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### **Conclusion and Recommendations**

The study assessed the non-excusable delays factors affecting contractors' performance in project delivery in Akure metropolis, Ondo State, Nigeria by identifying and examining the causes of NEDs factors, evaluating its effects, and investigating how the effects of NEDs factors can be minimized. Using the questionnaire, the study found that financing and payment for completed work under finance-related delays are the most causes of NEDs followed by a lack of effective communication and coordination among project parties under client-related delays. Conversely, considering the top ten significant causes and ranking based on groups, both the finance and client-related factors take the first and the second positions respectively. This showed that both finance and client are important and should be put into consideration in ensuring the performance of contractors in project delivery. Also, the study identified cost overrun, time overrun, and total abandonment respectively as the major effects of NEDs while suggesting adequate and available source of finance till project completion as well as the availability of competent project managers as ways of reducing NEDs factors. The study, therefore, recommended among others that to mitigate NEDs in project delivery, contractors should ensure adequate and appropriate utilization of finances, time, and human resources.

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