



# SDNRP- Ministry of Mines and Petroleum PMU



## UP TO DATE PROGRESS REPORT (Date: April / 2013)

### Social Issues Progress

- **Finalization of Grievance Redressal Mechanism Training Manual under Social Accountability model:** Coordinated with International Rescue Committee (IRC) and WB Safeguards' team in Kabul office for review of the Grievance Redressal Mechanism Training Manual prepared by IRC under the Social Accountability model for implementation at Aynak. The purpose of the manual is to carry out capacity building of the local communities at Aynak to make best use of the grievance redressal mechanism available to them for registering their grievances related to the impacts of the mining project, land acquisition, resettlement site etc. The Manual is based on the Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) for Aynak prepared by the Ministry and includes detailed discussion on the formation of Grievance Redressal Committee (GRC), Structure of GRC Aynak, types of grievances, eligibility and responsibility for receiving the grievances, CDC formation and management, procedures, time-lines and reporting complaints, responsibilities of different entities under the GRC like MCC, provincial and district authorities, IRC, village CDC etc, database management, plan and schedule for making decisions, monitoring of complaints, follow-up and dissemination of summary of compensation details for Aynak affected communities. This manual will also be useful in capacity building of the Ministry officials in implementing the grievance redressal mechanism for Aynak and other mining

projects.

- **Revision of ESMF:** Based on the detailed discussions in the audio conference held in World Bank on the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF), it was substantially revised and submitted on 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Social safeguards part of the ESMF was strengthened and many parts were rewritten. A chapter titled environmental and social management framework including stakeholder identification, consultation and participation, environmental and social baseline, institutional arrangement, ESMF capacity building ESMF training manuals, workshops and study tours. It also included discussion on capacity building of local communities and CDCs, M&E framework, grievance redressal, disclosure and communication. Budget for the implementation of ESMF was also included after consultation with concerned in PMU.

Further detailed discussion was held on ESMF during the visit of WB Mission to Kabul in March 2013 and based on these discussions, the ESMF was further revised and resubmitted on 21<sup>st</sup> March. The same is now being translated into Dari for sharing with relevant departments in the Ministry and other stakeholders like Ministry of Agriculture, NEPA, Water & Energy, Labor & Social Affairs, civil society organizations etc.

- **Presentation on Aynak Resettlement Action Plan (RAP):** Made a detailed presentation on Aynak RAP in the workshop on Management of Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement, organized by the World Bank and Samuel Hall Consultants on March 17-19. I extensively covered issues like impacts of mining on local communities, objectives of RAP, socio-economic survey and household census at Aynak, legal framework for

RAP, eligibility criteria for project affected persons (PAPs), major challenges in land acquisition, ways to address challenges, compensation framework, resettlement package, livelihood restoration for PAPs, community consultation, institutional arrangements for implementation of RAP, grievance redressal mechanism and lessons learnt.

- **Finalization of the proposal for Preliminary Social Impact Assessment (SIA) at Hajigak:** The technical proposal submitted by the company, STATT for SIA at Hajigak was examined in detail and comments were given for revising it as per the Terms of Reference for the assignment. The revised proposal submitted by STATT was reexamined and discussions were held with STATT regarding time lines of the deliverables, methodology etc. The initial SIA at Hajigak will start soon and will provide Ministry with the important information related to likely social impacts of the Hajigak project. It will also involve community consultation and consultation with other stakeholders in the area including the civil society organizations. This will help in designing resettlement and rehabilitation programs for the likely project affected persons from the mining project.
- **Coordinated with Indian School of Mines (ISM) and Indian Ministry of External Affairs for training programs for Ministry of Mines' officials:** For the capacity building of the Ministry of Mines officials, closely coordinated with Indian School of Mines and Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India to organize short term training programs at ISM in various mining related areas. As a result Gol decided to fund 12 training programs covering 180 Ministry officials in two weeks training programs each held every month in 2013. The first such training program on 'Geological Exploration and Resource Evaluation' will be held from 13<sup>th</sup> April 2013 to 29<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at ISM. It will be followed by the courses

	<p>held every month for the rest of the year. These are tailor made programs for Ministry of Mines, Government of Afghanistan officials.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Coordination for setting up of Afghan School of Mines:</b> Regularly coordinated within Ministry of Mines, GoIRA and Gol for finalization of proposal for funding of Afghan School of Mines by Government of India. Prime Minister of India on his visit to Kabul in April 2011 had committed that India will fund such a training institute in Kabul. This will enable long term capacity building of ministry officials and others from the private sector in all mining related areas including environment and social impacts of mining and their mitigation strategies.</li> <li>• <b>Consultation of Resettlement Policy Framework:</b> Consultations were held with different departments in the Ministry and NEPA on the resettlement policy framework for the Ministry. Many brain storming sessions were held for the purpose. Departments viz, Policy, investment Promotion, cadastre, Inspections, Aynak Authority, Amu Darya Authority were pursued to give their comments. Based on the comments, revised resettlement policy framework has been coordinated with the consultant who had prepared it.</li> </ul>
<p>Mes Aynak Archeological Progress</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The detailed work plan covering the area of the Red Zone for the next 4 months has now been incorporated into a broader Project Design which will form the basis of comprehensive management plan for the whole Mes Aynak mining zone.</li> <li>• This Project Design document will set out the common understanding of aims, methods, and resources for the project and sets out a schedule of works to achieve these aims. The impetus for this proposal was a successful visit from the World Bank.</li> <li>• Initial work to remove the road between sites 032/043 and 055 has been completed, and has revealed a continuation of room plans between these sites.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excavations on site 046 have extended the area to the north and revealed a complex of mud brick buildings with barrel roofs and successive floors.</li> <li>• Excavation on site 052 has uncovered the start of an ancient staircase which is expected to climb over 150 meters to site 049 on the crest of the mountain.</li> <li>• On the mid slopes of Baba Wali mountain the removal of accumulated spoil heaps by machinery has revealed areas of bedrock and possible mine entrances.</li> <li>• Removal of the spoil heap to the west of site 058 has revealed the presence of what potentially will be a very good example of a plastered stupa.</li> <li>• Over the last month interim reports have been completed for the sites of 029 and 044 where the excavation is finished.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Legal Support to Ministry of Mines</b></p>	<p>The Hajigak negotiations continued this past month with an aim towards concluding the two contracts by June 2013. Both preferred bidders continue to await a decision on the new Minerals Law. Once a decision is made on the Minerals law, the Ministry of Mines and the preferred bidders intend to determine how to proceed to a positive conclusion.</p>
<p><b>Policy Support to Ministry of Mines</b></p>	<p>Capacity building programs, which is a conceptual approach to development, has been one of the key programs of the Ministry of Mines. Many programs i.e. trainings have been carried out by international advisors and other international organizations to develop the capacity of local staff in different areas within the MoM.</p> <p>Being as a counter part to international technical adviser, during month of March, I assisted him in reviewing up-coming Shabarghan gas Rehabilitation project.</p> <p>As a part of his responsibilities, I also assisted him in preparing training model for the JICCA, this is basically for those staffs who are willing to apply for</p>

	<p>scholarships being provided by the JICCA, this has been started in the last month.</p>
<p><b>Aynak Compliance Monitoring Project</b></p>	<p>The Ministry of Mines and the mining company held a first round of formal meetings in March to resolve the issues delaying progress of the project and preventing the completion of the Bankable Feasibility Study (BFS) and Environmental &amp; Social Impact Assessment (ESIA).</p> <p>It has been agreed that, five years after initial signature of the Aynak Mine Contract, there is a need for some revision of the contract for purposes of updating and to remedy some deficiencies in the original document. The two sides are in the process of negotiating the principles upon which these amendments will be based, and the next meeting is scheduled to take place in April 2013 when His Excellency the Minister of Mines &amp; Petroleum intends to visit Beijing.</p> <p>The GAF Aynak Compliance Monitoring team continues to work closely with MOM officials and is providing advice on all of these issues. The main points under discussion are the lack of phosphate within Afghanistan for neutralizing SO<sub>2</sub> gas which would be generated in smelting operations, the challenges to construction of a coal mine and power station, security and financial aspects of the contract. There is agreement on the solutions to some of these issues.</p> <p>Archaeological excavations, landmine clearing and resettlement activities continue, taking advantage of the delay in commencement of construction of the mine. Recovery and preservation of artifacts has been impeded by delays in obtaining some of the materials required by the archaeologists for preservation of some of the relics. No cultural relics have been damaged or lost during activities on the site. Once the mining company starts construction-related activities, sufficient areas will have been cleared to allow these activities to continue in parallel with construction, without detriment to either.</p>

**Environmental Issues Support to  
NEPA**

Technical support to NEPA in further strengthening the ESIA procedures continued in this month. The work on translating the revised regulation including the annexes is ongoing and will be completed soon. The Introductory EIA Training Course for newly appointed staffs at NEPA which was started in the last week of March continued in this month. Technical support to EIA Board of Experts and EIA and SD division of NEPA continued in the evaluation of newly submitted Screening Reports and ESIA reports for NEPA's approval. Represented NEPA and made presentation regarding EIA procedures and NEPA's role in Ministry of Energy and Water, and Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development for engineers and other officials working in project implementation in those ministries.

Technical support provided to NEPA in the preparation of the second draft of the State of Environment Report which will be finalized in the month of May and published on June 05, 2013 (the World Environmental Day). Presentation of the draft SOE report made at the NEPA and UNDP workshop on the implementation of the GEF small grant program. Also participated in the Inception Workshop on GEF financed Climate Change Adaptation project organized by UNEP and NEPA.

The draft Best Environmental Management Practices (health care and food services) are completed in this period and will be translated next month to have discussion and finalization.

Technical support provided to NEPA Planning Division in elaborating the Ministry of Economy approved concept note on four different project proposals (developed in the previous month) to be submitted to Ministry of Finance for their consideration.

Technical support provided in developing materials and national view points for the Asia Pacific Regional Implementation Meeting on RIO+20 Outcomes (April 22-24, Bangkok), and in preparing the country status on Environmentally Sustainable

	<p>Transport System to be delivered by NEPA participants at EST Forum in Indonesian (April 23-25, 2013)</p> <p>National advisor made two interviews with national television and Kabul radio for environmental awareness.</p>
<p><b>NRRCP “National and Regional Resource Corridor Program”</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Prepared the TORs for ARCP National Procurement and Financial Management Specialist.</li> <li>▪ Coordinated with CNPCIW Procurement Deputy Director and finalized the dates of the provincial events regarding PSD for Sari Pul (8 May, 2013) and Balkh (9 May, 2013).</li> <li>▪ Contributed in process of provision of information on WB PPG and PCN on ARCP.</li> <li>▪ Prepared answers to the WB Financial and Procurement Risk Management Assessments based on the new ARCP.</li> <li>▪ Prepared EoIs for PSD for consultancy services to be procured.</li> <li>▪ Prepared a literature about Independent power plant, Gas grid and export of gas to neighboring countries.</li> <li>▪ Regular coordination with Aynak authority regarding Social issues.</li> <li>▪ Carrying out capacity building program on Social Development issues for the Aynak authority and Inspection directorate - jointly with Senior Social Development Adviser of MoMP.</li> <li>▪ Gathered information from the Ministry of Finance to help NRRCP prepare budget for it future developmental projects.</li> <li>▪ Prepared plan to visit railway companies in the United States. The U.S. visas were not processed on time; hence the plan was postponed to June or July 2013.</li> <li>▪ Made briefings regarding the railways in Afghanistan and how they work in the world to the students of Engineering Faculty of Kabul University 4th Year of 1392.</li> <li>▪ Railway related small projects have been planned to be distributed to the students of Mechanical Engineering Faculty of Kabul University as design projects and as a title for their monograph of graduation. The aim is to establish the process of</li> </ul>

local railway knowledge building in Afghanistan institutions.

- Studying the Afghanistan National Railway Plan "Terrain and Freight Rail Corridor Analysis" which were discussed during a Workshop in Washington D.C. in Feb 2013.

Facilitated a workshop on Grievance Redress Mechanism at AGS for the Ministry of Mines and Petroleum.