

## ***Amstel Malta Ultra Adopts Team Nigeria for the 2021 Tokyo Olympics***

Premium malt drink brand, Amstel Malta Ultra, has adopted Team Nigeria for the upcoming 2021 Tokyo Olympics which is set to commence on the 23rd of July, 2021 after a one year postponement due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

The Minister of Youth and Sport Development Chief Sunday Dare introduced the ‘adopt an athlete’ initiative, in 2019, to increase funding for the development of sport in the country in the build up to this year’s Olympic Games in Tokyo. Premium Malt brand Amstel Malta has risen to challenge by announcing their proud sponsorship of Team Nigeria for the Games.

Athletes like Ruth Usoro, who broke the Nigerian triple jump record of 14.50m, and will be participating in her first Olympics, is a beneficiary of this gesture. Other athletes who will be joining her on the Team Nigeria include: Divine Oduduru, Enoch Adegoke, Tobi Amusan and Annette Echikunwoke amongst others cut across the different sports Nigeria qualified for—taekwondo, rowing, para-rowing, canoeing, para-canoeing, and powerlifting.

Table tennis sensation Aruna Quadri will lead Team Nigeria while powerlifter Lucy Ejike will lead the Paralympics Team. For the Paralympic Games, Team Nigeria is scheduled to leave the country on August 8, for a 14-day Pre-Games Training Camp in Kisarazu. Commonwealth wrestling medalist, Odunayo Adekuoroye, will be the flag bearer during the opening ceremony, while African record holder in the long jump, Ese Brume, will bear the flag during the closing ceremony. Team Nigeria will compete in nine sports at the Olympics and four sports in the Paralympics.

Speaking on the sponsorship, the Brand Manager Amstel Malta Aminah Jagun said;

“In our quest to revive the drying spirit of sportsmanship in Nigeria, we hold no doubt that with our support, Nigeria’s 13-year wait for a track and field medal at the Olympics will end this year. Having watched them train tirelessly with immense support from the office of the Minister of Youth and Sports Development, we hold no doubt that Team Nigeria will bring home several medals, and make the entire nation proud.”

Amstel Malta Ultra is the proud sponsor of Team Nigeria for the 2021 Tokyo Olympics and a partner with the Nigerian Olympics Committee. This partnership is a unique opportunity to empower Nigerian athletes to shine and entrench the place of Nigeria in world sports.