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UP TO DATE PROGRESS REPORT

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Mes Aynak Archeological Progress

As last month this month also no work has been carried out in archeological site at Mes Aynak.

The site was closed by the Directorate of Archeology due the second round of the presidential election for few days but didn't open due to strikes of the afghan archeologist of MoIC. Because they were not paid their salaries for more than six months.

The issue of site closure and delays in salaries were discussed several times in different meeting, even with both H E minister of Information and Culture and Minister of Mines and Petroleum. But still we do not see any positive result.

Procurement process of rental vehicle (Buses and Coasters) and Machineries for the project has been completed and the contracts signed on 24th June 2014. But due to the closure of the site the above mentioned services were just waiting for the work to start.

Closure of the site for more than two months by Ministry of Information and Culture results in delays of implementing the Work Program for 2014 which was prepared by Mr. Marek the Archeological Coordinator of Mes Aynak Archeological Project of Ministry of Mines and Petroleum with Coordination with the Archeology Directorate of Ministry of Mines and Petroleum.

Formally, an international team consisting of 15 specialists: 10 archaeologists (including one architect), 4 conservators and 1 Interlocutor.

Currently still on leave are Roberta Marziani and Amanda Watts and Marek Lemiesz. After sending many emails to them we believe Amanda and Roberta may not return back to the project.

	<p>Mr. Marek the Archeological Coordinator for the project was intend to return back on 07th of this month but still he is not back and does not response to the queries about his return. His absence from the project for such a long time adversely affects the organization of project activities.</p> <p>In addition, currently there are 9 trainee-archaeologists.</p> <p>The hiring process of 11 new trainee archeologists is almost completed, waiting for contracts to be signed.</p> <p>Due to closure of the archeological site by Directorate of Archeology of Ministry of Information and Culture no excavation work has been carried out.</p>
<p>Aynak Compliance Monitoring Project</p>	<p>MOMP has completed its review of the draft feasibility study (DFS) submitted by MJAM in March. MOMP has been assisted in this exercise by external consultants and advisors. Formal meetings between MOMP and MJAM senior officials are now scheduled to take place in Beijing in early September, at which the two parties will discuss the outcomes of the DFS and consider options available to progress the Aynak Copper Project (ACP).</p> <p>Landmine clearing activities continue at the mine site.</p> <p>Archaeological work also continues, despite the prevailing high level of security risk prevailing along the access route to the mine site. The PMU has provided additional heavy earthmoving equipment to assist in the task of exposing ground for more delicate archaeological excavations.</p> <p>MOMP is ready to allocate plots of 7 jiribs of land to each of 300 families, in close proximity to the resettlement village of Assa Baba near the city of Muhammad Agha. (A jirib is approximately 2,000m²). The handover is awaiting completion of the required administrative procedures which are in progress between the Ministry of Agriculture and the Presidential Palace. This land is classified as suitable for livestock and poultry and is being made available to afford these families a sustainable source of income. Funds are available in the Ministry's bank account for release to</p>

	<p>these families for construction of their new dwellings as soon as these plots are handed over.</p> <p>The GAF Aynak Compliance Monitoring project is due to terminate on 09 September but has been extended to 09 December. The GAF team continues to work closely with MOMP officials and other experts in providing 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 completed a draft of the Technical Regulations, which cover all cadastral aspects, i.e. issuance and ownership of mining rights, and this draft is undergoing review pending final approval by the committee.</p> <p>Parts 3) & 4) of the Regulations have been completed in draft form, based substantially on earlier drafts submitted by GAF.</p>
<p>Environmental Issues Support to NEPA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working on State of Environment Report of NEPA to be published soon. I am leading the technical issues of the preparation of this report from the beginning, which started last year up to now. Currently the report is in its designing and about printing stages. During two last weeks we are working very hard to have its printed copies. • (Continued from last month). It is now in printing and it will be on table in the first week of .

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation and technical support to the Environmental Technical Committee of Standards which is in ANSA, and I am representing NEPA officially and developing various environmental standards. We have proposed a required draft to the Technical committee it is in the stage to have inception session on the effluent standard. The meeting on this committee is on monthly basis. (Continued from last month). • Attending in Environmental Coordination meeting of NEPA which meets every month and discusses various environmental issues of the country and specially of the Kabul City. (Continued from last month). • During this month, I have managed consultation meeting with ESIA International Advisor for about 40 participant in NEPA in 17 Nov, 2013 for one day. Still we are receiving the comments of the ministries and will be incorporating in the ESIA draft to finalize it. (Continued from last month). • During December 2013, I was nominated by NEPA to attend the 13th Governing Council meeting of SACEP, in Islamabad, Pakistan, 2 - 7 December 2013, with H.E DG of NEPA. (New). • During December, I was nominated by NEPA to attend the GEF Expanded Constituency Workshop in Marrakech, Morocco, from 14 to 19 December, 2013. (New). • Our technical support continues with all relevant divisions of NEPA.
<p>Support to AGS Capacity Building (CBAGS)</p>	<p>General comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restrictions on engaging international experts during the presidential election period were still in place in June, so the Project operated with only a skeleton team on the ground in Kabul. <p>Geological support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project team checked several quarry sites around Kabul and road outcrops in the lower Panjshir Valley with regard to their suitability for training exercises

	<p>with AGS staff.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geologists designed a comprehensive field mapping training program to be presented to AGS management in July.
<p>Support to Reform of the Afghan Gas State Enterprise</p>	<p>Activities: Detailed consultations with Donors, consultants, government departments, Afghan Gas, Baulk Government, companies and other organizations continued.</p> <p>Review and analysis of Afghan Gas functions continued: covering HR, organizational structure, finances and accounts, information flows. These covered Tasks 2, 3 and 6.</p> <p>Outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Briefing Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BN3: Final paper “Case for Corporatization” BN4: Comments on Draft Natural Gas Pricing Policy BN5: Summary of Proposed Interim Gas Pricing Policy Presentations prepared: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> P5: Potential Natural Gas Market Preliminary Results P6: Corporatization of Afghan Gas (for IMC) P7: Interim Gas Pricing Policy (for IMC) P8: Gas Development Directorate Organ gram <p>Training: Introduction to double entry bookkeeping for AGE staff</p>
<p>Support to IMC</p>	<p>The IMC achieved the following performances during the month of August:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewing of the Jabul Seraj Cement Contract docum with Legal and Technical advisors of the Mayer Brown SRK consulting companies Negotiating with Lego Logistic Company regarding to t

	<p>Jabul Seraj Cement contract.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collecting of information to the Inter-Minist Commission • Holding of an IMC meeting • Responding to all the emails received from for companies and advisors • All other duties as per the HE Minister instruction
<p style="text-align: center;">Support to Gender</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over viewed Law on Elimination of Violence against Woman. • Evaluation of proposals which Received from institutes. • Meeting with Midas employee regarding the presentation under the name of (Program and Joint Plan of SDNRP/PMU and Ministry of Mines about Gender). • Had meeting with head of human resource department at MoMP. • Had meeting with gender directorate at MoMP regarding need assessment form for all staff at MoMP. • Had meeting with advisor of Deputy at Deputy of Admin and Finance regarding need assessment at MoMP. • Collected statistics of female and male staff from province and center.