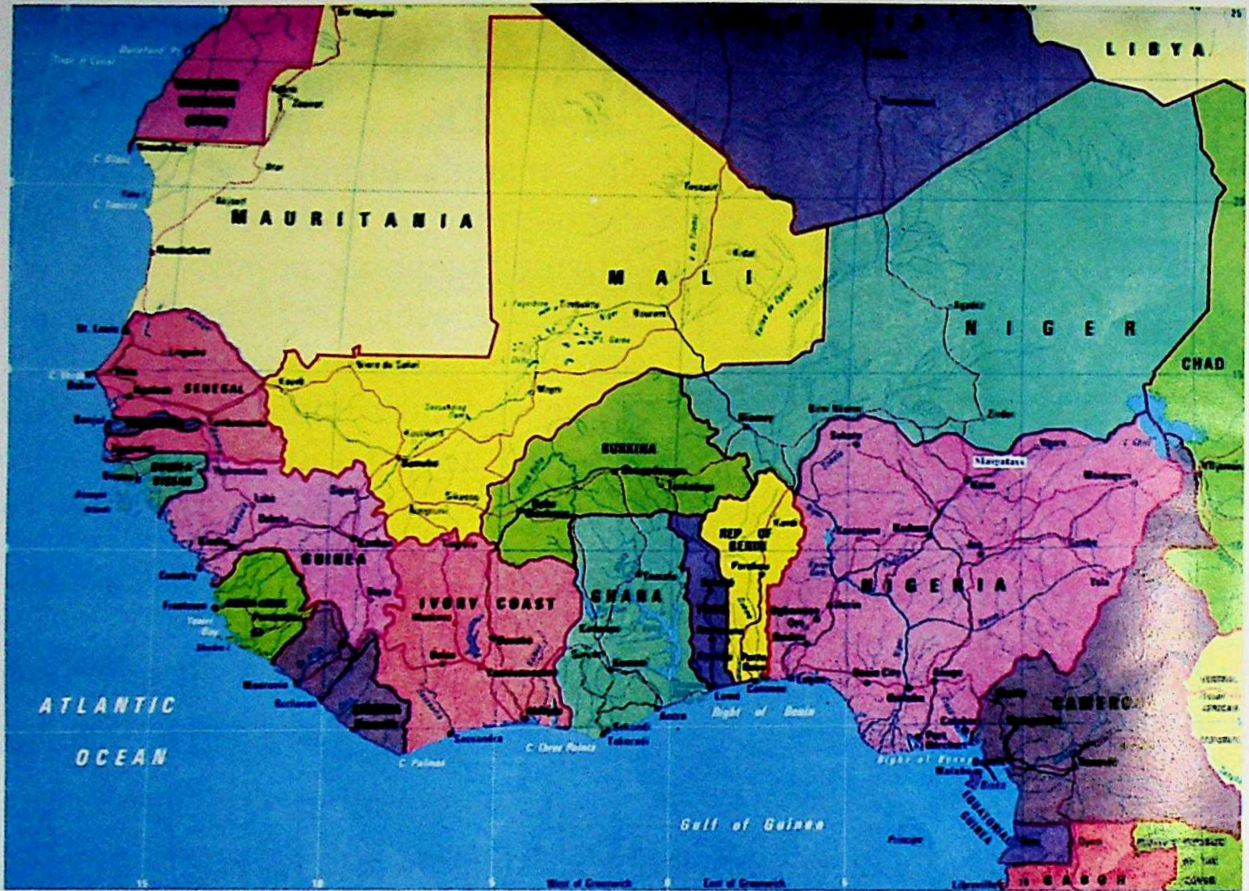
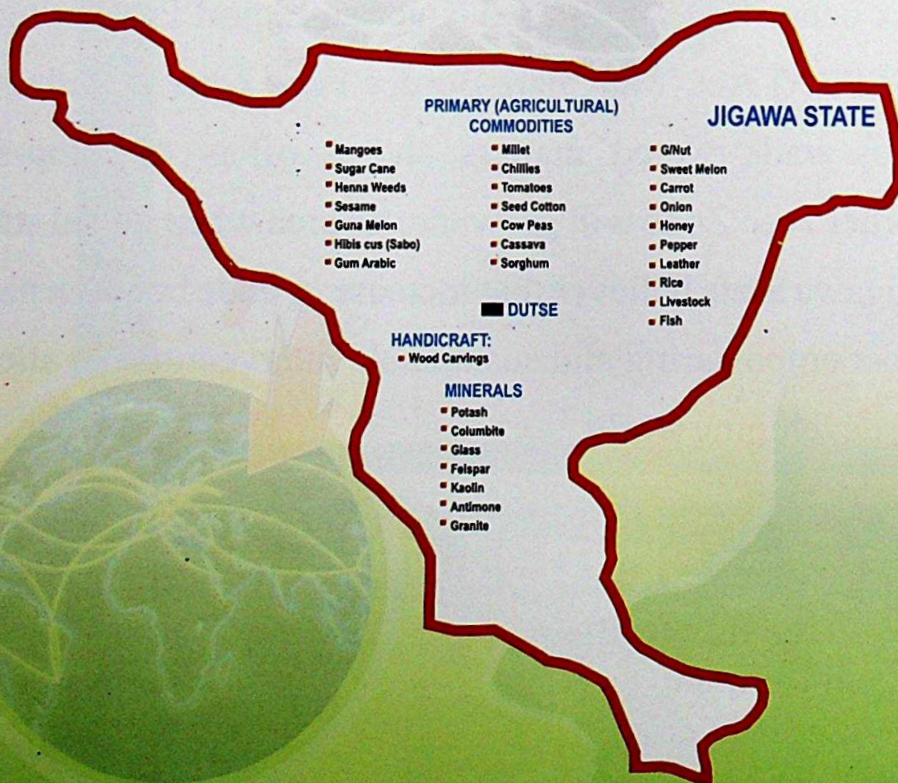


**His Excellency, Alhaji Umar Yar'Adua, GCFR**  
President, Federal Republic of Nigeria

# JIGAWA STATE MAP



West Africa Map



Jigawa State Map

## **BANKING/OFFICE HOURS.**

The Business hours for banks in Nigeria is between 8.00am - 4.00pm Mondays to Fridays except on public holidays when they are closed. However, there are some banks that offer weekend service on Saturday.

Business hours in all Government Office is 8.00am - 4.00pm and in the Commercial sector 8.00am - 5.00pm (Monday - Friday).

## **ECONOMY:**

The Nigerian economy is based on free enterprise and private initiative. The Jigawa State Government regards the private business sector as the engine of economic growth and has put in place policies and legislative framework designed to stimulate private sector production in accordance with national policies. Multinational Companies have been operating successfully in Nigeria for many years. Foreign Companies are free to repatriate capital profits dividends.

## **ACCESS MARKETS:**

Nigeria is a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) (formally GATT), benefiting from the Generalized System of preferences, Africa Growth and opportunity Act (AGOA), a member of Lome Convention, European UNION, member West African Economic Community (ECOWAS) and a host of many other International Economic Organizations and bilateral Agreements.

## **INFRASTRUCTURE:**

Nigeria enjoys infrastructure of every type. Nigerian Harbours, Airports, Roads, and Railway facilities connects the West African Sub-Region with the rest of the world. In telecommunications, Nigeria boast of a digital telephone network as well as GSM telephone system including modern information communication technology. Water and Electricity supplies are modern and reliable.

## **PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**

New year day	-	January, 1st	Id-El-Adha	-	*
Id-El-Fitr	-	*	Id-El-Mouloud	-	*
Id-El-Kabir	-	*	National Day	-	October, 1st
Good Friday	-	*	Christmas Day	-	Dec; 25th
Easter Monday	-	*	Boxing Day	-	Dec; 26th
May Day	-	May, 1st			

\*These are movable holidays and are therefore subject to ratification by Government.

Time	-	GMT+1
Weights	-	Metric
Legal and tax system	-	British
Official language	-	English
Main languages	-	Hausa, Igbo and Yoruba
Currency	-	Naira (N)=100 kobo
Federal Capital	-	Abuja
Population	-	120 million
Land Area	-	923,768,64 sq km
Density	-	95, 8 per sq km

## 1.1 GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION

Jigawa State is located between latitude 10 57 and 13 03 North longitudes 8 08 East and 10 37 East. It shares a common boundary to the North by Katsina State and Niger Republic and Yobe State.. To the East and South, the State is bounded by Bauchi State and to the West Kano State.

## 1.2 VEGETATION AND CLIMATE

Most part of Jigawa State lies within the Sudan vegetation Zone. On some part of the Southern Boundaries some traces of Guinea Savannah exist. The vegetation and climate of the State is influenced by both the Equatorial Maritime and the Tropical Continental air masses. The former is characterized by Southwesterly wind coming from the Gulf of Guinea, while the latter represent the dry Northeasterly wind coming from the Sahara desert.

The mean annual rainfall from 600mm to 1000mm. Rainfall is higher in the Southern part of the State. Jigawa has an average of 700mm annual Rainfall.

The mean daily maximum temperature is 35; 19c respectively. The maximum temperature has two peaks occurring in April and October.

The lowest temperature is recorded during the month of December and January. At this period the temperature can fall as low as 10;c or lower at night.

The mean relative humidity can be as high as 80% in the month of August (about 15MJ/day) and as low as 15% in December. The State has an altitude of between 600m above sea level.

Solar radiation can be as high as 24.1MJ/day in the month of February. The lowest radiation occurs in the month of August (about 15MJ/day) when cloud over is most frequent.

The State has a projected population of about 3.5 million based on annual growth rate of 2.52% of the 2,829,926 people as per 1991 census, about 50% of the population are females.

Jigawa State covers a land area of about 22.210km or 2.2 million hectares. About 70% of this land mass is cultivable during the rainy season. Popular rain crops include Peppers, Millet, Sorghum, Cowpea, G/Nut, Sesame, Rice, Bambara nut, and Bitter Melon. Crop production during the rainy season is mainly for subsistence with farmers averagely cultivating about 2.5 Ha.



**Bags of Sesame in Storage**



**Gum Arabic**

The State is blessed with vast flood plains popularly known as "Fadama" land where irrigated agriculture is practiced because of easy access to underground and surface water. The estimate cultivable land area here is put at about 120,000Ha farming under irrigation mainly for cash and the average holding 0.06Ha. Crop cultivated include Tomatoes, Peppers, Onion, Wheat, Cassava, Lettuce, Carrot, Sugar Cane, Garden Egg, Maize etc.

The State has 15 major irrigation schemes one of which is the Hadejia Valley Project with a total land mass of developed irrigable area of about 3,000Ha. The rest cover a total land area of about 825Ha. There exist a total of fourteen boreholes based irrigation projects in the State.

Livestock husbandry is very common in Jigawa State with over 80% of the State households



**Livestock at the Maigatari Border Market**

keeping livestock. Common livestock species kept include goat, sheep, cattle, poultry, donkey, and horses. These estimated population of goat, sheep, cattle, poultry and donkeys is 2.3 million, 1.8 million 1.1 million, 4.2 million and 0.05 million respectively.

The State is also endowed with a variety of solid mineral resources all of which remain unutilized despite the increasing need to do so. Among those confirmed to be available in commercial quantity are:- Kaolin, Tourmaline, Amethyst, Marl and Marl Stone, Potash, Silica, Iron Ore, Copper, Pedospher, Gold, White Quartz Refractory Clay, Fine Clay and Antimony.

#### **1.4 SOCIO-ECONOMICS**

Jigawa State is predominantly a rural State. The Hausa-Fulani constitute the majority followed by the Kanuri-Mangawa tribe. There are pockets of Wajawas especially in the Southern part of the State. Agriculture is the mainstay of Jigawa State economy as over 90% of the work force depend on agriculture. Second to agriculture in terms of means of livelihood is trading followed by artisanship or handicraft.

#### **POLITICAL SET-UP**

Jigawa State is one of the 36 States of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. Politically, the State comprises 27 Local Government Areas, with an independent legislative and judicial; system applicable throughout the country under a democratic governance.



**Emir's Palace**

# MAIGATARI BORDER FREE ZONE:



Sign Board



Main Entrance of Maigatari Border-Free Zone

The Maigatari Border Free Zone regime offers a range of International Competitive advantages

## **HASSLE - FREE INVESTMENT AND ONE STOP SERVICE**

Investors can choose to deal through the umbrella organisation the Maigatari Border Free Zone (MBFZ) Management company (currently Ministry of commerce), thus avoiding cumbersome procedures. They offer a complete range of services to the investor through "one-stop" centre. Investors are free to locate within the factory or to build their factories that suit their tastes with the approval of the management, they can choose to become a single factory any where in the State, serviced by the Maigatari Border Free Zone or to locate within the Industrial Parks developed and managed by a Maigatari Border Free Zone

Management.

## **TAX FREE REGIME:**

Maigatari Border Free Zone enterprises are exempted from Corporate tax, Customs duties, Sales taxes, VAT, Transfer taxes and Stamp duties. Only personal income tax on employees income need be paid.

## **NO TIME BOUND INCENTIVES:**

Maigatari Border Free Zone incentives are of unlimited duration.

## **NON DISCRIMINATORY FOR FOREIGN FIRM**

The Maigatari Border Free Zone regime applies equally to Nigerian and foreign firms.

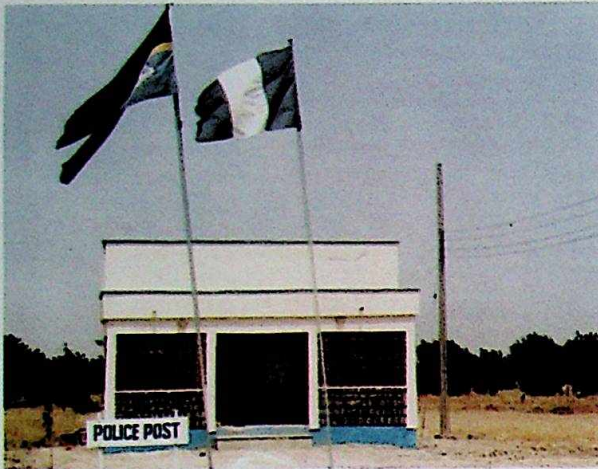


MBFZ Custom Post



Prototype Factory Building

# MAIGATARI BORDER FREE ZONE:



MBFZ Police Post

## INFRASTRUCTURE:

On top of Nigeria's general infrastructure, Maigatari Border Free Zone Enterprises enjoy additional benefits of access to Industrial land managed by a responsive and efficient Maigatari Border Free Zone Management and tailored to the needs of individual enterprises.

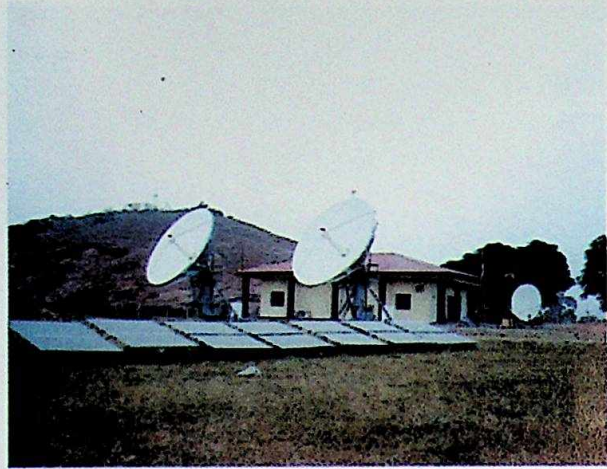
## BROAD RANGE OF ACTIVITIES:

Manufacturing enterprises, trading, warehousing activities, agricultural processing are all targeted to encourage value export oriented business.

## INCENTIVES:

The incentives which Maigatari Border Free Zone intends to offer include:

- 100% foreign ownership.
- No corporate taxes for 10 years
- 100% repatriation of capital and profits.
- A market of over one hundred of million people.
- No administration problem. Maigatari border free zone is at hand to give expert advice and ensure all your



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requirements are accomplished smoothly.

- Modern efficient communications.
- No recruitment problem
- Attractive working environment
- Abundant energy
- Excellent support among other things.

## MAIGATARI BORDER FREE ZONE APPLICATION

To take advantage of the Maigatari Border Free Zone, investors must apply to the free zone for license signed by the Management. The terms and conditions of the license provides investors with the confidence that their investment has the Country's/State's full support.

## FILL-OUT APPLICATION:

The application forms gives particulars of the enterprise making the proposal which is used to assess the suitability of the proposal.

## BUSINESS PLAN:

Maigatari Border Free Zone status will be awarded on the basis of an appropriate business plan detailing the future operation of the enterprise.

## PROVIDE RELEVANT INFORMATION ON TRACT RECORD:

The applicant will have to provide evidence of past business performance such as companies financial statement e.t.c. if any.



# MAIGATARI BORDER FREE ZONE:

## IDENTIFY MAIGATARI BORDER FREE ZONE SERVICE REQUIRED:

The applicant should indicate these services provided by Maigatari Border Free Zone which it thinks it will require.

## NEGOTIATE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF MAIGATARI BORDER FREE ZONE CERTIFICATE:

The Maigatari Border Free Zone certificate will indicate the terms and conditions of operating within the zone.

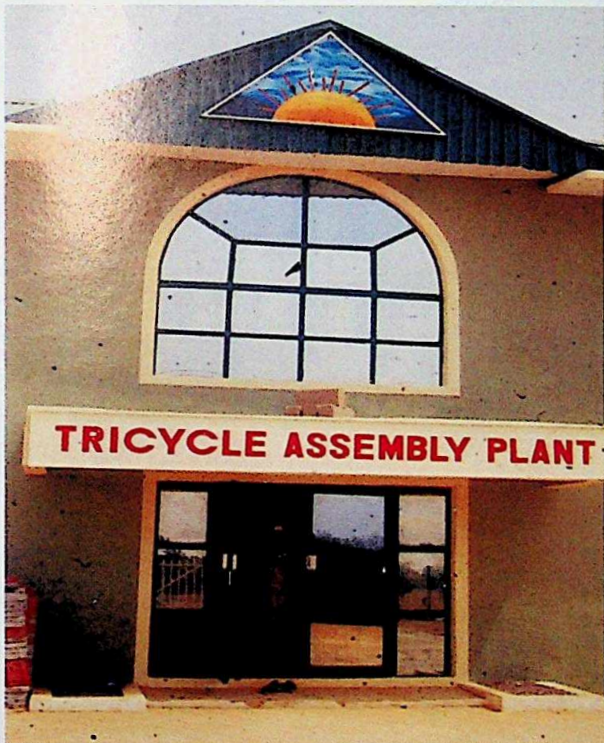
## EXPORT MARKET:

Goods and Services produced in Maigatari Border Free Zone are internationally recognized as "Made-in-Nigeria" provided normal rules of origin are met. This allows exporters to take advantage of Nigeria's numerous trade agreements with other world markets.

## TRICYCLE ASSEMBLING:

As part of the State effort at minimizing poverty strategy, the tricycle assembly plant has been established with a view to empower youths in job creation and provision of intra-city transportation thereby replacing the motorcycle menace in the state.

Any investor - private or public is invited to partner or request for bulk purchase of the three wheel car.



Tricycle Assembly Plant



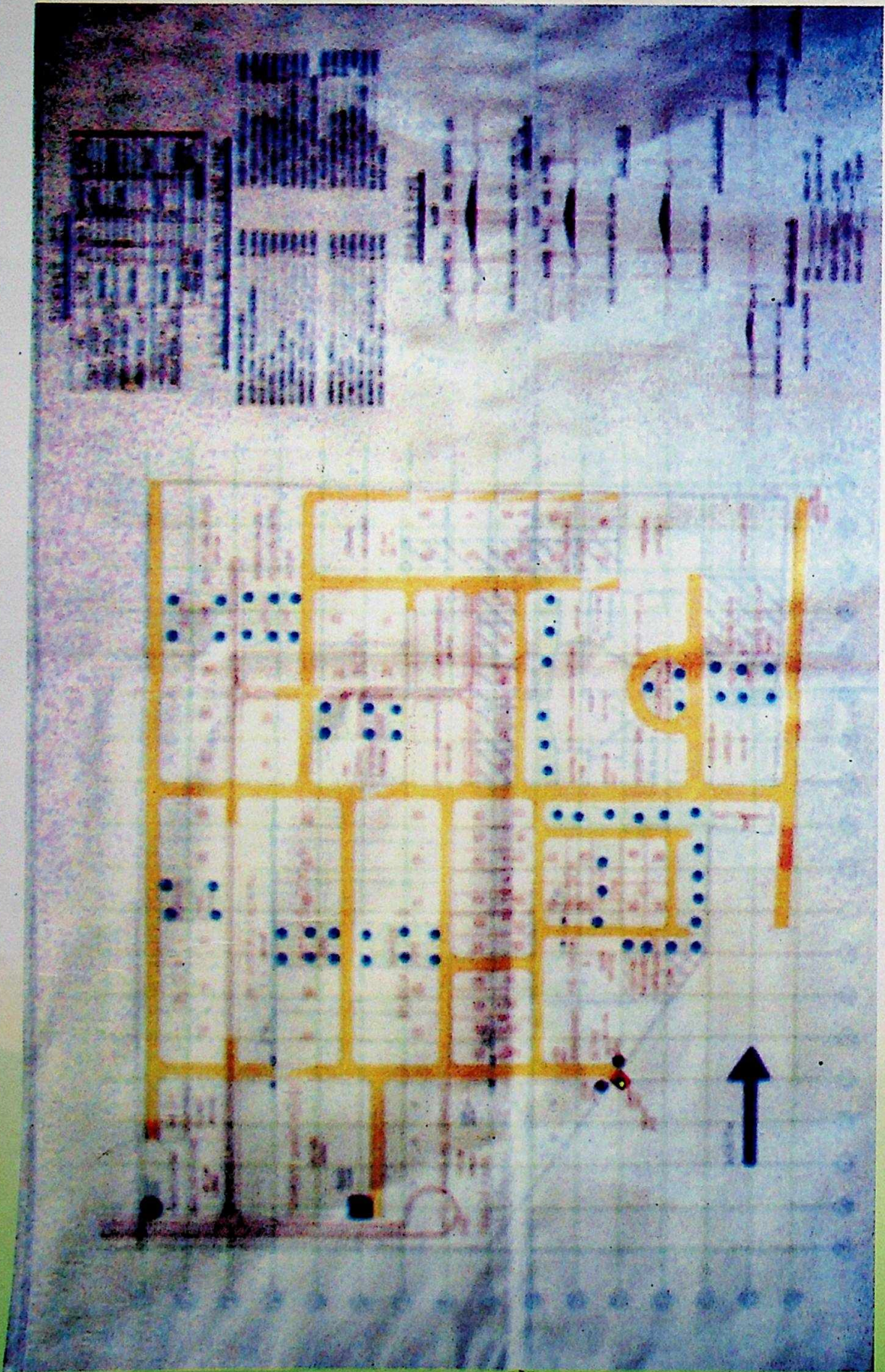
Jigawa Tricycle at Finishing Stage



On Delivery



Assembly Plant



**ENQUIRIES:**

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