Neo-Micro-Finance Portfolio Investment in "Keke-Napep" Business in Nigeria, Financing the Neo-Micro-Entrepreneurs through Attainable Standard. Accountant's View

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#### **Abstract**

KEKE NAPEP is a "NAME" GIVEN to a "THREE WHEELER COMMUTER THREE SEATER-CAB-BUS" manufactured in INDIA, used in Nigeria for CITY-TEMPO (Movement). The merchant dealers in this business are mostly in the system of 'Hire-Purchase Transactions'. Hire Tender Transaction is a system by which a hirer is financially assisted through installment payment in the goods intended to acquire, when his financial stability is insufficient to withstand the absolute ownership possession of the goods. The objective of this paper is to highlight the meritorious advantage of hire bidding as a neo-micro-finance portfolio investment in "Keke Napep business in Nigeria and its limitation, if any, in the supra-system. A theoretical frame-work of literature review of some specific authors were harnessed to absolutely understand the conceptual framework of hire tender transactions. Data analysis was developed through the involvement of some organizations in the business of hire tender transactions. The analysis reveals that hire tender transaction is a mass empowerment, assisting the needy individuals financially to embark on self-support employment by acquiring the property in the goods, making installment payment, which would have been difficult, if the hirer was made to purchase the goods at lump sum payment. The paper highlights an insight to the nature, scope and advantage of hire vendor transaction in Nigeria, by expanding the micro-finance methodology to a wider dimension, creating more job opportunities and enabling environment for micro-businesses.

**Keywords**: Hire bidding, needy-individuals, installment –payment, self-support, employment, enabling – environment, "Keke Napep", Mass-empowerment, neo-micro-finance portfolio, ownership-possession, expanding-micro-finance, methodology. Hire tender bidding is a special system of acquisition of tangible property through purchase and sale. When goods are acquired under Hire transaction, the hirer pays the price in installments, these installments may be on monthly, quarterly, six monthly, or yearly as the case may be, based on conceptual agreement between the parties. Goods are delivered to the acquirer and he becomes the owner of the goods on payment of the final installment. It is assumed that all the installments made are treated as hire, pending on when the last installment is made. This means hire transaction is a credit purchase and purchase price is paid in installments. Goods are delivered to the hirer and the hirer has the right to use the goods. The vendor remains the owner of the goods up to the time of payment of the last installment, which shows the hirer becomes the owner of the goods on the payment of the final installment.

#### Historical Development and Authors Perspectives

- When goods are acquired under "Hire Bidding", the property in the goods or ownership remains with vendor until the last payment is made and in the event of default, he can take possession of the goods subject to legal requirements (Hire purchase Act, 1938 England).
- "Under the Hire-Bidding" system, goods are delivered to a person who agrees to pay the vendor (Owner) by equal periodical installments, such installments to be treated as hire of the goods until a certain fixed amount has been paid, when these goods become the property of the hire" (J.R. Batliboi, 1972).
- "Hire-purchase" is the system under which the property is acquired by payments made in installments, during
  the period of which the title in the property remains with the Hire vendor. The payments prior to the final
  installment are regarded as being purely in respect of hire and the title of the property does not pass to the
  hirer until such final payment or some other consideration provided in the contract has been fulfilled"
  (Pickeles, 1981).

### Author's Overview of Hire Bidding Transactions

- Hire bidding transaction is credit bargaining
- The hire consideration is paid in installments
- Goods are delivered to the acquirer
- The acquirer has the right to use the goods
- The hire vendor remains the owner of the goods to the time of final installment
- Hirer becomes the owner of the goods on payment of final installment.

# Accounting Records

Accountants have tried to develop a system of recording hire bidding transactions in two different dimensions in the books of hirer. The first dimension is based on the opinion of those hire purchasers who think that they become owner of that portion of goods for which payment has been made by them. This category of purchasers assumed that the portion of goods which payment has been made belong to them, where the goods are apportion able in a ratable basis. The second phase of recording the hire purchase transaction is made on the fact that the hire purchase transaction is treated as REAL purchase. This category of buyers assumed that the goods in the transaction belong to them once the agreement is reached to its conclusion.

### Data Procurement and Determination Of:

• Interest included in installments and depreciation at diminishing balance adoption

#### Data: I

BOZNIER KEKE-NAPEP LTD Lagos, sales Keke-Napep to private as well as corporate individuals at a variable rates of interest. PZ purchased a Keke-Napep on a Hire-Purchase Agreement on 1st January 2013, paying cash N100,000 and agreeing to pay three further installments of N100,000 each on 31st December of each year. The cash price of the Keke-Napep is N375,500 and BOZNIER LTD charges interest at 5% per annum. The PZ write off 10% depreciation every year on the cash value of the Keke-Napep on the reducing balance method.

#### IN THE BOOKS OF PZ

### Calculation of Interest and Installments Payable

CASH PRICE	INTEREST	INSTALLMENTS
N	N	N
372,500	$1^{st}$ Year: $272,500$ x $5 = 13,625$	100,000
(100,000)	100	<u>- 13,625</u> Interest
272,500	$2^{\text{nd}}$ Year: $186125$ x $5 = 9306.25$	<u>86,375</u> KEKE-NAPEP
<u>- 86,375</u>	100	
186125.00	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year: This is the last year, the rate of	100,000
<u>(-)90693.75</u>	interest will not be used for calculation of	<u>-9,306.25</u> Int <u>erest</u>
	interest, but the interest is found out in this	90693.75 KEKE-NAPEP
9.5431.25	manner:	
	100,000 – 95431.25	KEKE-NAPEP
	= 4563.75	INTEREST

# Interest and Depreciation Payable at Fixed Installment

When payment is made in installments and interest is not included in the installment, interest is calculated on unpaid cash consideration every year and the yearly interest is added in installment.

#### DATA: II

PZ agreed to purchase the KEEKE-NAPEP on hire – purchase for N460,000, N60,000 was paid when keke-Napep was acquired on 1st Jan. 2013 and the balance was to be paid annual installments of N80,000 plus interest at 5% per annum. PZ depreciates the Keke – Napep each year by 10% on the original cost.

# Calculation of Interest

Price Consideration N	Interest	N	Installments
460,000	1 <sup>st</sup> year 400,000 x 5	80,000	Keke –Napep
<u>- 60,000</u>	100	20,000	Interest Installment
	N20,000	100,000	
			Keke-Napep
400,000	2 <sup>nd</sup> year 320,000 x 5	80,000	Interest
<u>-80,000</u>	100	16,000	Installment
	N16,000	96,000	
			Keke-Napep
320,000	$3^{rd}$ year 240,000 x <u>5</u> =	80,000	Interest
<u>-80,000</u>	100	12,000	Installment
	N12,000	92,000	
			Keke-Napep
240,000	4 <sup>th</sup> year 160,000 x <u>5</u>	80,000	Interest
- <u>80,000</u>	100 =	8,000	Installment
	N8,000	88,000	
			Keke-Napep
160,000	5 <sup>th</sup> year 80,000 x <u>5</u>	80,000	Interest
<u>-80,000</u>	100	4,000	Installment
80,000	N4,000	84,000	

# In The Books of Pz (Purchaser) Keke-Napep Account

2013: N	2013: N
Jan. 1 Cash A/C 60,000	Dec. 31 Depreciation
Dec. 31 Boznier A/C 80,000	(10% on N460,000) 46,000
	Dec. 31 Bal. c/d 94,000
<u>140,000</u>	<u>140,000</u>
2014:	2014: Dec. 31 Depreciation
Jan. 1 Balance b/d 94,000	(10% on N460,000) 46,000
Boznier Ltd 80,000	Dec. 31. Bal. c/d <u>128,000</u>
<u>174,000</u>	<u>174,000</u>
2015:	2015: Dec. 31 Depreciation
Jan. 1 Bal. B/d 128,000	(10% of N460,000) 46,000
Dec. 31 Boznier Ltd <u>80,000</u>	Dec. 31 Bal. c/d 162,000
	208,000
<u>208,000</u>	2016: Dec. 31 Depreciation
2016:	(10% on N460,000) 46,000
Jan. 1 Bal b/d 162,000	Dec. 31. Bal. c/d 196,000
Dec. 31 Boznier Ltd 80,000	<u>242,000</u>
<u>242,000</u>	2017: Dec. 31 Depreciation
2017:	(10% on N460,000) 46,000
JAN. Bal. b/d 196,000	Dec. 31. Bal. c/d <u>230,000</u>
Dec. 31 Boznier Ltd <u>80,000</u>	<u>276,000</u>
276,000	

### Payment by Half - Yearly Installments

When payment is made by half –yearly installments, interest is calculated on the basis of six months' period. Depreciation is calculated yearly and transfer of interest and the depreciation to profit and loss account should take place annually; unless otherwise stated.

#### Data: III

PZ agreed to purchase KEKE-NAPEPE on Hire Purchase system over a term of two years starting on 1st Jan. 2013. The installments of N40,000 each are payable ½ yearly. The present cash value of KEKE-NAPEP IS N148,000.

# Determination Of Interest Payable

Cash Price	Interest	Installments
N		N
148,000	148,000 x <u>6</u> x <u>6</u> = N4440	40,000.00
	100 12	- <u>4,440</u> – Interest
- <u>35,560</u>		35,560 – Keke-Napepe
112, 440,00		40,000.00
	112,440 x <u>6</u> x <u>6</u> = N3373.20	- <u>3,373.20</u> Interest
- <u>36,626.80</u>	100 12	<u>366,26.80</u> – keke-Napep
75,813.20		
		40,000.00
-37,725.60		- <u>2,274.40</u> – Interest
	$75,813.20 \times \underline{6} \times \underline{6} = N2274.40$	37,725.40 –Keke–Napep
38,087.60	100 12	
	Interest for the final year will not be calculated, but can	
	be determined in this way;	
	N40,000 – N38,087.60Keke-Napep	
	= N1912.40 Interest	

### In The Books Of Pz (Hire Purchaser) (Keke-Napep A/C

2013	N	2013
June 30 Boznier Ltd	35,560	Dec. 31 bal. c/d 72,186.80
Dec. 31 Boznier Ltd	36,626.80	
	72,186.80	<u>72,186.80</u>
2014		2014
June 30 bal. b/d	72,186.80	Dec. 31 c/d 148,000
June 30 Boznier Ltd	37,725.60	<del></del>
Dec. 31 Boznier Ltd	38,087.60	<u>148,000</u>
	148,000	

### Determination of Cash Price by Annuity Approach

When in place of cash price, hire purchase price and annuity rate is given, cash price is calculated on the basis of annuity rate and interest is determined.

#### DATA IV:

On 1st Jan. 2013, PZ bought KEKE-NAPEP on hire-purchase for N240,000, payable be three equal annual installments combining principle and interest, the latter being a normal rate of 5% per annum. The present value of an annuity of one naira for three years at 5% is N2.72325.

# Cash Value Of Keke-Napep With The Help Of Annuity Rate

The present value of annuity of N 1 paid for 3year @ 5% = N2.723265. the present value of annuity of N(240,000) or N80,000) 3

= N2.72325 x 80,000 = N217,860

# Calculation of Interest

Cash price	<u>217,860</u> x 5	N	
	100		
217,860		80,000	
<u>-69,107</u>		<u>- 10,893</u>	Interest
148,753.00	= N10893	69,107	KEKE-NAPEP
- <u>72,562.35</u>		80,000	
	<u>148,753</u> x 5		
	100	-7,437.65	Interest
	= N7437.65	7256.35	KEKE-NAPEP
76190.65			
	Interest of installments is		
	calculation as		
	N80,000 – 76190.65	<b></b>	Keke –Napep
	= N3809.35	<b>•</b>	Interest

#### Test of Validity

	Installments	Interest	Cash Value of Keke-
Yr	N	N	Napep
2013	80,000	10,893.00	69,107.00
2014	80,000	7,437.65	72,562.35
2015	80,000	3,809.35	76,190.65
	240,000	22,140.00	217,860.00

## Determination of Prize Consideration on the Basis of Rate of Interest

When the amount of each installment which includes interest is given (specified) and the rate of interest is specified, cash/ price consideration can be determined by the following adoption:

• Cash price of last installments should be calculated: i.e

Amount of last installments x Rate of interest

100 + rate of interest

This is equal to interest included in the last installment. This interest is deducted from last installments and cash price of the last installments is determined.

• (Cash price of the last installments (+) amount of prior installment) X rate of interest 100 + rate of interest

This is equal to interest of the prior installment; when this interest is deducted from prior installment, cash price of the prior installments is found out.

• The same process is repeated for the earlier installments

DATA V, MR PZ purchased a KEKE-NAPEPE by hire –purchase. He paid N60,000 cash down, N64,000 at the end of the 1st yr, N89,000 at the end of the 2nd yr, and N88,000 at the end of the 3rd yr. The interest on the cash price is 10% p.a.

#### Calculation of Cash Price

Cash price is determined in the following manner:

• Last installments is  $\aleph 88,000$ , rate of interest on cash price is 10%, therefore, interest in the last installments=  $88,0000 \times 10 = \aleph 8000$ 

100 + 10

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Cash price = N88.000 - N8000 = N80.000
• \aleph 80,000 + \aleph 89,000 = \aleph 169,000, \aleph 169,000 \times 10
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 100 + 10
                                                                                                                                                                                     = 15363.64 interest.
Cash price = \frac{1}{8}89,000 - \frac{1}{8}15,363.64 -= \frac{1}{8}73636.36
• \aleph 80,000 + \aleph 73636.36 + \aleph 64,000 = \aleph 217636.36
Interest = 217636.36 \times 10 = 19785.12
                                                                                                                          100 + 10
Cash price = \frac{1}{1}64000 - \frac{1}{1}19785.12 = \frac{1}{1}44214.88
Total cash price = \frac{1}{80,000} + 
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             = \times 257.851.24
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#### Test of Validity

Yr	Installments	Cash Value	Interest
	N	N	N
On delivery	60,000	60,000	-
1 <sup>st</sup> yr	64,000	44,214.88	19,785.12
$2^{\text{nd}}$ yr	89,000	73,636.36	15,363.64
3 <sup>rd</sup> yr	88,000	80,000	8000,00
	₹ 301,000	257851.24	43,148.76

# Determination of Interest by Product Method

- When rate of interest is not given, but cash price, hire-purchase price and the amounts of various installments are given, interest is calculated with the following adoption:
- Hire –purchase price (-) cash price = Total interest;
- Hire purchase price (-) 1st installment = 1st balance
- 1st balance (-) 2nd installment = 2nd balance
- 2nd balance (-) 3rd installment = 3rd balance
- Adopt the same method for other installments.

#### Then.

- Hire –purchase price (x) period of 1st installment= x
- 1st balance (x) period of 2nd installment = y
- 2nd balance (x) period of 3rd installment = z
- 3rd balance (x) period of 4th installment = m

Make a total of x,y,z and m and then find the interest include in each installment in the following way:

- Interest included in the 1st installments= total interest(x) X
- Interest included in the 2nd installments= total interest(x) y
- Interest included in the 3rd installments= total interest(x) 7.
- Interest included in the 4thinstallments=total interest(x)

DATA VI: PZ purchased his 2nd Keke-Napep which the cash price is ₹281,800 is purchased for ₹ 290,000 on hire. Purchase agreement. Payment of hire -purchase price is made after the data of purchase in the following manner: at the end of 4 months  $\aleph60,000$ ; at the end of 6 months  $\aleph65000$ ; at the end of 9 months  $\aleph80,000$ ; at the end of 12 months ₹85000. The Keke-Napep is purchased on 1st Jan, 2013 and the data of payment of each installment is counted from this data.

- Hire purchase price cash price = total interest  $\times 290,000$  (-) $\times 281,800 = \times 8,200$
- Hire purchase price (-) 1st installment = 1st balance  $\times 290,000$  (-)  $\times 60,000 = \times 230,000$
- 1st balance (-) 2nd installment = 2nd balance  $\times 230,000$  (-)  $\times 65,000 = \times 165,000$
- 2nd balance (-) 3rd installment = 3rd balance \$165,000 (-)\$80,000 = \$85,000
- Hire purchase price (x) period of 1st installment =  $\times$  290,000 (x) 4 = x i.e N1160,000
- 1st balance (x)  $2 = y 230,000 \times 2 = y \text{ i.e } \times 460,000$
- 2nd balance (x) 3 = z 165,000 bx 3 = z i.e. +495,000

• 3rd balance x 3 = m

 $85000 \times 3 = m \text{ i.e } \$255,000$ 

X + y + z + m =370,000

• Interest in the 1st installments= total interest(x) x

i.e №8200 x №1160,000

N2370,000 = N4013.50

• Interest included in the 2nd installment = total interest(x)

i.e ₩8200 x ₩460,000

 $\aleph 2370,000 = \aleph 1591.56$ 

• Interest included in the 3rd installments= total interest(x) z i.e  $\frac{1}{2}$  i.e  $\frac$ 

 $\aleph 2370.000 = \aleph 1712.66$ 

• Interest included in the 4th installment = total interest(x)  $\,$  m

i.e ₩8200 x ₩255,000

 $\aleph 2370,000 = \aleph 882.28$ 

# Calculation of Interest included in the Installments

No of	Period	Amount	Product	Calculation	Installments(-)
installments		N	N	N	Interest = Cash Price
1	4 months	290,000	290,000x4=1160,000	8200x1160,000	60,000(-)4013.50
				2370,000	= N55986.50
				= 4013.50	
2	6-4=2	260,000(-)	230,000x2	8200x460,000	65,000(-)591.56
	months	60,000	= 460,000	2370,000	= N63408.44
		= 230,000		= 1591.56	
3	9-6=3	230,000(-)	165,000x3	8200x495,000	80,000(-)1712.66
	months	65,000	= 495,000	2370,000	= N78287.34
		= 165,000		= 1712.66	
4	12-9=3	165000(-)	85,000x3	8200x255,000	85,000(-)882.28
	months	80,000	= 255,000	2370,000	= 84,117.72
		= 85,000		= 882.28	

### Test of Validity

Yr	Installment	Interest	Cash Price
	N	₩	N
1	60,000	4013.50	55986.50
2	65,000	1591.56	63408.44
3	80,000	1712.66	78287.34
4	85,000	882.28	84,117.72
	290,000(HP)	8200.00	281,800.00(CP)

Hire Purchase Price (HP) (-) Cash Prices = Interest

Calculation of Interest by Inverse Progression Adoption

When the cash price and the amount of each installments including interest are given, but rate of interest is not given, interest is calculated following the following steps:

- Total of all installments = Hire Purchase Price HP (-) CP = Total Interest
- Interest included in each installment is calculated by applying inverse progression technique.
- Suppose total interest is N40,000 and the number of installments are four(4), interest of each installments is determined thus;

Installment	Ratio of Interest	Interest
On 1 <sup>st</sup> installments4	4/10	$40,000 \times 4/10 = N16,000$
On 2 <sup>nd</sup> installments3	3/10	$40,000 \times 3/10 = N12,000$
On 3 <sup>rd</sup> installments2	2/10	$40,000 \times 2/10 = N8,000$
On 4 <sup>th</sup> installments1	1/10	$40,000 \times 1/10 = N4,000$
Total 10		N40,000

DATA VIII: The Cash Price of a Keke-Napep which is sold on hire purchase on 1st Jan. 2013 is N350,000, N50,000 paid on the spot and the balance in four (4) equal quarterly installments of N80,000 each. Adoption of Inverse Progression Approach

It should be noted that each of these installments includes interest on outstanding balance.

Hence:  $N80,000 \times 4 = N320,000$ N 320,000(+) N50,000 = N370,000

Hire Purchase Price is N370, 000 (-) N350,000 (cash price) = N20,000 interest

Installment	No of outstanding installments	Ratio	Interest	N
1 <sup>st</sup>	4	<sup>4</sup> / <sub>10</sub>	<u>20,000</u> x 4	8000
		3/10	10	6000
2 <sup>nd</sup>	3	$^{2}/_{10}$	<u>20,000</u> x 3	4000
		$^{1}/_{10}$	10	2000
3 <sup>rd</sup>	2		<u>20,000</u> x 2	N20,000
			10	
4 <sup>th</sup>	1		20,000 x 1	
			10	
Total	10			

### Test of Validity

Installments	Cash Price of Keke-Napep	Interest N	Total N
Cash Down	50,000	-	50,000
1 <sup>st</sup> installment	72,000	8000	80,000
2 <sup>nd</sup> installment	74,000	6000	80,000
3 <sup>rd</sup> installment	76,000	4000	80,000
4 <sup>th</sup> installment	78,000	2000	80,000
Total	350,000	20,000	370,000

If the four installments are paid, hire vendor's account is closed at the end of the year.

Without rate of Interest and Amounts of Installments Differ

When Cash Price and Hire-Purchase Price are given, amount of cash installments is given, but the amount of these installments differ, rate of interest is given. Hire purchase price(-) cash price = total interest. Deduct the amount of 1st installments from hire-purchase price and the amount of 2nd installment from the balance etc. make a total of balance amounts.

> Total Interest x Balance Amount = Interest **Total Balance**

DATA VIII: PZ purchased on hire purchase basis a "Tokunbo" motor cycle. Cash price of the machine is N37,400 on 1st Jan. 2013. The hire purchase price is said to be N50,000.

The hire purchase price is paid in five (5) installments in a span of one year as follows N15,000 at the end of April, N12000 at the end of June; N10,000 at the end of August; N8000 at the end of October and N5000 at the end of December 2013.

Hire Purchase Price (-) Cash Value = Interest Calculation of Interest in Installment

No of Installments	Unpaid Amount	Calculation of Interest	Installment(-) Interest = cash price N
	N	N	= Cash Price <del>N</del>
1 <sup>st</sup>	= 50,000	12,600x50,000=5000	15,000-5000=10,000
		126,000	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	50,000-15,000= 35000	12,600x35,000=3,500	12000-3500=8500
		126,000	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	35000-12000= 23000	12,600x23,000 = 2,300	10,000-2300 = 7700
		126,000	
4 <sup>th</sup>	23000-10,000= 13000	12,600x13,000=1,300	8000-1300 = 6700
		126,000	
5 <sup>th</sup>	13000-8000= 5,000	12,600x5,000=500	5000-500=4500
		126,000	
	<b>№</b> 126,000		₹50,000-12600 = 37,400

#### Determination of interest and amount of installments

When the cash price of the goods under hire purchase is given and the rate of interest is also given and the hire-purchase price is said to be paid in equal installments. The interest and amount of each installment can be determined.

DATA IX: PZ purchased a machine on 1st Jan. 2013 on hire purchase system. Cash price of the machine is ₹50,000. Rate of interest is 10% p.a. Hire purchase price is paid in 3 yearly installments of equal amount.

Interest for  $2013 = 50,00 \times 10 = \frac{1}{10}5000$ 

100

Suppose Hire Purchase Price is x, each installments= x/3

x/3(-)Interest ( $\times 5000$ ) is the Cash Price of the 1st Installment

Interest for 2014 -=  $\{50,000 - (x/3 - 5000)\}$  x 10/100 = \$5500 - x/30

x/3 - (5500 - x/3) is the cash price of the 2nd installment.

Interest for  $2015 = \{(50,000 - (x/3 - 5000)\} - \{x/3 - (5500 - x/3)\} \times 10/100$ 

=  $\{60,500 - 2x/3 - x/30\}$  x 1/10 = 6050 - 2x/30 - x/300

x/3 - (6050 - 2x/3 - x/300) is the cash price of the 3rd installment

(cash price of 1st installment) + (cash price of 2nd installment) + (cash price of 3rd installment) = 50,000

(x/3 - 5000) + (x/3 - 5500 + x/30) + (x/3 - 6050 + 2x/30 + x/300) = 50,000

3x/3 + 3x/30 + x/300 = 50,000 + 16,550

X = N60,317.22 Approximately

Hire purchase price = N60,317.22 (-) cash price (N50,000)

N10,317.22 interest

Each installment = N60,317.22

3

= N20,105.74

### Cash Price of each Installment

Cash Price	Interest	Installment	Cash Price of each
₩	N	₽	Installments
			N
50,000.00	50,000 = 5000	20,105.74	
	100	<u>-5,000.00</u>	15,105.74
-15,105.74		20,105.74	
34,894.26	$34,894.26 \times 10 = 3489.43$	<u>-3489.43</u>	16,616.31
-16,616.31	100	20,105.74	
	$18,277.95 \times 10 = 1827.79$	-1,827.79	18.277.95
18277.95	100		50,000.00
		Total cash price	

#### Benefits of Hire Bidding System

- The hire purchaser is financially assisted by making payment through installments which would have been difficult in case of lump sum financing.
- The hirer has the freedom to make use of the goods in a hire purchase in a most profitable way he thinks best, harnessing his best knowledge and skill to achieve his objective in the hire purchase transaction.

#### General Overview

Hire purchase system, in absolute term, means the hirer is enabled to acquire the property in the goods with minimum effort, paying for the goods in installments. It is a financial assistance designed to empower the hirer financially. It allow hirer to acquire the property in the goods through "trust. This implies hire purchase is a business of trust. In NIGERIA, hire purchase system is passing through the "TEST" OF infancy.

Recommendation: Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) can embark on this venture, harnessing the potential resources of the organization to a more fruitful area such as empowering the members and the public at large. By so doing, will redefine the backward economy. The rate of interest chargeable should be made minimal to allow the individuals involved to achieve their objectives of hire purchase business. The idea of hire purchase business should not be realized on the basis of profit maximization by the hire vendors, it should aim at harnessing the potential advantages of micro-entrepreneurs who are financially handicapped, to support their efforts in search of means to self-employment.

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