



SDNRP- Ministry of Mines and Petroleum PMU



UP TO DATE PROGRESS REPORT (September / 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"> • In summary excavation is now finished on sites 005, 006, 013, 018,028, 029, 030, 031, 032, 033, 034, 043, 044, 045, 048, 055 and 057. Excavation is now focused on sites 004, 035, 038, 041, 042, 046, 051, 052, 054, 058 and 060 – the majority of which are over 50% complete. • A program of 3D scanning is now confirmed for the end of August 2013. This will cover sites 003, 005, 030, 032, 045, 047 and 049. It is hoped this will form the first phase of a comprehensive program covering the entire Red Zone area which will contribute to the production of a 3D model of the site for use in educational purposes and as the focus of a virtual museum. • A training program has been developed covering every aspect of fieldwork, recording, drawing, photography, finds processing and cataloguing, data management, digitizing, and report writing. It is hoped that the experienced graduates will take part in training the new intake of recent graduates. • On 18th June an archive of 2278 small finds – for example coins, stamped pottery and metalwork, with a corresponding catalogue of these finds amounting to 565 pages, were handed over by MAAP to the responsibility of MoIC for the National Museum in Kabul. • Digitizing of the hand drawn plans from sites 032, 033, 043, 044, and 055 continues with the help of graduate Sayed Rahim who is working on a number of these on his own initiative. • The processing of approximately 3 tons of stratified pottery has been started. This involves the cleaning and quantification of individual contexts, followed by the sorting and cataloguing of diagnostic sherds which will be submitted for further study. This work is being carried out under the supervision of

	<p>graduate Ali Shah.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Also beginning is the preparation of final Site Reports for sites 006, 013, 029, 032, 033, 043, 044, and 055. In conjunction with this Mr. Andrew Ginns will be training graduates Mr. Hussein Ali and Mr. Imam Khan to prepare their reports for sites 028 and 054 respectively
<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 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>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.

Aynak Compliance Monitoring Project

- The Ministry of Mines and Petroleum and the mining company are in conflict over the issues delaying progress of the project and preventing the completion of the Bankable Feasibility Study (BFS) and Environmental & Social Impact Assessment (ESIA). Discussions are continuing at a high level. 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 all infrastructures in the resettlement village, designed to accommodate up to 512 families, near the town of Muhammad Agha. Individual plots have been demarcated and will be handed over in July to families to construct their new homes, using funds supplied to them for the purpose.
- An area of 31,000 jiribs (approx. 6,300 Ha), demarcated for tailings dams and other infrastructure, has been surveyed and assessed for archaeological potential before being handed over to the company. There is evidence of potential sites of archaeological interest and these will be protected for proper assessment and excavation prior to any development activities.
- Following a number of security incidents, Government forces have initiated a number of successful military actions in villages close to the mine complex, reportedly neutralizing a significant number of insurgents. It is reported that security has improved markedly as a result.

Environmental Issues Support to NEPA

- Technical support to NEPA in further strengthening the ESIA procedures continued in this month. The translation of revised ESIA regulation with all the annexes is completed now. A half day in-house consultation meeting to discuss the Annex 1 of the proposed regulation which classifies the projects into two categories is finalized. The regulation will now be presented to the stakeholders for their comments. 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. A glossary of terms on EIA is developed and is being translated to support the revised ESIA regulation.
- NEPA advisors developed materials for the 5 day "Training Course on Environmental Management" organized purely for the provincial directors of NEPA in which 19 directors participated. This training started on June 29 and continued till July 3, 2013. Feedback from the participants is highly appreciating and the second such training will be held in Mazar-e-Sharrif in the third/fourth week of August 2013. The report of the workshop will be placed in the MOMP web page.
- The draft National Air Quality Management Strategy for Afghanistan is now being translated into dari and the works on Action Plan for Kabul, Mazar-e-Shariff and Herat as per the new strategy is being developed.
- Provided technical support to the Environmental Standards Development Committee headed by NEPA DDG and constituted by Afghanistan National Standards Authority (ANSA) in the effluent standards to be discharged for different purposes. Technical support also provided in explaining the concerns shown by Standards Development Council on the proposed vehicle emission standards.
- Coordinated with NEPA and PMU for the organization of the MOMP and NEPA coordinating body, Environment and Social Advisory Board (ESAB) at NEPA on the 12th June 2013 to further enhance

	<p>the good coordination between NEPA-MOMP and PMU and smooth implementation of SDNRPII activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical support provided to NEPA in further updating the final draft of the State of Environment Report which could not be published on the World Environment Day and sent back with suggestions to make it more comprehensive. • Technical support provided to NEPA in completing a detailed questionnaire on Environmental Administration provided by ADB to NEPA which will be used to compare ranking of different countries of the globe on different components of environmental administration. Also provided technical support in the finalization of the National Snow Leopard Ecosystem Priority Protection (NSLEP) for Afghanistan.
<p>NRRCP “National and Regional Resource Corridor Program”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drafted REoI (ARCP’s ARAZI project) and sent it to Afghanistan Land Authority for comment. • Researched on how mining projects are electrified. • Conduced preliminary works on infrastructure assessment for minerals in Afghanistan. • Attending Gas Economics Training in the MoMP. • Met with President of Afghan American Chamber of Commerce (AACC) and discussed the issues in respect to U.S. investments on mining and natural resources. • Continuous work on the ARCP recruitment and financing stage. • Worked on the list of mines from Afghanistan Geological Survey (AGS). Jointly, sorted out the mines with specific coordinate locations and predicted reserves. The next step is to plan basic infrastructure (roads, electricity and water supply) to selective mines after they are categorized. • Attended the monthly meeting of Regional Economic Cooperation Conference for Afghanistan (RECCA). The form of RECCA can't be filled yet, because it requires information from the Petroleum Authority of the Ministry of Mines and Petroleum. Official letter was sent to the Petroleum Authority requesting information regarding Afghanistan

	Tajikistan Gas Pipeline (ATGP) and TAPI (Torkmenistan Afghanistan Pakistan India) pipeline;
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