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### **IF I COULD INVENT SOMETHING NEW**

The world is constantly changing by technology. The possibilities of new inventions are limitless and if I could invent something new, it would be something that could provide relief or totally solve the frustrating traffic jams, particularly in Lagos, Nigeria. I thought of a technology which I call '**Pick-up aircraft**'. In the past people travelled on foot, then horses, camels and donkeys and then chariots. Nowadays, vehicles are the most common means of transportation leading to overpopulation of vehicles on Nigerian roads. Having had this frustrating experience several times, I believe the 'Pick-up aircraft would be useful.

The pick-up aircraft is an idea that was birthed from a desire to reduce the stress Nigerians, especially Lagosians, experience daily on the road. To eliminate the daily frustration, the Uber system was a great motivation and helped a lot of people get to their destination faster and at a considerable cost. Unlike the Uber system, the pick-up aircraft will be similar to the upcoming flying cars except that it would also be for commercial purposes. The affordable pick up aircraft would impact positively on transportation in Nigeria.

The effectiveness of every invention is tested by its effect on nature, this is called sustainability. The pick-up aircraft would be powered electrically. It means there would be no fuels thereby reducing air pollution. The health of many Nigerians would be preserved including the trees which are endangered by carbon monoxide. This would also reduce the harmful effects of climate change and would save cost on fuel.

The pick-up aircraft, just like the air ambulance would meet several the needs. It would readily available, no traffic jam and no pollution, means of transportation. With this, workers can arrive early to their workplace without the stress involved in transportation as of the present. Workplaces can then open earlier, and production rate would increase which would in turn lead to an increase in the nation's economy and health preserved.

As a result of this invention, fewer cars would be on the road, leading to decrease in car accidents. Many times, drivers do not realize they have violated traffic rules while on the road because of the rush, the early morning rush or the late evening rush. They try to beat the traffic by all means necessary at the same time trying to avoid potholes and the crowd of people as is the case on Nigerian roads. The pick-up aircraft would solve all these problems.

The government would be involved in this invention as they would make necessary laws and best practices that would guide the operations of my pick-up aircraft. Best of all this innovation does not affect the flight of aircrafts in the sky, for it cannot fly as high yet, not too low. I believe this invention would answer to the problem of frustrating traffic jams in Nigeria while being sustainable and affordable, I also believe I can improve on this innovation before it would be put to use.