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**Minutes of the 2nd Stakeholder Consultation Meeting on Vientiane Logistics Park Initial
Environment Examination
November 7th, 2014, Vientiane Capital Administrative Office**

The 2nd Stakeholder Consultation Meeting on Vientiane Logistics Park Initial Environment Examination was held on November 7th, 2014, at Vientiane Capital Administrative Office. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Environment Department, Ms Bangon Xayalath and participated by 42 people representing relevant public and private sector, Nakouay Tai village and project affected people.

The public organizations include department of transport and railway of Ministry of Public and Transport, Environmental and Social Impact Assessment of Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment; Natural Resources and Environment, Planning and Investment, Information, Culture and Tourism of the Vientiane Capital; Public Work and Transport, Agriculture and Forestry Office of Xaysetha District. Private Sector consisted of Louang Namtha Construction/Integrated Land Development Company. Nakouay Tai village comprises of representatives of village organizations, PAPs and PAPs who live in other villages. Detail list of participants is in Annex 1.

The meeting followed the agenda as in the Annex 2 which consists of five main sessions namely 1) introduction, 2) opening remark by chairman, 3) presentation of 4) open discussion including feedback survey and 5) closing remark and meeting.

The introduction was convened by Mr. Khamkeng, Environment Engineer and this session consisted of welcoming, introduction of the participants, objective and agenda. The Opening was honored by Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Environment Department, Ms Bangon Xayalath who emphasized on the importance of the IEE, stakeholder consultation and expected contribution from participants especially feedback on the initial findings.

The first presentation was to revisit the results of the 1st stakeholder consultation meeting which highlighted the national policy and need of logistics development, progress of CY project, scope of IEE, environment concerns especially land acquisition to be followed up in the IEE. Secondly, it was presentation on the progress of CY project by Mr. Chanthone Xayakone (informing that the CY has been 65% completed). The third presentation was on VLP project and the last presentation was on IEE initial findings which both presented by Mr. Vanthakorn Dejvongsa, the IEE team leader (the main issues emphasized in the presentation included the preliminary environmental impacts and mitigation measures in brief and emphasized that the key environmental impact, the land loss particularly tentative areas and affected people and also the work that being done to validate the results). The details of the presentations are in the Annex 3, 4, 5 and 6 respectively.

After presentation session, discussion and questions was opened for participants. Overall it could be summarized that the meeting operated in good atmosphere and majority were in agreement with the importance of logistics development as well as proposed VLP, the preliminary findings especially impact identification assessment of impact, and mitigation measures. Amongst the impact, the social impact or impact on land was agreed as the key impact and significant rather than biological and physical environment. Addition, participants also raised comments and questions on land as follows for following up and information:

1. Mr. Sonesack, Deputy Director of Railway Department

Raised and indicated the significance of the VLP project to national and local benefits. The environmental impact of project is considerably low. However, the remaining concern is land taken which need to be minimized as much as possible and required establishment of a committee to handle with this issue. Actually the establishment of the committee was already proposed on June 4th, 2014 to the Mayor of Vientiane Capital. So far it is pending for a decision. The cost of the compensation is also an immediate issue while government of MPWT might not have enough budgets to payout once or might take time and made in several payment installments.

2. Mr. Vilaysack, Lao Front for Nation Construction of Nakouay Tai village

The land in Dongphosy area has been encroached for years. In addition, the land use permit was issued for the villagers before his period of village leadership in 2007. There was some misunderstandings and lack of provision of clear information about boundary of Dongphosy. The collection of land use fee was also off and on and fee collection has been cancelled since 2011 (as this land should be returned to government).

3. Ms. Inpeng Vongsa, land owner

I agree with the benefits that the project might bring but the concern is about the area of land which has not been addressed completely. I personally am curious about when the compensation will be, and prefer one-time payment, and whether the remaining land could be issued the permanent land title or not?

4. Mr. Sounthone Vorasonh, land owner

There was some misunderstands or incorrect information in the land use permits which indicated or classified as farm land without indication of conservation area. It was cheap so that we bought. However, we would like to propose that solution of land issue should be transparent and appropriate manners.

5. Mr. Chanthone Xayakone, the CY Project Manager, Dep. Of Railway

As we know, the Dongposy has been established and promulgated as conservation area since 1975. In principle, encroachment for cultivation and plantation in the area is prohibited or no legal right to use the land for production. Nowadays it is found that some land use permits issued previously are legally incorrect. So the government or land authority is addressing the problem following the rules of laws.

6. Ms. Phimmasone Simmanotham, land owner

I agree or no objection about the government development direction. However I would like to propose that the solution of land issue should be transparent and appropriate. The payment should one-time and remaining land or unaffected land should be allowed for further use.

7. Mr. Khamkong, DoNRE

After review the summary of the IEE, there are some points on mitigations that need additional discussion with technical working group so that we could ensure the appropriate solutions.

8. Representative of Dep. Of Agriculture and Forestry

I observed that the land is the main issue of the project and this meeting. Based on experiences, I am convinced that the government can find the appropriate solutions or alternatives on land issues. Government had experienced land compensation e.g. 16th Km stadium project, which compensation work was done smoothly. I would like to

suggest that to realize the appropriate compensation, we need to explore options and possibility.

9. Ms. Bang On, the chairman

Based on the consultation we can conclude that:

The development VLP project would bring about the benefits to nation as well as local people.

The IEE should be improved accordingly to suggestion and comments in order for DoNRE to issue the environment certificate.

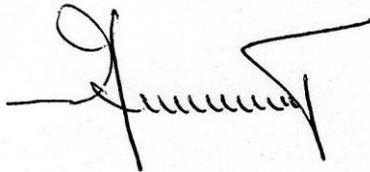
As for the land issue, the government (project owner) will help discussing further with project affected people. This is necessary affecting the issuing of the environment certificate.

DoNRE will propose to the mayor of Vientiane Capital and push forward establishment of the committee process in order to address the problem in appropriate manners.

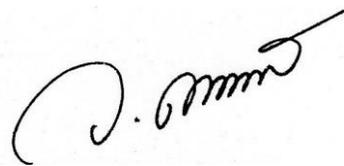
Vientiane Capital, November 13th, 2014

Chairman

Rapporteur



Dr. Bangon Xayalath



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