



SDNRP- Ministry of Mines and Petroleum

PMU



UP TO DATE PROGRESS REPORT (Date: May / 2013)

Social Issues Progress

- **Organized capacity building program for the relevant staff of the Inspections Department of the Ministry:** : Initiated training of four Inspectors in the Inspections department on important social development issues related to mining sector covering Social Policy for the Mining sector, Socio-Economic Surveys, Social Impact Assessment, Land registration, verification and land clearance, Overview of land acquisition cases in the Ministry of Mines i.e. Aynak Copper Mine, Resettlement Action Plan; planning and development, identification of affected communities, community consultation, resettlement and rehabilitation, compensation and valuation, inventory of lost assets, livelihood restoration etc. The purpose is to enhance understanding of these officials on these important issues so that they can better carry out their inspections.
- **Prepared a report on Community Development activities at Aynak-** Prepared a detailed report on the community development programs initiated under the SDNRP at Aynak. It included activities like Cadastral survey of villages around Aynak, Public Consultation by MoM, Progress of cadastre work and public consultation, Initiation of Expropriation work, Formation of Land Commission, community consultation, Cadastre Survey report & agreement with the villagers etc. The report included chronological details of all these events at Aynak to facilitate better understanding of the resettlement

process at Aynak.

- **Dissemination of ESMF:** Coordinated dissemination of Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) with relevant departments in the Ministry for their inputs and finalization of ESMF. This included coordination with Departments of Policy, Investment Promotion, Legal, Inspections, Cadastre, PMU SDNRP II, Amu Darya project etc. This was also shared with National Environmental Protection Agency (NEPA).
- **Dissemination of RAP summary and GRM in Pashto to IRC and local residents:** The resettlement action plan summary and the proposed grievance redressal mechanism were got translated into Pashto and disseminated among the important stakeholders' including local residents.
- **Coordination with Indian Ministry of External Affairs and Indian School of Mines (ISM) for capacity building programs and setting up of Afghan School of Mining:** Coordinated with Indian Ministry of External Affairs and Indian School of Mines for capacity building programs and setting up of Afghan School of Mining at Kabul. The capacity building programs have been started at ISM, Dhanbad from April 2013 and 12 such programs will be conducted by ISM over the next few months. Two such programs on geological exploration and petroleum exploration have been held in April 2013 wherein 30 officials of Ministry of Mines have been trained.
- **Follow up on the Preliminary Social Impact Assessment (SIA) at Hajigak:** The technical proposal submitted by the company, STATT for SIA at Hajigak was examined and finalized. Coordinated with STATT for starting the preliminary social impact assessment at Hajigak and provided background information required for the purpose. The purpose

of the SIA is to get information on existing socio-economic conditions of the people around the mining area to develop an appropriate rehabilitation and community development program

- **Review of GRC Manual of IRC:** The grievance redressal mechanism (GRM) manual prepared by IRC was reviewed in detail and comments were given to make it in line with the resettlement action plan of the Ministry for the five villages at Aynak. I also held many meetings with IRC with regard to capacity building of the local communities at Aynak on the GRM and also coordinated regularly with Aynak Authority in this regard.
- **Follow up of social accountability model:** Apart from GRM. also coordinated with IRC through weekly meetings of the coordination committee on operationalization of other elements of the social accountability model like mobilization of CDCs at Aynak, training programs on hygiene, education, vocational training programs etc for the affected people at Aynak.
- **Follow up on implementation of Aynak RAP:** Held meetings with Aynak Authority on the modalities of the implementation of RAP in particular the issues related to compensation for land and allotment of residential plots at the resettlement site. I also followed up with the authorities on fast processing of compensation cases for PAPs in Aynak and submission of necessary land clearance documents to the court under the Land Management Law. Out of the 11 families who had to be paid cash compensation in the five villages at Aynak, three have been paid. The court verification process has been completed in case of all the 11 families. They had number of problems as the families did not have requisite documentation which court required but it has been resolved now. Deputy Governor Logar has set up Plot Allocation Committee at the

resettlement site comprising of members of all relevant departments and will associate with local villagers.

- **Review of ToRs of School of Rocks:** Reviewed the ToRs of School of Rocks and gave detailed comments with regard to the time frame for the activities of the consultant considering the range of activities, covering technical assistance for the establishment of a laboratory, a school of gemology, and a school of lapidary gems, support for the recruitment and training of human resources and preparing terms of reference for the various positions etc. Rock School could be located at the same place.
- **Coordination for Mining Perception survey:** Provided necessary support in carrying forward the work of the Mining Perception survey being done by Samuel Hall funded by WB in five important mining areas in Afghanistan, including Aynak, Hajigak, Amu Darya, Qarzaghan and Nooraba. I provided all necessary information required by the Team to conduct the survey including the map of the villages at Aynak and Hajigak and reviewed the questionnaires for the Poverty Social Impact Assessment (PSIA) data collection.
- **Coordination for the Hajigak preliminary social impact assessment.** STATT is carrying out the preliminary social impact assessment at Hajigak based on the ToRs prepared under SDNRP. I regularly coordinated with STATT and PMU in this regard and reviewed and gave my detailed comments on social impact assessment- inception report and household survey questionnaire. I also gave comments on the mid- term report prepared by STATT as well as the final report structure.

Coordination with the Indian Ministry of External

	<p>Affairs (MEA) and Indian School of Mines (ISM) on setting up of Afghan School of Mines: Held detailed discussions in India with MEA and ISM on the draft proposal prepared by Afghan Ministry of Mines on the setting up of the School of Mines at Kabul. We also discussed the need for the team from Ministry of Mines to visit ISM in the near future to discuss the issues related to curriculum etc.</p>
<p>Mes Aynak Archeological Progress</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The recording of site 006 Shah Tepe is now finished. • The recording of sites 043 and 055 is now finished. The finds from these sites will now be catalogued and an archive of data passed on to MoIC. • Large structural remains at the southern end of the mountain indicate a large city wall with towers possibly runs down the southern spur of the mountain. • Numerous mining sites on the western slopes of the mountain have been mapped by GPS and can now be added to CAD master plan of the Red Zone. • A fragmented Buddha statue has been conserved and lifted from Site 043. Work continues to complete the area between 043 and 055 which has revealed 6 rooms with multiple occupation layers. • A small iron mining area to the west of 045 has been identified, composed of multiple workings in the exposed rock and a working area for the crushing of iron ore. This is in the process of being recorded. • Below the area on the mid slopes of Baba Wali mountain cleared of spoil heaps in the previous further buildings have been uncovered. • Machine work in the central area of the Lower Town which has up to now been unexcavated has revealed the presence of a massive stone wall, possibly the boundary wall of site 058 and the existence of remains between 032 and 028. • Excavation of the stupa room on site 058 is ongoing and revealing the presence of a series of large clay statues. • Graduates have been trained in the use of the electronic survey equipment and are now beginning to carry out this task by themselves.
<p>Legal Support to Ministry of Mines</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Hajigak negotiations continued this past month with an aim towards concluding the two contracts

	<p>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>Policy Support to Ministry of Mines</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The main purpose of the Ministry of Mines is what is mentioned in its vision. It states: <i>“To be the leading economic ministry in the Government of Afghanistan, supporting national and local economic development and ensuring optimum revenues for Afghanistan from its mineral resources in a responsible manner”</i> • Still focusing on capacity building process. We have started the discussion at the end of May regarding how to prepare work plan and how to do the assessment of different departments of the ministry and based on what each department needs, we will propose a program or programs for further development of that section with the support of donor/s. • Different donors are focusing on different areas within the ministry. The main issue that has been prioritized is the issue of gender and capacity building process. • The planning and the assessment will be covered during June.
<p>Aynak Compliance Monitoring Project</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ministry of Mines and Petroleum and the mining company remain in close communication over the issues delaying progress of the project and preventing the completion of the Bankable Feasibility Study (BFS) and Environmental & Social Impact Assessment (ESIA). The mining company has submitted information on economic aspects of the project and this is being closely reviewed. The GAF Aynak Compliance Monitoring team continues to work closely with MOMP officials and other

technical experts in providing advice on these issues.

- Despite a number of security incidents, archaeological excavations, landmine clearing and resettlement activities continue, taking advantage of the delay in commencement of construction of the mine.
- The Ministry of Mines and Petroleum has completed construction of the supporting infrastructure in the resettlement village, designed to accommodate up to 512 families, near the town of Muhammad Agha. Individual plots are now being demarcated and handed over to families to construct their new homes, using funds supplied to them for the purpose. Resettlement preparations are now at an advanced stage.
- An area of 31,000 jiribs (approx. 6,300 Ha) has been demarcated to be surveyed and assessed for archaeological potential before being handed over to the company. This work will be completed in June. The area is demarcated for tailings dams and other infrastructure.
- The sites of all known archaeological remains have been surveyed and follow-up 3D imaging is in progress. Some of the materials required by the archaeologists for preservation of cultural relics have been procured and others are on order. Proper storage facilities have been prepared for these materials as well as for the relics themselves. A professional conservator is on site supervising these specialist activities. No cultural relics have been damaged or lost due to mining-related activities on the site; on the contrary, the presence of project personnel and accompanying security arrangements have prevented the continued looting of the site by illegal dealers in artifacts. The mining company will only undertake construction-related activities once sufficient areas have been cleared to allow archaeological and infrastructural development work to proceed in parallel, without detriment to either.

Environmental Issues Support to NEPA

- Technical support to NEPA in further strengthening the ESIA procedures continued in this month. The training on “Introductory Training Course on EIA” which was initiated in the last week of March continued in this month and successfully completed. A total of 20 newly recruited staffs of NEPA successfully completed this training course. The translation of revised ESIA regulation is ongoing. 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.
- Provided technical support to Sustainable Development section in developing the work-plan, priorities and vision of the section along with GIZ advisor.
- Coordinated with NEPA and Aynak Mine Compliance Monitoring project to facilitate the participation of seven NEPA staffs in the forthcoming study tour of South Africa. Preparatory works for the organization of Regional Training Program for the provincial staffs of NEPA is initiated and ongoing. The first training is planned in Kabul from June 22 to June 26, 2013.
- Technical support provided to NEPA in the final draft of the State of Environment Report which is now approved and is in printing for release on June 05, 2013 (the World Environmental Day).
- Support provided to NEPA in the technical translation of NEPA drafted regulation on water quality monitoring to facilitate the review and inputs from international experts.
- Represented NEPA to the committee formed by Kabul Municipality to prepare the Work Areas of the recently added Environmental Department in the organization structure of Kabul Municipality and

	<p>participated in the meeting of the committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft National Air Quality Management Strategy for Afghanistan is prepared which was presented to High Level Commission on Air Pollution by DDG/NEPA. Comments and inputs received from the members of the commission are incorporated in the draft version. It will now be translated into dari in the month of June. • Technical support provided in developing materials and national view points on the IPCC Good Practice Guideline on Land Use Land Use Change and Forestry send for comments to NEPA by IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) secretariat. Technical support provided to NEPA to facilitate the participation of NEPA in the 37th Session of Subsidiary Body Meeting of UNFCCC to be held during June 3-14, 2013 in Bonn, Germany. Also provided technical support to facilitate the participation of Afghanistan and made contribution in the Meeting to finalize the “Bishkek Declaration on the Conservation of Snow Leopards and their Ecosystems” held in Moskow from May 28-31, 2013. • National Advisor participated in the two day workshop on “Ecosystem Based Disaster Risk Reduction” organized by UNEP during May 28-29, 2013.
<p>NRRCP “National and Regional Resource Corridor Program”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued capacity building program is social development for Inspection Department, Aynak Authority and Gender Unit; • Monitoring the IRC implemented Social Accountability pilot at Aynak; • Reviewing the USGS reports about Areas of Interest in Afghanistan. • Collected information about types of mines in Afghanistan from Cadstre Department in MoMP. • Conducted workshop about CNPCIW's Procurement and Pre-qualifications procedures for Sari Pul and Balkh provinces local companies. • Continuous work on ARCP such as Financing, REIOs

and staffing issues.

- Attended the meeting with Central Union Company and discussed issues in regard to Railway. Mission trip to Mazar-e-Sharif for the purpose of hiring some new graduated students to an Internship program which funded by the world bank.