



SDNRP- Ministry of Mines and Petroleum PMU



UP TO DATE PROGRESS REPORT

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Mes Aynak Archeological Progress

Excavations were carried out practically throughout the entire month of November. At the site, work focused mostly in the eastern part of the trench. In this area, excavations have been conducted practically at the entire length of the site (area of 20x7 m). In addition, it is started to dismantle a baulk that was located east of Room 5 and Room 6. Furthermore, the exploitation of fills that lay in a cut CXT [154] was continued. At the same time, smaller works, i.e., preparing architectural structures to produce archaeological records (photos and drawings) and the exploration of small objects (e.g., hearths) were completed on the entire area of the site. Some minor excavations were also carried out in the northern part of Room 14.

In total, the work covered an area of approx. 150 square meters and approx. 250 cubic meters of soil has been removed from this area. It is important to note, however, that the work was performed entirely by hand and heavy machinery was used only to remove spoil heaps.

Additionally, two surveys have been conducted. The first survey was designed to gather information about the archaeological records produced on each excavated site. As part of this inspection International Archeologists visited most of the sites located on the eastern slope of Kuh-e Aynak mount. The second survey was conducted with the aim of preparing a work plan for the year 2015.

<p>Aynak Compliance Monitoring Project</p>	<p>Following the formal meeting between MOMP and MJAM senior officials in Beijing in September 2014, the GAF Team Leader again participated in a further meeting in Dubai in December. Discussions on technical issues continued, with both parties seeking to optimise the draft feasibility study (DFS) submitted by MJAM. It is planned for a further technical meeting to take place in early 2015.</p> <p>The GAF team has carried out a comprehensive audit of implementation of the Resettlement Action Plan for the Aynak site and has provided a detailed report with recommendations to MOMP.</p> <p>The GAF Aynak Compliance Monitoring project has been extended from 10 December to 09 June 2015 to ensure continuity of support to the ministry. The GAF team continues to work closely with MOMP officials and other experts to provide technical and legal advice and support in respect of the Aynak Copper Project.</p> <p>The GAF team has submitted its final draft for the Mining Technical Regulations to MOMP for its consideration.</p>
<p>Support to AGS Capacity Building (CBAGS)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for the AGS Coal Team (Samangan) and Polymetal Team (Panjshir) teams continued in January with focus on report writing. • CBAGS II and AGS teams discussed the contents of the final report, but have yet to agree on a mutually acceptable report format. • GIZ consultants and national staff are sharing office space with their AGS counterparts in order to intensify on-the-job training and technical support. • No activities (task cancelled by AGS Management) • Dr. Farahnaz Daliran returned to AFG to prepare for a microscopy training course starting in February. • Support for MoMP Mineral Sector Development Directorate (MSDD). Meetings with MSDD staff established the need for basic training in topics like mining, geological exploration, and Minerals Law. • Potential overlap with BGSi activities. Discussions

	<p>with BGSi commenced, more coordination will be required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data EXCEL sheet produced listing reports, maps from Ministry library at AGS. • Work on integrating TFBSO data files in AGS Archives is ongoing. • Adding geoscientific publications on Afghanistan in AGS Archives (title, author, year, link, abstract) • English Business Language Teacher finally appointed in December. • CBAGS II in collaboration with GIZ Mining Governance Project prepared TOR for joint Kabul-based management training courses. Based on those TOR, GIZ will accept and fund the local training courses under the Graduate Management Training program • The geoscientific team from University of Potsdam (Berlin) under Dr. Gerold Zeilinger (CBAGS II key expert) commenced work on 01/01/2015. Over the coming 4 months, the team will carry out a landslide risk analysis of Greater Kabul area, Takhar and Badakhshan Provinces. • The AGS Geohazards will not only benefit from the results of the investigation, but also receive on-the-job training in how such a scientific analysis is being conducted. • AGS A/Dir. Eng. Taher Rezai advised CBAGS II that support for the AGS Hydrogeological Team should cease. Instead, he requested a geotechnical engineer to support work along Salang Pass. • Procurement of urgently needed equipment, spare parts and consumables for the AGS Laboratories is ongoing. The latest procurement process failed again due to the lack of qualified bids. • CBAGS II prepared procurement documentation under ICB procedures for the new AGS Laboratory building complex proposed by USGS.
<p>Support to Reform of the Afghan Gas State Enterprise</p>	<p>During the month , UNICON presented the following deliverables: 1) Workshop 2 on Restructuring and related Issues - Presentation Materials, 2) Preparation of Technical Guidelines for pipeline safety, 3) Assessment Report on Afghan Gas technical operations, 4) Terms of reference for key management positions and, 5) Establish new Chart of Accounts.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Support to IMC</p>	<p>The IMC Secretary has done the following duties during the month of Nov:</p> <p>Providing of the technical information about the small scale mining bid evaluation reports and the report regarding to the CNPCIW requests for decreasing of Penalty, to the IMC</p> <p>Holding an IMC meeting</p> <p>Negotiations with preferred bidder of Jabul Seraj Cement Factory.</p> <p>Negotiations and Initialing of Totimaidan Gas block EPSC.</p> <p>Responding to all the emails received from foreign Companies and advisors.</p> <p>All other duties as per the HE Minister instruction.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Support to NEPA- Consultancy Services for Building Regulatory Capacity in the National Environmental Protection Agency</p>	<p>Task 3 (assess current system and procedures) and Task 4 (recommend changes whereby system and procedures can be improved or established to strengthen the key areas of concerns identified) of Phase I are completed in this month in close coordination with different divisions of NEPA. As such Deliverable 2- a consolidated report on the current systems and procedures of relevance to the NEPA with recommendations to overcome constraints/gaps is already submitted to NEPA and PMU.</p> <p>Both Deliverable 1 and Deliverable 2 will be presented to NEPA officials in a half day workshop to be held on December 7th 2014.</p> <p>Designed a one day training workshop for ESIA Board members on EISA review procedures with focus on mining sector which will be conducted on 14th of December 2014.</p> <p>Work on environmental standards (Task 10) and developing reference materials for environmental and social management (Task 14) are ongoing.</p>

