



SDNRP- Ministry of Mines PMU



UP TO DATE PROGRESS REPORT (Date: March / 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 3rd 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 21st 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 13th April 2013 to 29th April 2013 at ISM. It will be followed by the courses

held every month for the rest of the year. These are tailor made programs for Ministry of Mines, Government of Afghanistan officials.

- **Coordination for setting up of Afghan School of Mines:** 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.

Consultation of Resettlement Policy Framework:

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.

Mes Aynak Archeological Progress

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • 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. • 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. • Over the last month interim reports have been completed for the sites of 029 and 044 where the excavation is finished.
<p>Legal Support to Ministry of Mines</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>Policy Support to Ministry of Mines</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>During month of March, I along with the technical International adviser reviewed the Bids which were received for Shabarghan gas field.</p> <p>Moreover, for capacity building of relevant staffs, we have made well-completion and testing presentation.</p> <p>Additionally, Afghanistan Procurement law i.e. the summary presentation was presented to the relevant staffs.</p> <p>Moreover, Shabarghan Gas well Rehabilitation and Drilling was reviewed and comments were provided for further work.</p> <p>More, helping the international technical adviser in</p>

	<p>preparing different trainings for MoM staffs who apply for JICCA scholarship.</p>
<p>Aynak Compliance Monitoring Project</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 & 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 & 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 SO₂ 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>
	<p>Technical support to NEPA in further strengthening the ESIA procedures continued in this month. The activities included the organization of two half day in-house discussion meetings on the draft revised ESIA regulation and finalization of the ESIA regulation incorporating the</p>

Environmental Issues Support to NEPA

outcomes of the discussion meeting. An Introductory EIA Training Course for newly appointed staffs at NEPA mainly in the EIA and SD division is designed and training program already started in the last week of this month. This training course will continue for six weeks with two half day training sessions in a week. 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.

Technical support provided to NEPA's Legal and Policy division in addressing the comments received from Ministry of Justice on the two proposed regulations by NEPA- the Noise Pollution Control Regulation, and Waste (Bio-medical) Management Regulation and in finalizing them as well.

Two more Best Environmental Management Practices (health care and food services) are being drafted and will be completed soon. The first such BEMP developed for Service Station in the month of February is translated into Dari and expected to be approved by NEPA soon.

Technical support in drafting the State of Environmental Report of Afghanistan with involvement of division directors of NEPA is continued and the work will also continue in the month of April.

Technical support to NEPA in the preparation of Country Progress status on the implementation of the regional "Plan of Action on Environmental Cooperation and Global Warming for Eco Member States" continued in this month as well. Afghanistan and nine other countries of the region are members of this Eco Cooperation Organization.

Coordination with Afghanistan National Standards Authority (ANSA) and International Expert at PMU (Mr. Stefan Simon) to design and organize a half a day training workshop on the Environmental Management System (ISO 14001) for ANSA staffs at ANSA office.

Four project concept notes drafted to support NEPA to submit them to Ministry of Economy for their approval to allow NEPA to develop detailed project document and submit to Ministry of Finance for getting financial resources. Technical support also included in making the

	<p>concept notes into Dari as well. Technical support also provided in identifying the prioritized need of development of environmental standards as part of the annual plan for this fiscal year.</p> <p>National advisor made two presentations in th Conference on Youth and Green Solutions organized jointly by Kabul University and ICIMOD in Kabul in the last week of this month.</p>
<p>NRRCP “National and Regional Resource Corridor Program”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drafted a narrative regarding on gas consumption options in Afghanistan and getting comments on the narrative from international experts. • Analyzed water demand for different technologies used in thermal power generation. • Looked for world practices in calculating operation costs of a gas distribution network. • Studied a paper on energy saving methods and how to optimize energy utilization. • Searched some documents regarding Smart Grid. • Commented on the Draft of Seismic and Drilling Prequalification Tender by CNPCIW . • Shared the Seismic and Drilling Prequalification to the Chambers and Associations in order to encourage their eligible corporate members to send their expressions of interest. • Coordinated with ABA President of ABA,77 Construction Company to discuss their interest in investment and further involving them in the local procurement opportunities by MoMP. • Facilitated a SALE - BUY approach& process between CNPCIW and 77 Turkish Construction Company on sale deal of CNPCIW's crude oil. • Coordinated with CNPCIW Procurement Director and Deputy Director to discuss and finalized the provincial events about CNPCIW's procurement and pre-qualification procedures for the local businesses of Sari Pul and Balkh provinces. • Prepared a comprehensive plan of Amu Darya mission for the purpose of Study of the Social issue at Amu Darya region. • Facilitated technical support for the Inspection Directorate of Ministry of Mines and Petroleum team's mission to Tala o Barfak.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sent the second package of data to FASDI Company because of feasibility study of Aynak Rail way.• Attended a Three days workshop on land management and land acquisition held by the World Bank in Kabul.• Coordinated with Aynak Authority in order to find out whether or not there would be water supply infrastructure along the planned rail segments connecting Torkham with Hairatan. |
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