BlueFleet Enhanced Business Requirements Document (BRD)

1. Executive Summary

1.1 Project Overview

BlueFleet is Africa's first digital vessel leasing marketplace, designed to revolutionize Nigeria's $2.5B offshore marine logistics industry. The platform connects vessel owners directly with oil & gas operators (IOCs, NOCs), eliminating traditional broker inefficiencies and creating a transparent, compliant marketplace.

1.2 Value Proposition

- **Speed**: Reduce leasing times from 4-6 weeks to 12-36 hours
- **Cost**: Slash intermediary fees from 15-30% to a flat 7%
- **Compliance**: Ensure 100% NIMASA-compliant listings with blockchain verification
- **Transparency**: Real-time AIS tracking and escrow-protected transactions

1.3 Vision Statement

"Africa's Airbnb for Marine Logistics – Faster, Safer, Smarter"

1.4 Strategic Impact

- Unlock $500M in annual ecosystem value within 5 years
- Target 15% market share of West African OSV market ($750M GMV)
- Position for strategic acquisition or Series A funding

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2. Business Context & Problem Analysis

2.1 Market Landscape

- **Market Size**: Nigeria's OSV market valued at $2.5B, West Africa at $5B
- **Fragmentation**: 80% of vessel owners are small/medium players with limited visibility
- **Inefficiencies**: Average vessel utilization at 60%, 4-6 week leasing cycles
- **Compliance Issues**: 20% of vessels fail NIMASA compliance, risking $50,000-$100,000 fines

2.2 Core Problems

1. **Operational Delays**: 4-6 week leasing timelines cost IOCs $75,000/day in rig downtime

2. **High Transaction Costs**: Broker commissions of 15-30% inflate operational costs
3. **Compliance Risks**: Manual, paper-based verification systems
4. **Market Opacity**: Limited visibility into vessel availability and pricing
5. **Trust Deficit**: No standardized rating or verification system

2.3 Competitive Advantage

- First-mover advantage in African digital marine logistics
- Mobile-first design addressing regional connectivity challenges
- Regulatory alignment with NIMASA and NIPEX
- Blockchain-secured compliance records

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3. Strategic Objectives & Success Metrics

3.1 Short-Term Goals (0-12 Months)

Objective	Target	Success Metrics
Platform Launch	MVP deployment	Core features operational
User Acquisition	50 vessel owners, 5 oil firms	Active user registrations
Transaction Volume	500 transactions ($1M GMV)	Platform utilization
Revenue Generation	$451,000 at 7% commission	Financial performance
Compliance Achievement	95% compliance score	Regulatory adherence

3.2 Mid-Term Goals (12-36 Months)

Objective	Target	Success Metrics
Geographic Expansion	Ghana and Angola markets	Market penetration
Scale Operations	15 SaaS clients, 2,000+ listings	Platform growth
Feature Enhancement	AI pricing, multilingual support	User experience
Sustainability Focus	Carbon tracking integration	Environmental impact

3.3 Long-Term Vision (3-5 Years)

Objective	Target	Success Metrics
Market Dominance	15% West African OSV market	Market share
Transaction Scale	15,000 annual transactions	Volume metrics
Revenue Target	$15M annual revenue	Financial performance
Strategic Position	Acquisition readiness	Valuation metrics

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4. Stakeholder Analysis & Requirements

4.1 Primary Stakeholders

4.1.1 Vessel Owners (Supply Side)

Profile: Small to medium vessel operators seeking market visibility **Key Requirements**:

- Simplified vessel listing process
- Fast payment processing (escrow protection)
- Compliance support and verification
- Market pricing intelligence
- Mobile-accessible platform

Pain Points Addressed:

- High broker fees (15-30% → 7%)
- Low vessel utilization (60% → target 80%+)
- Manual paperwork burden
- Limited market access

4.1.2 Oil & Gas Operators - IOCs/NOCs (Demand Side)

Profile: International and national oil companies requiring vessel services **Key Requirements**:

- NIMASA-compliant vessel verification
- Real-time vessel tracking (AIS integration)
- API integration capabilities
- Fast booking process (12-36 hours)
- Transparent pricing

Pain Points Addressed:

- Rig delays costing $75,000/day
- Fraud risk mitigation
- Audit trail requirements
- Manual procurement processes

4.1.3 Maritime Logistics Firms (Aggregators)

Profile: Companies managing multiple vessel bookings **Key Requirements**:

- Bulk booking capabilities
- Analytics dashboards
- Real-time tracking
- SaaS-level access

4.1.4 Regulatory Bodies (NIMASA, NIPEX)

Profile: Government agencies ensuring maritime compliance **Key Requirements**:

- Real-time compliance monitoring
- Automated reporting capabilities
- Audit trail access
- Data security compliance

4.2 Secondary Stakeholders

4.2.1 Maritime Brokers (Transition Partners)

Transformation Strategy:

- Digital agent program with 5% referral commissions
- Training workshops for platform transition
- Hybrid model allowing broker-managed listings

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5. Functional Requirements Specification

5.1 Core System Modules

5.1.1 User Management System

Requirements:

- Multi-role authentication (Vessel Owners, Operators, Admins, Regulators)
- KYC/KYB verification workflows
- Two-factor authentication (2FA)
- NDPR-compliant data handling

Acceptance Criteria:

- Users can register with email/phone verification
- Role-based access controls implemented
- GDPR/NDPR compliance validated

5.1.2 Vessel Listing & Search Engine

Requirements:

- **Vessel Listing Interface**:
  - Upload vessel specifications (type, capacity, certifications)
  - Image gallery management
  - Availability calendar
  - Compliance document upload
  - Pricing configuration
- **Search & Filter System**:
  - Filter by vessel type (PSV, AHTS, Crew Boat)
  - Location-based search
  - Compliance status filtering
  - Price range filtering
  - Availability date filtering
  - Emissions profile filtering

Acceptance Criteria:

- Search results returned in <1 second
- Mobile-responsive interface
- Offline caching for poor connectivity

5.1.3 Booking & Transaction Management

Requirements:

- **Booking Workflow**:
  - Real-time availability checking
  - Customizable lease terms
  - E-signature contract generation
  - Booking confirmation system
- **Escrow Payment System**:
  - Paystack integration (1% fee)
  - Flutterwave failover option
  - Multi-currency support (USD, NGN)
  - Automated payment release triggers

Acceptance Criteria:

- Booking completion in <3 clicks
- Payment processing within 5 minutes
- Contract generation automated

5.1.4 Real-Time Tracking System

Requirements:

- MarineTraffic API integration for AIS data
- Vessel location history
- Route plotting capabilities
- Failover protocols for connectivity issues
- Cached data for offline access

Acceptance Criteria:

- Real-time location updates every 15 minutes
- 99.9% uptime with failover systems
- Historical tracking data retention

5.1.5 Compliance Management Engine

Requirements:

- NIMASA certification verification

- SOLAS compliance checking
- NIPEX registration validation
- Blockchain-secured document storage
- Automated expiry notifications

Acceptance Criteria:

- 100% NIMASA compliance verification
- Automated alerts 30 days before expiry
- Immutable compliance records

5.1.6 Analytics & Pricing Intelligence

Requirements:

- Dynamic pricing recommendations
- Market trend analysis
- Utilization rate tracking
- Revenue forecasting
- Demand pattern analysis

Acceptance Criteria:

- AI-driven pricing suggestions within 10% accuracy
- Real-time dashboard updates
- Historical data analysis capabilities

5.2 Mobile & Accessibility Features

5.2.1 Multi-Channel Access

Requirements:

- Native mobile app (iOS/Android)
- Web platform (responsive design)
- USSD integration for basic functions
- WhatsApp integration for notifications

5.2.2 Localization

Requirements:

- Multi-language support (English, Yoruba, French, Portuguese)
- Currency localization
- Regional compliance variations
- Cultural UI adaptations

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6. Technical Requirements & Architecture

6.1 System Architecture

Recommended Stack:

- **Backend**: Firebase Realtime Database for MVP, migrate to PostgreSQL for scale
- **Frontend**: Flutter for cross-platform mobile development
- **API Gateway**: Node.js/Express for third-party integrations
- **Authentication**: Firebase Auth with OTP support
- **Security**: AES-256 encryption, end-to-end security

6.2 Integration Requirements

6.2.1 Payment Gateway Integration

- **Primary**: Paystack (1% transaction fee)
- **Secondary**: Flutterwave (backup option)
- **Requirements**: Escrow capabilities, multi-currency support

6.2.2 Maritime Data Integration

- **Primary**: MarineTraffic API for AIS tracking
- **Secondary**: exactEarth API (failover option)
- **Requirements**: Real-time vessel positioning, historical data

6.2.3 Regulatory Integration

- **NIMASA API**: Vessel certification verification
- **NIPEX Integration**: Buyer verification system
- **Requirements**: Automated compliance checking

6.3 Performance Requirements

Metric	Requirement	Measurement
Response Time	<1 second for search	Average response time
Availability	99.9% uptime	Monthly uptime percentage
Scalability	Support 15,000 transactions/year	Concurrent user capacity
Data Processing	Real-time AIS updates	Update frequency

6.4 Security Requirements

- End-to-end encryption for all transactions
- NDPR/GDPR compliance for data protection
- Regular security audits and penetration testing
- Role-based access control (RBAC)
- Audit logging for all system activities

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7. User Experience & Interface Requirements

7.1 Design Principles

- **Mobile-First**: Primary interface optimized for mobile devices
- **Accessibility**: WCAG 2.1 AA compliance
- **Simplicity**: Intuitive navigation requiring minimal training
- **Localization**: Culturally appropriate design elements

7.2 User Journey Specifications

7.2.1 Vessel Owner Journey

1. **Registration**: Email/phone verification, KYC completion
2. **Vessel Listing**: Upload specifications, documents, images
3. **Inquiry Management**: Receive and respond to booking requests
4. **Contract Execution**: E-signature and terms confirmation
5. **Service Delivery**: Real-time tracking and updates
6. **Payment Receipt**: Automated escrow release
7. **Feedback**: Rating and review system

7.2.2 Operator Journey

1. **Search**: Filter-based vessel discovery
2. **Evaluation**: Review vessel details and compliance
3. **Booking**: Submit request with terms
4. **Contract**: E-signature and payment escrow
5. **Tracking**: Monitor vessel location and status
6. **Completion**: Confirm delivery and release payment
7. **Review**: Rate vessel owner and service

7.3 Interface Requirements

- Responsive design for all screen sizes
- Offline functionality for core features
- Progressive Web App (PWA) capabilities
- Voice-over support for accessibility
- Gesture-based navigation for mobile

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8. Data Management & Governance

8.1 Data Architecture

Master Data Categories:

- **Vessel Data**: Specifications, certifications, location, performance metrics
- **User Data**: Profiles, KYC information, transaction history
- **Transaction Data**: Contracts, payments, escrow records
- **Compliance Data**: Certifications, audit trails, regulatory status
- **Analytics Data**: Usage patterns, pricing trends, performance metrics

8.2 Data Governance Framework

Ownership & Stewardship:

- Dedicated data governance team
- Data quality monitoring and validation
- Automated deduplication processes
- Master data management (MDM) system

Compliance & Retention:

- NDPR compliance with 5-year retention policy
- Right to deletion and data portability
- Consent management system
- Cross-border data transfer protocols

8.3 Data Security & Privacy

- Encryption at rest and in transit
- Anonymization for analytics
- Regular data backup and recovery testing
- Access logging and monitoring

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9. Regulatory & Compliance Framework

9.1 Regulatory Landscape

Key Regulations:

- **NIMASA**: Vessel certification and maritime safety
- **NIPEX**: Petroleum sector regulations
- **NDPR**: Data protection and privacy
- **Maritime Insurance**: Liability and coverage requirements

9.2 Compliance Strategy

Implementation Approach:

- Phased regulatory engagement with NIMASA/NIPEX
- Legal partnership with maritime law firms
- Automated compliance monitoring systems
- Regular regulatory update assessments

9.3 Risk Management

Regulatory Risks:

- Regulatory pushback → Proactive stakeholder engagement
- Compliance failures → Automated monitoring and alerts
- Legal challenges → Partnership with maritime legal experts

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10. Quality Assurance & Testing Requirements

10.1 Testing Strategy

Testing Types:

- **Unit Testing**: 90% code coverage requirement
- **Integration Testing**: API and third-party service testing
- **Performance Testing**: Load testing for peak usage
- **Security Testing**: Penetration testing and vulnerability assessment
- **User Acceptance Testing**: Stakeholder validation
- **Compliance Testing**: Regulatory requirement verification

10.2 Quality Gates

Release Criteria:

- All critical bugs resolved
- Performance benchmarks met
- Security audit passed
- Compliance verification completed
- User acceptance criteria satisfied

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11. Implementation Roadmap & Milestones

11.1 MVP Development (Months 1-6)

Phase 1: Foundation (Months 1-2)

- Requirements finalization and design
- Development team assembly
- Infrastructure setup (Firebase, APIs)
- Core authentication system

Phase 2: Core Features (Months 3-4)

- Vessel listing and search functionality
- Booking and payment integration
- Basic compliance checking

- Mobile app development

Phase 3: Integration & Testing (Months 5-6)

- AIS tracking integration
- Comprehensive testing
- Pilot program execution
- Investor demonstration preparation

11.2 Production Launch (Months 7-12)

- Public platform launch
- User onboarding campaigns
- Performance monitoring and optimization
- Feature enhancements based on feedback

11.3 Scale Phase (Year 2-3)

- Geographic expansion (Ghana, Angola)
- Advanced feature development (AI, IoT)
- Strategic partnerships
- Series A funding preparation

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12. Budget & Resource Requirements

12.1 MVP Development Budget

Total: $200,000

- Development Team: $120,000 (60%)
- Technology Infrastructure: $30,000 (15%)
- Third-party Integrations: $20,000 (10%)
- Testing & Security: $20,000 (10%)
- Contingency: $10,000 (5%)

12.2 Operational Budget (Year 1)

Total: $300,000

- Technology Operations: $50,000

- Marketing & Acquisition: $100,000
- Compliance & Legal: $50,000
- Team Expansion: $100,000

12.3 Human Resources

MVP Team:

- 2 Full-stack Developers
- 1 UI/UX Designer
- 1 Project Manager
- 1 Maritime Domain Expert

Scale Team (by Year 1):

- Additional 3 developers
- 1 DevOps engineer
- 1 Data analyst
- 2 Business development specialists

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13. Risk Assessment & Mitigation

13.1 Technical Risks

Risk	Impact	Probability	Mitigation Strategy
API Integration Failures	High	Medium	Multiple provider contracts, failover systems
Scalability Issues	High	Low	Cloud-native architecture, performance testing
Security Breaches	Critical	Low	Regular audits, security-first development

13.2 Business Risks

Risk	Impact	Probability	Mitigation Strategy
Regulatory Pushback	High	Medium	Proactive stakeholder engagement
Low User Adoption	High	Medium	Extensive user research, broker partnership
Competitive Response	Medium	High	First-mover advantage, feature differentiation

13.3 Operational Risks

Risk	Impact	Probability	Mitigation Strategy
Key Personnel Loss	Medium	Low	Knowledge documentation, cross-training
Third-party Dependency	Medium	Medium	Multiple vendor relationships
Funding Shortfall	High	Low	Milestone-based funding, investor diversity

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14. Success Metrics & KPIs

14.1 Business Metrics

Metric	Year 1 Target	Year 3 Target	Measurement Method
Gross Merchandise Value (GMV)	$1M	$15M	Platform transaction tracking
Number of Transactions	500	10,000	System analytics
Active Vessel Owners	50	1,500	User registration data
Active Operators	5	50	Customer acquisition tracking
Revenue	$451,000	$3M	Financial reporting

14.2 Operational Metrics

Metric	Target	Measurement Method
Platform Uptime	99.9%	System monitoring
Booking Completion Time	<36 hours	Process analytics
User Satisfaction Score	>4.5/5	User surveys
Compliance Rate	100%	Regulatory audits

14.3 Technical Metrics

Metric	Target	Measurement Method
Page Load Time	<2 seconds	Performance monitoring
Mobile App Rating	>4.0	App store analytics
API Response Time	<500ms	System metrics
Bug Resolution Time	<24 hours	Issue tracking

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15. Change Management & Governance

15.1 Change Control Process

Change Request Workflow:

1. Change identification and documentation
2. Impact assessment (technical, business, regulatory)
3. Stakeholder review and approval
4. Implementation planning
5. Testing and validation
6. Deployment and monitoring

15.2 Governance Structure

Steering Committee:

- CEO/Founder (Decision Authority)
- CTO (Technical Leadership)
- Maritime Domain Expert (Regulatory Compliance)
- Key Investor Representative (Strategic Oversight)

Working Groups:

- Technical Architecture Group
- User Experience Committee
- Regulatory Compliance Team
- Business Development Team

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16. Appendices

16.1 Glossary of Terms

- **AIS**: Automatic Identification System for vessel tracking
- **PSV**: Platform Supply Vessel
- **AHTS**: Anchor Handling Tug Supply vessel
- **GMV**: Gross Merchandise Value
- **NIMASA**: Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency
- **NIPEX**: Nigerian Petroleum Exchange
- **NDPR**: Nigeria Data Protection Regulation
- **IOC**: International Oil Company
- **NOC**: National Oil Company

- **OSV**: Offshore Support Vessel

16.2 Reference Documents

- BlueFleet Business Model Document
- BlueFleet MVP Development Plan
- NIMASA Regulatory Guidelines
- NDPR Compliance Framework

16.3 Contact Information

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