



Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
Ministry of Mines
Mes Aynak Development and Progress Matrix



ACTIVITIES AND PROGRESS TO DATE
July, 2012

| Sectors | |
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| 1. Security | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- More than 1700 police officers are on the site for the entire security of the area- 86 active check post points covering Mes Ayak totally- Blast shelter on the Afghan Camp.- Mine awareness lectures to be provided by MDC in the next week- armored vehicle pick and drop from and to the site |
| 2. International and local staff | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 18 internationals archeological experts from different countries on site- 7 archeologists from Tajikistan on site- 7 new international staff due by 1st August- 7 Afghan archeologists from the Ministry of Information and Culture on site- 43 Afghan Archeologists (fresh graduates) on site- 10 Afghan Admin and logistical support staff on site- 450 local workers on daily wages on site- Increasing the international staffing of 40 international persons. |
| 3. Work Plan | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Work continues on a total 17 sites, including 5 recently started new areas of excavation- Survey and documentation of excavated sites underway in the Lower Town Area- First phase of machining on the mountain top completed and awaiting additional 100 laborers for hand excavation- Excavation of Peripheral Monastic Sites, and shall soon move to a phase of documentation and survey- 3D scanning team ready to mobilize, a necessary step before removal of the larger relics can begin- Removal of previous spoil heaps well underway allowing extension of existing sites – which permits the identification of the limits of certain archaeological areas and the investigation of areas between existing sites |
| 4. Logistical support by PMU | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- A to Z field equipments needed for archeological activities on site procured by PMU- Provided accommodation facilities for both International and local archeologists- Full transportation services on site- Communication, internet and other facilities on the site- 3D scanning |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conservation Chemicals being procured by DAFA by late August - Coin cleaning chemicals also being sourced by DAFA |
| 5. Accommodation / Catering | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Four containers on site to provide office, store, laundry and TV room for internationals - New accommodation for up to 24 internationals |
| 6. Co-ordination | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Weekly on site meeting with MoIC - Coordination panel established and meeting on monthly bases |
| 7. Mes Aynak Documentary | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sophie Barry and Elissa Bogos began filming archaeologists on site at Mes Aynak – - A 2 minute short film has been completed for viewing - The RFP for the Afghan Production Company is complete and will be sent out this week - Build and maintain video and photographic archive |
| 8. Archaeological progress – Key recent finds | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Excavation of 2 large stupa complexes nearly completed, with the discovery of a total of 19 stupas, and a coin hoard totaling 857 coins. - Ongoing excavations in the Lower Town Area are producing numerous smaller relics such as stone carvings, stucco statues, decorative items in bronze - Mechanical excavations on the mountain have revealed galleries associated with ancient mining and this area has produced a number of items in bronze attesting to the working of metal on the site - Evaluation of archaeological potential at the base of the mountain has been completed, revealing 2 caves which will be investigated. |
| 9. Mes Aynak Facts to hand! | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dedicated management unit for Aynak Archaeological contract established and operational (AAMU) - Geological exploration of 28 sq km completed; geological test core samples sent to China for testing - Geological survey of coal sites completed samples sent for testing - Technical studies on smelting, processing, waste, energy and water near completion - Temporary accommodation for Afghan and Chinese staff completed - 17 km road from Zahidabad village to the mine site completed; 3 other roads in the area under construction - Currently the total numbers of local workers are 700 persons in addition to some 1,700 security personnel and those employed in archaeological work. - A dedicated customs unit agreed with MoF - A social survey completed in line with WB standards - Railway feasibility study has commenced |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Environmental studies in line with international standards under way - Resettlement action plan formulated; Memorandum of Understanding with sub-national government signed - USD4.5m allocated from MoM development budget for infrastructure, social services and resettlement - Compensation to resettled families in the area paid - Resettlement area identified, construction work ongoing - A time bound management plan to protect and preserve antiquities at Aynak agreed and under implementation - International archeologists engaged. A comprehensive archeological assessment and management plan to protect the Buddhist artifacts completed - Archeological excavation work in 4 priority sites at Aynak ongoing. - Plans for constructing a museum in Logar Province ongoing - Funding for preserving Aynak antiquities secured |
| <p>10. Mes Aynak Oversight</p> | <p>A team of engineers from the China ENFI Engineering Group (ENFI) visited Kabul in the last week of June and first week of July. ENFI is the company contracted by MJAM to design the mine and also to prepare the feasibility study for the Aynak Copper Project. In a series of meetings between ENFI and MJAM and the Ministry of Mines, a number of technical issues were resolved. This should assist the companies to progress the feasibility study (FS). His Excellency the Minister of Mines laid down clear guidelines for preparation of the FS, based on guidance from the compliance monitoring team.</p> <p>The Ministry has also urged ENFI to open an office in Kabul as soon as possible and to engage in maximum consultation with the Ministry and its consultants during the preparation of the FS.</p> <p>The Ministry has approved two potential tailings dam sites for inclusion in the FS and has also approved a proposal by the mining company to construct a water storage dam</p> <p>The Ministry of Mines has approved the structure for management of the project within the Ministry and is engaged in implementing the appropriate structure. Technical training is in progress for officials who will be involved in project management and compliance monitoring.</p> |
| <p>11. Social Issues</p> | <p>Development of policy note and implementation mechanisms</p> |

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| | <p>for Community Development Agreements under progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Consultation with communities ongoing for redressal of their grievances, if any-Finalization of Social impact assessment for tailings pond options-Finalization of pilot of social accountability model to be implemented at Aynak by IRC <p>Training modules developed for support to communities in skills up gradation, awareness about need for education, health and hygiene issues and mechanisms to build safer homes at resettlement site</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Civil Society organizations to work closely with the local communities at Aynak for implementation of social development activities-Agreement reached with the communities for compensation for agricultural and residential land and other immovable assets like tress etc and Resettlement Action Plan prepared and uploaded on Ministry's website |
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