Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia Roads Department of Georgia

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E-60 HIGHWAY UPGRADING PROJECT AGARA-DIDI SATIVE (KM114 to KM126) SECTION

Minutes of public review of

Environmental Impact Assessment

Public meeting related to the review of Environmental Impact Assessment for the upgrading of E-60 highway section between Agara and Didi Sative (km114-km126) was held on February 6, 2013 in the Hause of Justice of village Gomi. Objective of the public review was to familiarize the population with assessment of the project impact on biophysical and social environment.

Information about the works carried out by COWE/GAMMA on site and the assessment results of the impact on biophysical and social environment during the construction and operational phase was presented at the meeting. Relevant mitigation measures were introduced.

Attendees of the meeting had an opportunity to raise the questions and express their critical opinion during the review of plans.

Public review meeting was attended by authorized person (Rtsmunebuli) of territorial unit, as well as representatives of local community and business sphere.

Ms. Maia Stamateli, an environmental specialist from scientific-research company GAMMA introduced the project stakeholders and presented brief information about the project and activities implemented so far.

Presentation was focused on main components of the project and their possible impact on natural and social environment, environmental assessment process, executed field works and outcomes of analysis and modeling. Main types of potential impact were discussed. Attention was paid to impact on vegetation cover (cutting of trees) and its compensation, results of noise and emissions on local population during road construction and operational phases.

Possible impact on social environment (land acquisition and resettlement issues) was noted, which is inevitable during road widening-construction projects and mitigation measures for this procedure were presented. Negative and positive impacts of the project were highlighted.

Attendees were handed the informative leaflets including contact details of the group involved in the project in case additional questions arise and information is needed.

Floor was given to representatives of the community.

Questions and answers are presented in Table No.1 as an annex.

First Deputy Chairman

Nugzar Gasviani

Representatives of Roads Department:

Zaur Abshinashvili

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| Besik Gagishvili | What will be the road alignment and what is its impact on agriculture lands? | Construction of the road section which will be located in parallel to the existing highway will lead to "cut" of the part of the land-plots along the road. The Resettlement Group will study all cases and define the relevant compensation. |
| Malkaz Chkoidze | What will happen to the water network by riverside behind Gomi factory? Will the project lead to the termination of the functioning of the factory? | Installment of new pipelines in the right of way instead of the existing network. As a result, there will be no risk to the operations of the factory. |
| Nunu Miqeladze | Concern was expressed that in case the arrangement and location of the conjunctions is not agreed with the population the highway will complicate getting to the populated areas as the passengers will have to pass considerable distance while travelling from West Georgia or Tbilisi. | The opinion of the population will be taken into consideration, the location of the conjunctions will be agreed with the local self-governance. |
| Giorgi Margvelashvili | How will the population benefit in term of employment? | The local population will have a privelege in terms of employment oppurtunities. Also, the population will recieve income as a result of the service provision: workers dwelling at villages, their nutrition etc. |

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Upgrading of Gomi bypass (Agara West-Didi Sative) of Ruisi-Rikoti section, East-West Highway E-60,

Environmental Impact Asessment

მოსახლეობასთან შეხვედრა/Meeting with local community and stakeholders

გომი/Gomi

6 თებერვალი, 2013/ February 6, 2013

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