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Department of Roads
Defects Notification Period
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Environmental Management Plan
Environmental Management System
Grievance Redress Committee
Grievance Redress Mechanism
Initial Environmental Examination
Kilometer
Ministry of National Development and Infrastructure
Project Coordination Unit
Project Implementation Unit
Project Management Unit
Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation
Site Specific Environmental Management Plan
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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Preamble

- 1. This report represents the Semi Annual Environmental Monitoring Review of construction of Section F2 of the new Khevi-Ubisa-Shorapani-Argveta section of the E60 Highway Project.
- 2. This report is the first Semi-Annual EMR for the project.

1.2 Headline Information

3. The Project Management Consultancy Services (PMCS) Company has not been selected yet and the Project design review and construction activities have not been commenced yet.

2 PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND CURRENT ACTIVITIES

2.1 Project Description

- 4. The Project involves construction of a new road section of the E-60 highway located in Imereti Region of central Georgia (see Figure 1). Section F3 forms the Khevi Boriti portion of the Khevi-Ubisa-Shorapani- Argveta section of the E-60. The length of the Project road is as follows:
 - Right lane (TA meaning Tbilisi Argveta direction) 12.197 km;
 - Left lane (AT meaning Argveta Tbilisi direction) 12.193 km.
- 5. The details of the proposed road project are:
- 6. Georgian National Standard SST 72: 2009 "Standard on Geometrical and Structural Requirements for the Public Motor Roads of Georgia" and TEM (Trans-European North-South Motorway) Standards.
- 7. The main technical parameters adopted in the detailed design are as follows:
 - Design speed 100 km/h (speed limit 80 km/h);
 - Number of traffic lanes 4; Width of traffic lane 3.75 m; Width of each carriageway 7.5 m; Width of paved shoulder (emergency lane) 2.5 m; Width of verge 1.0 m; Width of central reserve 5.0 m; Width of paved shoulder at the central reserve 1.0 m; Total width of each paved platform 11.0 m: Width of road bed 27.0 m: Carriageway cross-fall on straight sections 2.5%; Minimum radius of horizontal curve 400 m; Maximum longitudinal gradient 4%; Minimum convex curve 15 000 m; Minimum concaved curve 15 000 m.
- 8. Thirty five bridges will be constructed during the project works 18 on the TA axis and 17 on the AT axis. The total length of the bridges is 8,297 meters, the longest of which is 1,362 meters. The bridges will be constructed from either composite steel-concrete or pre-cast steel- concrete.
- 9. Twenty tunnels are proposed in Section F2:
- 10. Two existing tunnels to be upgraded (TUN-2001-TA and TUN-2003-TA) of about 100-130 m;
- 11. Two new tunnels parallel and adjacent to the existing (TUN-2001-AT and TUN-2003-AT) on the carriageway AT of about the same length;

- 12. Two single tunnels on the carriageway AT (TUN-2002-AT and TUN-2004-AT) of about 200m and 400m respectively.
- 13. Seven tunnels with double tube with length from 300 m to about 1300 m. In this Section, the rock is generally good, even if there are some faults, generally the soil cover are not very thick.
- 14.To construct the roadbed in the project section concrete retaining walls and reinforced concrete support structures will be required on several sections due to the difficult relief conditions of the project section.
- 15. Two interchanges are planned in F2 Section, the first (interchange I1) at approximately KM5.3 has only ramps to and from Tbilisi; the second (interchange I2) at approximately KM9.3 is instead complete. Another interchange is exactly at the endpoint and it is split in two between F2 and F3. Most of this interchange will be included in F3.
- 16. The following types of culverts will be constructed:
- Underpasses for rural roads, which are constructed of cast in situ reinforced concrete structures
 of closed contours cross sections 6.0x4.5 m 6 units for passing rural roads is envisaged in the
 design.
- Cattle passes, which ensure cattle can cross the project road. Construction of cast in situ
 reinforced concrete structures of closed contours cross sections 4.0x2.5 m 4 units are envisaged
 in the design.
- Culverts, for which cast in situ reinforced concrete culverts cross section 2.0x2.5 m 17 units,
 4.0x2.5 m 2 units are envisaged in the design to provide water discharge from ravines and canals. Two different pavement structures will be used:
- Concrete pavement structure for the motorway and interchanges; and
- Asphalt pavement structure for all Slip Roads and all Minor Roads and bridges.
- 17. The map of the project road is given in the **Figure 1** below.

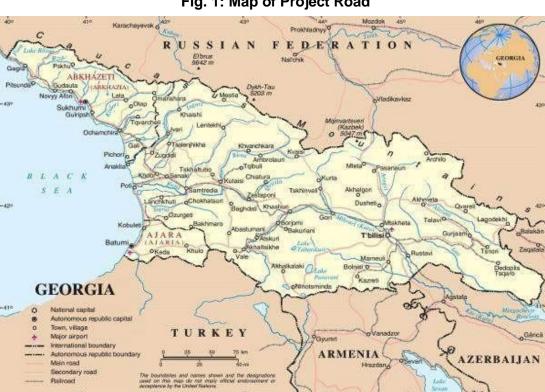


Fig. 1: Map of Project Road

- 18. The project is classified as category A for the environment under ADB's Safeguard Policy Statement (2009). Project implementation periods: 2018-2020.
- 19. The present Semi-annual Environmental Monitoring Report covers the period of June December 2018.

2.2 Project Contracts and Management

- 20. The TOR for the Project Management Consultancy Services (PMCS) Company contains the following tasks for the Environmental Specialists:
 - a. Ensure that the provisions of the approved Environmental Management Plan are reflected in the Contractor's contract site-specific environmental management plan (SSEMP) prior to its acceptance by the Engineer, the Employer and ADB, and thereafter ensure that the Contractor complies in every respect with the provisions of the SSEMP;
 - b. Develop an environmental auditing protocol for the construction period, regularly supervise the environmental monitoring, and submit periodic reports based on the monitoring data and laboratory analysis reports. These reports will be included as an annex to the Consultant's Monthly Report;
 - c. Develop a program for hands-on training of Contractor's staff in implementing the SSEMP.
 - d. Conduct Post-Construction Environmental Audit and prepare post-construction environmental audit report with filled environmental audit checklist.
- 21. The Notice to Commence has not yet been given, and construction activity has therefore not commenced.
- 22. Construction Contractor is Hunan Road and Bridge Corporation Ltd (China)" was selected on 2 November 2018, contact details of project manager and environmental staff is given in the **Table 1** below.

Table 1: Main Environmental staff of CC and RD

Organization	Position	Name	Nationality
Contractor	Project Manager	Dai_Xiangyang 599463199 hnrb.ge@gmail.com	Chinese
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	Head of Environmental Unit of RD	Gia Sopadze sopgia@gmail.com 599 939 209	Georgian

2.3 Project Activities During Current Reporting Period

23. Contract signed on 20.11.2018 and construction activities have not been commenced yet.

2.4 Description of Any Changes to Project Design

24. N/A

2.5 Description of Any Changes to Agreed Construction methods

25. N/A

3. ENVIRONMENTAL SAFEGUARD ACTIVITIES

3.1 General Description of Environmental Safeguard Activities

26. The Supervision Consultant will supervise and monitor the project construction process. The SC includes Environment Specialist (national) as part of their team to oversee the overall implementation of environmental management plan (EMP)/SEMP, environmental monitoring, and compliance to the environmental requirements of ADB. SC Environmental Specialist will prepare section specific report for environment under overall Quarterly Construction Report required by ADB, monitor the environmental compliance of the Construction Contractor.

3.2 Site Audits

- 27. N/A
- 3.3 Issues Tracking (Based on Non-Conformance Notices)
- 28. N/A
- 3.4 Trends
- 29. N/A
- 3.5 Unanticipated Environmental Impacts or Risks
- 30. N/A

4. RESULTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING

4.1 Overview of Monitoring Conducted during Current Period

31. Environmental monitoring will start immediately after the commencement of civil works. Baseline measurements are not performed yet, and should be performed before the construction activities commencement (Pre-Construction Baseline Measurements guidelines are given in **Annex 2**). According to the project EIA, periodic parametric mesurements of air, noise and water quality will be carried out by the constrution contractor. Locations of measurements will be defined by the method statement for particular area.

4.2 Trends

32. N/A

4.3 Summary of Monitoring Outcomes

33. N/A

4.4 Material Resources Utilisation

34. N/A

4.4.1 Current Period

35. N/A

4.5 Waste Management

36. N/A

4.5.1 Current Period

37. N/A

4.6 Health and Safety

4.6.1 Community Health and Safety

38. N/A

4.6.2 Worker Safety and Health

39. N/A

4.6.3 Training

40. N/A

5. FUNCTIONING OF THE SEMP

5.1 SEMP Review

41. Site Specific and Topic Specific EMPs will be prepared before commencement of Construction activities. Specific EMPs will be prepared by the Contractor under guidance of Supervision Consultant, endorsed by the SC and approved by PIU/RD (and ADB as necessary) before commencement of civil works. During preparation of SEMPs existing EMP will be used as a baseline document by CC (see **Annex 1)**.

GOOD PRACTICE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR IMPROVEMENT

6.1 Good Practice

42. Not yet applicable.

6.2 Opportunities for Improvement

43. Not yet applicable.

7. SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 Summary

44. Not yet applicable.

7.2 Recommendations

- 45. The following activities are planned for the next reporting period:
 - Construction Contractor to prepare the site-specific environmental management plans (SEMPs) before commencement of construction activities.
 - Construction Contractor to prepare the following Topic Specific Environmental and Social Management Plans: Waste Management Plan, Pedestrian and Traffic Management Plan, Health and Safety Plan, etc. before commencement of construction activities.
 - Construction Contractor to conduct baseline measurements of water, air and noise on regular bases before commencement of Construction activities.
 - Carry out pre-construction survey of buildings and structures within 50 m distance from the highway.

ANNEXES:

Annex 1 – Environmental Management Plan

Environmental Management Plan EMP - Construction Phase Mitigation

Subject	Potential Impact / Issue	Mitigation Measure	Responsibilities	Monitoring	Monitoring Responsibility & Schedule
Air Quality	Open burning of waste materials	No burning of debris or other materials will occur at any camp or construction site.	Contractor to implement mitigation.	Engineers NES	Daily site inspections, throughout construction period.
	Rock-crushing plant	 Rock crushing plant equipment shall be fitted with water sprinklers that will run continuously while the plant is operational. If the sprinklers stop working, the plant shall also cease operation until the sprinklers are functioning. Water run-off from the sprinkler system shall not discharge directly to surface water courses without first passing through a silt trap or any other suitable device to prevent siltation of surface waters. 	Contractor to implement mitigation. Engineer to routinely monitor Contractors activities.	Engineers NES	Daily site inspections, throughout construction period.
	Exhaust emissions from the operation of construction machinery	 No furnaces, boilers or other similar plant or equipment using any fuel that may produce air pollutants will be installed without prior written consent of the Engineer. Construction equipment will be maintained to a good standard and fitted with pollution control devices regularly monitored by the Contractor and Engineer. 	Contractor to implement mitigation. Engineer to routinely monitor Contractors activities.	Engineers NES	Daily site inspections, throughout construction period.
	Emissions from Construction vehicles.	 Emissions from on-road and off-road vehicles should comply with national or regional programs. In the absence of these, the following should be considered: Regardless of the size or type of vehicle, owners / operators should implement the manufacturer recommended engine maintenance programs. Drivers should be instructed on a routine basis by the Contractors EM on the benefits of driving practices that reduced both the risk of accidents and fuel consumption, including measured acceleration and driving within safe speed limits. 	Contractor to implement mitigation. Engineer to routinely monitor Contractors activities including vehicle maintenance records.	Engineers NES	 Daily site inspections, throughout construction period. Annual inspection of vehicle maintenance records.

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	Fugitive emissions.	 Implement a regular vehicle maintenance and repair program. Conveyor belts (e.g. at batching plants and rock crushing plants) shall be fitted with wind-boards, and conveyor transfer points and hopper discharge areas shall be enclosed to minimize dust emission. All trucks used for transporting materials to and from the site will be covered with canvas tarpaulins. Carry out watering for dust control at least 3 times a day: in the morning, at noon, and in the afternoon during dry weather with temperatures of over 25C, or in windy weather. Avoid overwatering as this may make the surrounding muddy. Earthwork operation to be suspended when the wind speed exceeds 20 km/h in areas within 500 m of any community. 	Contractor to implement mitigation. Engineer to routinely monitor Contractors activities.	Engineers NES	Daily site inspections, throughout construction period.
Soils Erosion and Soil Contamination	Contamination of Soils	 All fuel and chemical storage will be sited on an impervious base within a bund and secured by fencing. The storage area will be located away from any watercourse or wetlands. The base and bund walls will be impermeable and of sufficient capacity to contain 110% of the volume of tank (or one tank if more than one tank is located in the bund). The construction camp maintenance yard will be constructed on impervious hardstanding with adequate drainage to collect spills (including oil interceptor tanks), there will be no vehicle maintenance activities on open ground. Filling and refueling will be strictly controlled and subject to formal procedures. Drip pans will be placed under all filling and fueling areas. Waste oils will be stored and disposed of by a licensed contractor. All valves and trigger guns will be resistant to unauthorized interference and vandalism and be turned off and securely locked when not in use. The contents of any tank or drum will be clearly marked. Measures will be taken to ensure that no contaminated discharges enter any soils. No bitumen drums or containers, full or used, will be stored on open ground. They will only be stored on impervious hardstanding. 	Contractor to implement mitigation. Engineer to review and approve bunding prior to the start of construction. Engineer to review and approve vehicle fueling area prior to the start of construction.	Engineers NES	Daily site inspections, throughout construction period.

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		 Areas using bitumen will be constructed on impervious hardstanding to prevent seepage of oils into the soils. No bitumen drums or containers, full or used, will be stored on open ground. They will only be stored on impervious hard standing. Areas using bitumen will be constructed on impervious hard standing to prevent seepage of oils into the soils. 			
	Loss of topsoil	 Locate topsoil stockpiles outside drainage lines and protect stockpiles from erosion. Construct diversion channels and silt fences around the topsoil stockpiles to prevent erosion and loss of topsoil. Rip ground surface prior to the spreading of topsoil. Remove unwanted materials from topsoil such as roots of trees, rubble and waste etc. Specifically regarding soil compaction, the Contractor will confine operation of heavy equipment within the RoW, as much as possible, to avoid soil compaction and damage to privately owned land. If in case private lands are disturbed, the contractor should promptly inform the owner and agree on the ways to remedy the situation. 	Contractor to implement mitigation.	Engineers NES	Daily site inspections, throughout construction period.
	Soil Erosion	 Material that is less susceptible to erosion will be selected for placement around bridges and culverts. Re-vegetation of exposed areas including; (i) selection of fast growing and grazing resistant species of local flora; (ii) immediate re-vegetation of all slopes and embankments if not covered with gabion baskets; (iii) placement of fiber mats to encourage vegetation growth. The Engineer and the Contractor will both be responsible for ensuring that embankments are monitored continuously during construction for signs of erosion. 	Contractor to implement mitigation.	Engineers NES	Daily site inspections, throughout construction period.
Hydrology	Ground and surface water pollution.	 Implementation of the specific mitigation measures outlined under Construction Camps, below and Soil Contamination above. Provide portable toilet facilities for workers at road work sites. 	Contractor to implement mitigation.	Engineers NES	Daily site inspections, throughout construction period.
	Groundwater depletion	Routine monitoring of groundwater levels in groundwater wells in the Project area will be undertaken on a weekly basis by the Contractor within the vicinity of each tunnel he is excavating, in line with his groundwater management plan. The monitoring shall continue for a two month period 17	Contractor to implement mitigation	Engineers NES	Weekly review of groundwater monitoring reports.

Subject Potential Impact / Issue	Mitigation Measure	Responsibilities	Monitoring	Monitoring Responsibility & Schedule
	 after the tunnel is sealed. If drawdown levels in wells are significant the Contractor will provide a temporary source of potable water to the affected persons until the groundwater levels are recharged. Monitoring shall continue for a two month period after the completion of the tunnels. If the wells fail to re-charge, new boreholes will be constructed for affected persons. 			
Bridges	 The Contractor will: Provide spill kits in worksites around rivers. Ensure no vehicle refueling occurs within 50 meters of any surface water course. Divert the water flow near the bridge piers. Provide coffer dams, silt fences, sediment barriers or other devices to prevent migration of silt during construction within streams. Perform dewatering and cleaning of cofferdams to prevent siltation by pumping from cofferdams to a settling basin or a containment unit. Carry out bridge construction works without interrupting the traffic on the existing road with the provision of suitable diversions. Ensure no waste materials are dumped in the river, including re-enforced concrete debris. Place generators more than 20 meters from the river. Ensure that no concrete waste from concrete mixers is dumped in the river. Provide areas where concrete mixers can wash out leftover concrete without polluting the environment. This may be in the form of a lined settling pond at each bridge site. Drivers will be informed of these locations and the requirements to use these settling ponds on a routine basis by the Engineer. Dried waste from the settling ponds can be used as backfill for culverts, etc. Carefully collect all polystyrene (from expansion joints) so that it does not litter the local environment. Ensure that no hazardous liquids are placed within 10 meters of the river. Provide portable toilets at bridge construction sites to prevent defecation by workers into the river. Ensure that workers are provided with correct PPE including harnesses. 	Contractor to consult with MoEPA and provide copies of letters confirming construction periods to the Engineer.	Engineers NES	Routine monitoring of bridge works to ensure they are in compliance with MoEPA guidelines.

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		 During piling works ensure that pumped water is filtered through a silt trap before being discharged to the river. In addition, the Contractor, through his Environmental Manager, will be responsible for consulting with MoEPA to establish the fish spawning period in relation to the bridge construction works to ensure that all works are undertaken in periods least likely to affect the fish spawning period. 			
	Drainage and Flooding	 During the construction phase the Contractor will be required to construct, maintain, remove and reinstate as necessary temporary drainage works and take all other precautions necessary for the avoidance of damage to properties and land by flooding and silt washed down from the works. Arrange with the village representatives those works which might interfere with the flow of irrigation waters to be carried out at such times as will cause the least disturbance to irrigation operations. Should any operation being performed by the Contractor interrupt existing irrigation facilities, the Contractors will restore the irrigation appurtenances to their original working conditions within 24 hours of being notified of the interruption. The Contractor will also be responsible for ensuring that no construction materials or construction waste block existing drainage channels within the Project corridor. 	Contractor to implement mitigation.	Engineers NES	Monitor drainage channels on a weekly basis.
	Dewatering of tunnels	The Contractor will pass all drainage water from the tunnel through a settlement tank. Weekly monitoring of the water quality from the tank will be undertaken by the Contractor to assess for any pollution. If the drainage water meets drinking water standards it can be considered for re-use in any potentially depleted wells during the construction phase.	Contractor to implement mitigation. Engineer to review and approve settlement tank locations and designs.	Engineers NES	Review of weekly water monitoring results. Weekly inspection of settlement tanks.
	Water Supply & Discharge	Only legally permitted water resources shall be used for technical water supply, including rivers. All permits and licenses for water supply and discharge will be obtained prior to use.	 Contractor to implement mitigation. Engineer to review all water extraction 	Engineers NES	Weekly inspections, throughout construction period.

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			/ discharge permits.		Annual review of permits.
Flora	Tree cutting	 Trees cleared from private land plots will be compensated in accordance with the Land Acquisition and Resettlement Plan (LARP). Tree cutting shall not occur during bird nesting seasons (End of March - May) 	GoG to implement the LARP.	According to the LARP	According to the LARP
	State Forest Fund	 The Contractor will be provided with plans indicating the areas of State Forest Fund. Tree-cutting works in the State Forest Fund areas shall be implemented under the supervision of specialists of the National Forestry Agency. Contractor to remove the trees to a location specified by the National Forest Agency. 	 RD to provide plans to Contractor. Contractor to undertake tree cutting. Contractor to remove trees. 	National Forestry Agency	None
	Habitat Restoration	 Follow the action plan for habitat restoration prepared prior to construction. Plant maintenance will be carried out for at least two years. Monthly monitoring of the re-planted areas and report on the success rate of the re-planted trees, which should be above 80%. If the success rate falls below 80% re-plant on a 1:1 basis to compensate for losses. 	Contractor to implement action plan Contractor to purchase, plant and maintain the seedlings. Contractor to plant additional seedlings if success rate not met.	Engineer to monitor success rate (NFA to determine success rate criteria).	Monthly monitoring of success rate.
	Protection of Vulnerable Species	The Contractor will place protective wood fencing around the any Georgian red-list species identified within 5 meters of the site boundary in the pre-construction survey in order to protect the tree during construction works, including its root zones.	Contractor to implement mitigation.	Engineers NES	Daily site inspections, throughout construction period.
	Vegetation clearance	No chemicals shall be used to clear vegetation.	Contractor to implement mitigation.	Engineers NES	Daily site inspections, throughout construction period.

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Fauna	Otters	 Implement method statements for otter protection. If live otters are encountered Contractor is to cease work and contact the ecologist who will then liaise with the appropriate regulatory officers to discuss the encounter and how best to proceed from that point. Ensure the measures outlined in Error! Reference source not found. are followed. 	Contractor to implement mitigation.	Engineers NES	Review of method statements. Daily inspections of Contractors works at the bridge sites.
	Other IUCN / GRL species	Ensure the measures outlined in Error! Reference source not found. are followed.	Contractor to implement mitigation.	Engineers NES	Daily site inspections, throughout construction period.
	Bats, Birds and Other non special status fauna.	 Ensure mitigation measures outlined in Section G.6.1 Flora and Fauna are followed If bats and other fauna are found during pre-construction site surveys. Ensure the measures outlined in Error! Reference source not found. are followed. 	Contractor to implement mitigation.	Engineers NES	Daily site inspections, throughout construction period.
	Poaching	 Poaching of wildlife shall be strictly prohibited. The Contractor will be responsible for providing training sessions to his workers relating to environmental protection (including the ban on poaching). 	Contractor to implement mitigation.	N/A	N/A
Waste Management and Spoil	Recycling and re- use	 Where possible, surplus materials will be reused or recycled. Used oil and grease shall be removed from site and sold to an approved used oil recycling company. 	Contractor to implement mitigation.	Engineers NES	Monthly review of waste manifests to determine if wastes are being recycled.
	General Spoil Management	 Follow the Spoil Disposal Plan prepared for the Project, including restoration of the site according to the plan. Under no circumstances shall the Contractor dump excess materials on private lands. Excess spoil shall not be dumped or pushed into any river at any location. Spoil re-use and disposal haul routes shall be included within the traffic management plan. The Contractor will be responsible for upgrading and maintenance of any locals roads used for the transport of spoil materials. 	Contractor to implement mitigation.	Engineers NES	Daily site inspections, throughout construction period.

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		 Transport of spoil material from tunnels on local roads shall be prohibited between 10pm and 6am. Routine spraying of haul routes during dry periods. 			
	Inert Solid & Liquid waste	 Provide refuse containers at each worksite. Maintain all construction sites in a cleaner, tidy and safe condition. Waste storage containers shall be covered, tip-proof, weatherproof and scavenger proof. Train and instruct all personnel in waste management practices and procedures. Collect and transport non-hazardous wastes to all approved disposal sites. Keep copies of waste manifests on site. Keep a record of waste on-site and waste removed. 	Contractor to implement mitigation and conduct training. Engineer to approve any waste disposal site.	Engineers NES	Daily site inspections, throughout construction period. Regular review of Contractors training sessions.
	Asphalt and Concrete	 Waste asphalt will be recycled where possible for base material and shoulder material. Unused or rejected tar or bituminous products shall be returned to the supplier's production plant. Waste concrete shall be crushed and re-used as fill material, or base material where possible. Under no circumstances should concrete mixers be washed out onto open ground at construction sites, such as bridges. 	 Contractor to implement any recommendations for re-use of asphalt. Contractor to implement mitigation. 	Engineers NES	Daily site inspections, throughout construction period.
	Hazardous Waste	 Storage of hazardous waste shall be in specific secure locations as identified by the waste management plan. Hazardous liquids must be stored within impermeable bunds (the bund should be able to contain at least 110% of the volume of the largest storage tank within the bund). Collect and temporarily store used hazardous waste separately in specialized containers and place in safe and fire-free areas with impermeable floors roofs, at a safe distance from fire sources and according to the requirements of their MSDS. Training and suitable PPE will be provided to all personnel handling hazardous waste. Disposal of waste materials shall be undertaken by a licensed waste management company. Keep copies of the companies licenses on record as well as the agreements with the company. Keep records of the types and volumes of waste removed from the site on a weekly basis. 	Contractor to implement mitigation. Engineer to approve any waste disposal site. Engineer to review waste manifests.	Engineers NES	Daily site inspections, throughout construction period. Monthly review of waste manifests.

Subject	Potential Impact / Issue	Mitigation Measure Keep copies of waste manifests.	Responsibilities	Monitoring	Monitoring Responsibility & Schedule
Transport and Utilities	Transportation	 Reep copies of waste frialliests. The Contractor will: Provide information to the public about the scope and schedule of construction activities and expected disruptions and access restrictions at least 24 hours before the disruptions; Allow for adequate traffic flow around construction areas via diversions or temporary access roads; If temporary access roads are to be constructed with a gravel surface they shall be routinely watered by the Contractor during dry weather to reduce dust impacts; and Provide adequate traffic signs, appropriate lighting, well-designed traffic safety signs, barriers and flag persons for traffic control. Access roads for batching plants, etc, will be maintained during the construction phase and rehabilitated at the end of construction. 	Contractor to implement mitigation.	Engineers NES	Weekly inspections, throughout construction period.
	Utilities	 All utilities in the Project area shall be kept operational, particularly during the winter months. The Contractor will be responsible for liaising with the relevant utilities operators to ensure all utilities remain operational. Should utilities need relocating in a different location the Contractor will consult with the relevant utilities and local community to ensure that there is no change in supply as a result of these changes. 	Contractor to implement mitigation.	Engineers NES	Weekly inspections, throughout construction period.
Asphalt Plants	Emissions & Noise	 Asphalt plants will be located downwind of urban areas and not within one kilometer of any urban area. Adequate PPE will be provided to staff working in areas of high noise and emissions. Storage and Use of Hazardous Materials (including bitumen): Ensure all hazardous materials are stored (including within suitable sized bunds for liquids), handled and disposed of according to their Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS). Copies of MSDS will be kept on site with all hazardous materials. The Contractor will keep a log of the type and volume of all hazardous wastes on site. The Contractor will keep a plan of site indicating where all hazardous materials are stored. 	Contractor to implement mitigation.	Engineers NES	Daily site inspections, throughout construction period. Monthly review of hazardous waste log.

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	Vehicle Movement	The Contractor will include the asphalt plant in his Traffic Management Plan, including haul routes from the plant.	Contractor to implement mitigation.	Engineers NES	Daily site inspections, throughout construction period.
	Health and Safety	 To prevent bitumen burns it will be compulsory for the workers handling hot bitumen to wear full-body protection. All transportation, handling and storage of bitumen will be handled safely by experienced personnel. The dust from the manufacturing process may pose respiratory hazards, hence protective air mask will be provided to the operators for the loading and unloading of aggregates. Ear-muffs will be provided those working on the plant. First Aid kit will be available on site for the workers in case of emergency. The Material and Data Sheet (MSDS) for each chemical product will be made accessible onsite and displayed. 	Contractor to implement mitigation.	Engineers NES	Daily site inspections, throughout construction period.
Construction Camps	Pollution and Emissions	 The Contractor will ensure that all of the following conditions are met: Rain-water run-off arising on the site will be collected, removed from the site via a suitable and properly designed temporary drainage system and disposed of at a location and in a manner that will cause neither pollution nor nuisance. The drainage system will be fitted with oil and grease interceptors. There will be no direct discharge of sanitary or wash water to surface water. In the absence of functioning sewerage and sewage treatment facilities it is recommended that the Contractor provides his own on-site wastewater treatment facilities. For sites servicing a small number of employees (less than 150), septic tanks may be used. For larger sites, liquid wastes will as a minimum receive primary treatment in anaerobic tank or pond preceded by a bar screen to remove large solid objects (e.g. sticks, rags). There will be no direct discharge of untreated sanitary or oily wastewater to surface water bodies. Licensed contractors will be required to collect and disposal of liquid waste from the septic tanks on regular basis. 	Contractor to implement mitigation.	Engineers NES	Daily site inspections, throughout construction period.

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		Disposal of materials such as, but not limited to, lubricating			
		oil and onto the ground or water bodies will be prohibited.			
		 Liquid material storage containment areas will not drain directly to surface water. 			
		Waste water from vehicle washing bays will be free of			
		pollutants if the wash bay has been constructed correctly.			
		Lubricating and fuel oil spills will be cleaned up immediately			
		and spill cleanup materials will be maintained at the storage			
		area.			
		Construction and work sites will be equipped with sanitary			
		latrines that do not pollute surface waters and are			
		connected to septic tanks, or waste water treatment facilities.			
		Discharge of sediment-laden construction water directly			
		into surface watercourses will be forbidden. Sediment laden			
		construction water will be discharged into settling lagoons			
		or tanks prior to final discharge.			
		 Washing out concrete trucks at construction sites will be prohibited unless specific concrete washout areas are 			
		provided for this purpose at the construction site (e.g. a			
		bridge site). The washouts will be impermeable and			
		emptied when 75% full.			
		Spill cleanup equipment will be maintained on site			
		(including at the site maintenance yard and vehicle fueling			
		areas). The following conditions to avoid adverse impacts			
		due to improper fuel and chemical storage:			
		Fueling operations will occur only within containment areas.			
		All fuel and chemical storage (if any) will be sited on an			
		impervious base within a bund and secured by fencing. The storage area will be located away from any watercourse or			
		wetlands. The base and bund walls will be impermeable			
		and of sufficient capacity to contain 110% of the volume of			
		tanks.			
		Filling and refueling will be strictly controlled and subject to			
		formal procedures and will take place within areas			
		surrounded by bunds to contain spills / leaks of potentially			
		contaminating liquids.			
		All valves and trigger guns will be resistant to unauthorized			
		interference and vandalism and be turned off and securely			
		locked when not in use.			

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Batching Plants	Pollution and Emissions from Concrete Batching Plants	 The contents of any tank or drum will be clearly marked. Measures will be taken to ensure that no contaminated discharges enter any drain or watercourses. Disposal of lubricating oil and other potentially hazardous liquids onto the ground or water bodies will be prohibited. Should any accidental spills occur immediate cleanup will be undertaken and all cleanup materials stored in a secure area for disposal to a site authorized to dispose of hazardous waste. If determined warranted by the Engineer, the Contractor will provide a wash pit or a wheel washing and/or vehicle cleaning facility at the exits from the sites. If so requested, the Contractor will ensure that all vehicles are properly cleaned (bodies and tires are free of sand and mud) prior to leaving the site areas. The Contractor will provide necessary cleaning facilities on site and ensure that no water or debris from such cleaning operations is deposited off-site. The Contractor will be responsible to maintain and cleanup campsites and respect the rights of local landowners. To limit impacts from dust, the following conditions will apply: Batching plants will be located downwind of urban areas and not within one kilometer of any urban area. The entire batching area traversed by vehicles – including driveways leading into and out of the area – will be paved with a hard, impervious material. Sand and aggregates will be delivered in a dampened state, using covered trucks. If the materials have dried out during transit they will be re-wetted before being dumped into the storage bunker. Sand and aggregates will be stored in a hopper or bunker which shields the materials from winds. The bunker should enclose the stockpile on three sides. The walls should extend one metre above the height of the maximum quantity of raw material kept on site, and extend two metres beyond the front of the stockpile. 	Contractor to implement mitigation.	Engineers NES	Daily site inspections, throughout construction period.

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		 The hopper or bunker will be fitted with water sprays which keep the stored material damp at all times. Monitor the water content of the stockpile to ensure it is maintained in a damp condition. Overhead storage bins will be totally enclosed. The swivel chute area and transfer point from the conveyor will also be enclosed. Rubber curtain seals may be needed to protect the opening of the overhead bin from winds. Conveyor belts which are exposed to the wind and used for raw material transfer will be effectively enclosed, to ensure dust is not blown off the conveyor during transit. Conveyor transfer points and hopper discharge areas will be fully enclosed. Conveyor belts will be fitted with belt cleaners on the return side of the belt. Weigh hoppers at front end loader plants will be roofed and have weigh hoppers shrouded on three sides, to protect the contents from the wind. The raw materials transferred by the front end loader should be damp, as they are taken from a dampened stockpile. Store cement in sealed, dust-tight storage silos. All hatches, inspection points and duct work will be dust-tight. Silos will be equipped with a high-level sensor alarm and an automatic delivery shut-down switch to prevent overfilling. Cement dust emissions from the silo during filling operations must be minimised. The minimum acceptable performance is obtained using a fabric filter dust collector. Totally enclose the cement weigh hopper, to ensure that dust cannot escape to the atmosphere. An inspection of all dust control components will be performed routinely – for example, at least weekly. All contaminated storm water and process wastewater will 			
		be collected and retained on site.			1

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		 All sources of wastewater will be paved and bunded. The specific areas that will be paved and bunded include; the agitator washout area, the truck washing area, the concrete batching area, and any other area that may generate storm water contaminated with cement dust or residues. Contaminated storm water and process wastewater will be captured and recycled by a system with the following specifications: The system's storage capacity must be sufficient to store the runoff from the bunded areas generated by 20 mm of rain. Water captured by the bunds will be diverted to a collection pit and then pumped to a storage tank for recycling. An outlet (overflow drain) in the bund, one metre upstream of the collection pit, will divert excess rainwater from the bunded area when the pit fills due to heavy rain (more than 20 mm of rain over 24 hours). Collection pits should contain a sloping sludge interceptor, to separate water and sediments. The sloping surface enables easy removal of sludge and sediments. Wastewater will be pumped from the collection pit to a recycling tank. The pit will have a primary pump triggered by a float switch and a backup pump which automatically activates if the primary fails. Wastewater stored in the recycling tank needs to be reused at the earliest possible opportunity. 			
Community Health and Safety	Blasting	Blasting will be conducted using standard mining industry practices and procedures to ensure safety of personnel and equipment. This includes establishing a safety zone around the blast area, say to a distance of 500 m (actual distance will be established by the Contractor and approved by the Engineer based on the safety standards) and evacuating it. School Safety Sessions will be completed by the Contractors H&S team and community liaison on 6-month basis throughout construction and an initial session prior to start of works to provide road safety awareness to children. During these	Contractor to implement mitigation.	Engineers NES	Daily site inspections, throughout construction period.

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		sessions the school children shall also be provided with reflective badges to fit to clothing or school bags.			
	HIV / AIDS	 Subcontract with an Approved Service Provider to provide an HIV Awareness Program to the Contractor's Personnel and the Local Community. Repeat the HIV Awareness Program at intervals not exceeding four months 	 Contractor to implement mitigation. Service Provider to implement training. Engineer to review program. 	Engineers NES	Annual review of awareness program activities.
	Code of Conduct	The Contractor shall develop an induction program, including a Code of Conduct, for all workers directly related to the Project. A copy of the Code of Conduct is to be presented to all workers and signed by each worker.	Contractor to implement mitigation.	Engineers NES	Routine assessment of workers staff to determine if the code of conduct has been presented.
	Monthly Meetings	The Contractor will be responsible for holding monthly community meetings within the Project area throughout the construction period.	Contractor to implement mitigation.	Engineers NES	Engineers NES to attend all community meetings.
Occupational Health and Safety	Worker Health & safety	 Initial Safety Induction Course: All workmen will be required to attend a safety induction course before they are allowed access to the Site. Develop a Safety Training Program including training to recognize and respond to workplace chemical hazards. Keep a log of both training records and safety incidents including near misses. Safety Meetings conducted on a monthly basis. Regularly inspect, test and maintain all safety equipment. Equipment, which is damaged, dirty, incorrectly positioned or not in working order, shall be repaired or replaced immediately. All construction plant and equipment used on or around the Site shall be fitted with appropriate safety devices. A fully equipped first aid base shall be provided at the Construction Camp and Asphalt Plant. Coordinate with local public health officials and shall reach a documented understanding with regard to the use of hospitals and other community facilities. Workers will be provided (before they commence works) with of appropriate PPE suitable for electrical work such as 	Contractor to implement mitigation. Engineer to review and approve training program.	Engineers NES	Daily site inspections, throughout construction period. Periodic attendance of training sessions to determine quality and numbers in attendance.

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		 safety boots, helmets, gloves, protective clothes, goggles, and ear protection at no cost to the workers. Provide portable toilet facilities for workers at road work sites. Provide fencing on all areas of excavation greater than 2 m deep. Install warning signs. 			
	Sub-contractor H&S	All sub-contractors will be supplied with copies of the SEMP. Provisions to be incorporated into all sub-contracts to ensure the compliance with the SEMP. All sub-contractors will be required to appoint a safety representative who shall be available on the Site.	Contractor to provide SEMP. Sub-contractors to ensure compliance with SEMP	Engineers NES	Routinely monitor sub- contractors activities.
	Noise	Zones with noise level above 80 dBA must be marked with safety signs and appropriate PPE must be worn by workers.	Contractor to implement mitigation.	Engineers NES	Daily site inspections and monitoring (with smartphone technology) throughout construction period.
PCR	Impacts to Cemetery	During the construction phase the northern boundary of the cemetery (KM8.6) shall be fenced off to ensure that there is no encroachment into this area by construction workers or equipment.	Contractor to implement mitigation.	Engineers NES	Weekly site inspections of the fencing.
	Church	During the construction phase works shall be schedule that no works occur within 250 meters of the Church on Sundays, or during religious holidays.	Contractor to implement mitigation.	Engineers NES	Weekly site inspections of the fencing.
	Impacts to Historical and archeological areas	In the event of any chance finds during the construction works procedures shall apply that are governed by GoG legislation and guidelines and as outlined in the Contractors Chance Find Procedure.	Contractor to implement mitigation.	Engineers NES	Daily site inspections throughout construction period.
Noise	Construction noise	During the construction phase the Contractor will be responsible for the following: Time and Activity Constraints, i.e., operations will be scheduled to coincide with periods when people would least likely be affected; work hours and work days will be limited to less noise-sensitive times. Hours-of-work will be approved by the Engineer having due regard for possible noise.	Contractor to implement mitigation.	Engineers NES	Daily site inspections throughout construction period.

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		disturbance to the local residents or other activities. Construction activities will be strictly prohibited between 10 PM and 6 AM in the residential areas. When operating close to sensitive areas (within 250 meters) such as residential, nursery, or medical facilities, the Contractor's hours of working shall be limited to 8 AM to 6 PM. - Use temporary noise barriers while working in sensitive locations in case accidence of allowable limits is expected. Placing the barrier close to the source proves to be effective. - Give notice as early as possible to sensitive receptors for periods of noisier works such as excavation. Describe the activities and how long they are expected to take. Keep affected neighbours informed of progress. - Within normal working hours, where it is reasonable to do so: - schedule noisy activities for less sensitive times. - provide periods of respite from noisier works (for example, periodic breaks from jackhammer noise). - The weekend/evening periods are important for community rest and recreation and provide respite when noisy work has been conducted throughout the week. Accordingly, work should not usually be scheduled during these times. - All mechanical plant is to be silenced by the best practical means using current technology. Mechanical plant, including noise-suppression devices, should be maintained to the manufacturer's specifications. Internal combustion engines are to be fitted with a suitable muffler in good repair. - Maintenance tools, machines and equipment so that they are in good conditions. When some wrong is found, they must be fixed immediately in order to reduce noise from the equipment.			
		 Fit all pneumatic tools with an effective silencer on their air exhaust port. 			

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		 Install less noisy movement/reversing warning systems for equipment and vehicles that will operate for extended periods, during sensitive times or in close proximity to sensitive sites. Occupational health and safety requirements for use of warning systems must be followed. Turn off plant when not being used. All vehicular movements to and from the site to only occur during the scheduled normal working hours, unless approval has been granted by the Engineer. Keep good conditions of trucks that use to transport construction materials so they cause no loud noise and control the truck speed, to be not exceeded 40 km/hr when driving through communities, and not exceeded 80 km/hr when driving on highways. Where possible, no truck associated with the work should be left standing with its engine operating in a street adjacent to a residential area. Provision of noise protection kits such as ear plug, earmuff, for workers who are working in the area with noise level is higher than 85 dB(A). It is designated as a regulation that workers must wear protection kits in case of working in a noisy area. 			
	Noise barriers	Construction of the noise barriers specified in Error! Reference source not found. and according to any modifications made prior to construction.	Contractor to implement mitigation.	Engineers NES	Routine inspection of the noise barrier works.
Vibration	Tunneling Vibration	The Contractor shall follow the procedures outlined in Section F.8.7 of the EIA.	Contractor and Engineer to implement mitigation.	N/A	N/A
	Blasting	 No blasting will be carried out within 100 m of the portal of the tunnel. Blasting will be scheduled during the day only. Local communities will be informed of blasting timetable in advance and will be provided adequate notice of when blasts are required outside of the planned schedule. 	Contractor and Engineer to implement mitigation.	Engineers NES	Routine inspections of blasting activities.

Table 1: EMP - Operations and Maintenance Phase Mitigation

Subject	Potential Impact / Issue	Mitigation / Monitoring Measure	Responsibilities
Hydrology Drainage issues		Monitor drainage along the road to ensure that it does result in increased run-off and flooding.	RD
	Groundwater depletion	If groundwater fails to re-charge to pre-construction levels alternative water supply will be provided to the affected parties.	Contractor during DFL period
Tree re- planting	Tree maintenance	If tree maintenance and habitat restoration extends beyond the construction and DFL period the RD shall engage an operator to continue maintenance of the trees / habitat area to complete the two-year maintenance period.	RD to contract a suitable operator.
Tunnels	Air quality	Ensure continued maintenance of tunnel ventilation system.	RD
Fauna	Impacts to animals	 Register and analyze road kills. Develop additional mitigation measures if found to be necessary. During maintenance works strictly comply with wildlife/vegetation impact mitigation measures set for construction stage. Prohibit poaching (ensure that tunnel operator staff is aware of the ban). 	RD
Road Maintenance	Pollution of water	 Perform maintenance paving of the road sections and bridge decks only in dry weather to prevent runoff contamination. Use staging techniques to reduce the spread of paving materials during the repair of potholes and worn pavement. These can include covering storm drain inlets and manholes during paving operations, using erosion and sediment controls to decrease runoff from repair sites, and using drip pans, absorbent materials and other pollution prevention materials to limit leaks of paving materials and fluids from paving machines. Comply with mitigation measures defined for water protection during construction. Remove all waste, material, machinery and tool from the area after completion of works. Reinstate disturbed areas – if the case. 	RD
	Asphalt	If low noise asphalt is used routine maintenance of the surface will be required in order to achieve continued performance of the surface.	RD
Waste Management	Pollution of the environment	 Install waste collection bins in technical buildings area. Use garbage bins fitted with lids to avoid scattering around and attraction of scavengers. Segregate hazardous, non-hazardous and reusable waste streams. Manage and dispose hazardous waste according to the type and the class of hazard. Note: for hazardous waste removal licensed company must be contracted. Until removal (temporarily) waste must be stored within secure facilities with weatherproof flooring and roofing. Dispose garbage according to agreement with licensed waste management contractors. 	RD

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Geo- hazards	Continuous presence of geo-hazards	For general safety, geo-hazards should be continuously monitored and measures should be performed to prevent any hazardous incident.	RD to monitor geo-hazard during the operational phase and provide measures to avoid occurrences of fatal incident.			
Biological	Impacts to fauna	Motorist should be notified by road signs of their possible presence and prohibit harming them	RD to install signs where wildlife may be expected and prohibit harming them			
	Protecting BKNP	Motorist should be notified by road signs of their proximity to BKNP	RD to install signs to notify motorist of their proximity to the BKNP			
	Traffic Safety	 Traffic regulations should be enforced at all times Traffic safety measures should be performed Regular maintenance should be undertaken 	 Police should enforce traffic regulations RD to install road safety signs and maintain the road 			

Annex 2 - Pre-Construction Baseline Measurements Guidelines

Pre-Construction Baseline Measurements

Issue	Monitoring	Locations	Schedule	Responsibilities	Reporting
Air Quality	Establish routine ambient air quality monitoring throughout the construction period. Baseline monitoring shall be undertaken once <i>before</i> the start of the Construction work to provide robust data in addition to that provided in this report. The following parameters shall be monitored in line with IFC / EU averaging periods: Particulate Matter (PM ₁₀ & PM _{2.5}). Nitrogen Oxide (NO _X) Sulphur Dioxide (SO ₂)	At the 6 locations of ambient air quality monitoring in this EIA, or others as required.	Monitoring to be undertaken monthly during construction period (36 months)	The Engineer shall hire certified laboratory to perform the monitoring activities.	The certified laboratory shall provide the results to the Engineer within three days of the monitoring activity.
Noise	Ensure that routine noise monitoring is undertaken throughout the construction period. Parameters to be monitored include: Laeq 1h (dBA)	At 13 locations of noise monitoring in this EIA, or others as required.	Monitoring to be undertaken monthly both daytime and night-time measurements during construction period (36 months)	The Engineer shall hire certified laboratory to perform the monitoring activities.	The certified laboratory shall provide the results to the Engineer within three days of the monitoring activity.
Vibration	Vibration sensors for PPV monitoring.	At each tunnel location	Throughout tunnel blasting period.	Contractor to purchase, install and monitor vibration.	Weekly reporting of vibration results to the Engineer.
Surface Water Quality	Establish routine water quality monitoring throughout the construction period. The following parameters shall be monitored: pH; Suspended Solids; BOD5; COD; Coliforms; Nitrate (NO3); Phosphate (PO4); Oil and Grease	50 meters upstream from bridge sites crossing rivers (12 locations) during construction; 50 meters downstream of the bridge site.	Monitoring to be undertaken bi-weekly during bridge construction works	The Engineer shall hire certified laboratory to perform the monitoring activities.	The certified laboratory shall provide the results to the Engineer within seven days of the monitoring activity.

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Tunnel water	Monitoring of water from tunnel dewatering settlement tanks. Parameters will include all required to meet Georgian drinking water standards.	At all settlement tanks.	Weekly	The Engineer shall hire certified laboratory to perform the monitoring activities.	
Ground water	Monitoring of groundwater levels.	Selection of ten sites	Weekly	The Engineer shall hire certified laboratory to perform the monitoring activities.	Weekly reporting to the Engineer.