



SDNRP- Ministry of Mines and Petroleum PMU



UP TO DATE PROGRESS REPORT

(November/ 2014)

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.

Aynak Compliance Monitoring Project

Following the formal meetings between MOMP and MJAM senior officials which took place in Beijing in September, to review the draft feasibility study (DFS) submitted by MJAM, MJAM has submitted further material for review by MOMP and its technical advisors. These documents form part of the initiative by both parties to achieve technical optimization of the DFS with the objective of enhancing the financial performance of the project. A number of technical opportunities have been identified with potential to substantially benefit financial outcomes, and these are being explored jointly by engineers from both parties. A further meeting is scheduled to be held in early December for this purpose.

Landmine clearing activities continue at the mine site, where there has been an improvement in the security situation following efforts by Government to improve security infrastructure. The main access road to the site has suffered significant flood damage.

Archaeological work continues in progress. Teams of junior archaeologists from Afghanistan and Tajikistan continue to excavate and to carry out the equally important work of recording. Only one other international archaeologist is on site from outside those countries. The project is at a stage where specialist skills are required, especially for conservation of excavated artifacts. Additional chemicals are required for this purpose, along with further 3-D imaging of exposed architectural structures. Lack of Carbon 14 dating technology is inhibiting the work of determining the ages and sequence of activities on the site. Field work is expected to have to be suspended from about mid-December when the ground becomes frozen and too hard to be able to feel the difference between natural soil & ancient structures. During this time the teams will continue with recording work & cataloging, conservation in the laboratory and other critical tasks.

During November, the GAF team has carried out a comprehensive audit of implementation of the Resettlement Action Plan for the site. A detailed report will

	<p>be provided to MOMP in December.</p> <p>Negotiations are in progress with the PMU to further extend the GAF Aynak Compliance Monitoring project was extended from 09 December to 09 June 2015. The GAF team continues to work closely with MOMP officials and other experts and to provide technical and legal advice and support in respect of the ACP.</p> <p>The GAF team continues to play a substantial role in the development of draft Mining Regulations by a committee chaired by the Ministry's Director of Legal Services and including representatives of other donor organizations. The draft Regulations are currently divided into four parts:</p> <p>1) Technical; 2) Financial; 3) Health & Safety and 4) Explosives.</p> <p>GAF has submitted drafts in respect of Parts 1), 3) & 4) of the Regulations. It is intended that a further part, 5) Social & Environmental Protection, will be added later.</p>
<p>Support to AGS Capacity Building (CBAGS)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AGS and DMI teams completed their field work in Samangan (coal) and Panjshir (polymetal) under CBAGS II supervision and returned to Kabul on 16/11/14 and 20/11/14, respectively. Team members commented favorably on the training they had received in the field. • HE Min. MoMP signed Amendment #1 to the CBAGS II contract on 29 November 2014. The Amendment regulates the deployment of international experts for Years 2 and 3 of the project. • PMU requested CBAGS II to improve image and to step up relations with MoMP and AGS. <p>Work stream “oil & gas data capture” is delayed awaiting letter of authority to permit data access to Kabul, Mazar-e-Sharif and Sheberghan offices and archives.</p>

<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>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>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</p>

sector which will be conducted on 14th of December 2014.

Work on environmental standards (Task 10) and developing reference materials for environmental and social management (Task 14) are ongoing.