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**Government of Sindh
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Water Sector Improvement Project**

Karachi dated 4th September, 2012

1. The Secretary to Government of Sindh,
Finance Department,
Karachi
2. The Secretary to Government of Sindh,
Irrigation & Power Department,
Karachi
3. The Secretary to Government of Sindh,
Forest Department, Karachi
4. The Secretary to Government of Sindh,
Agriculture Department, Karachi
5. The Secretary to Government of Sindh,
Environment & Alternate Energy Department
Karachi
6. The Additional Secretary (Coordination)
SGA&C Department, GoSindh,
Karachi
7. The Managing Director,
SIDA, Hyderabad
8. The Chief Engineer,
Water South, WAPDA Hyderabad
9. The Director General,
AE&WM, Sindh, Hyderabad
10. The Director General,
Coastal Development Authority, Karachi
11. The Project Director, WSIP,
SIDA, Hyderabad
12. Mr. Zahid Hussain Bhurgri,
FO Member in Nara Canal AWB, Mirpurkhas
13. Mr. Sohail Akbar Mirza
Farmer Representative, LBCAWB, Badin
14. Mr. Aakash Ansari,
Chairman SINGOF, Badin

Subject: Minutes of Sixteenth (16th) meeting of Project Steering Committee (PSC) for Sindh Water Sector Improvement Project held on 9th July, 2012 under Chairmanship of Additional Chief Secretary (Dev.) P&D Department

Please find enclosed herewith minutes of the subject meeting for your information and further action.

Encl: As above (*Minutes*)

Dr. Fateh M. Marri
Project Coordinator &
Members/Secretary, PSC

Copy along with copy of minutes is forwarded to:

- ⇒ The Secretary Planning Commission, GoPakistan, Islamabad
- ⇒ The Sr. Chief (W&D) P&D Department, GoSindh, Karachi
- ⇒ The Chief (F.Aid) P&D Department, GoSindh, Karachi
- ⇒ The Team Leader, PMC/A WSIP, Karachi
- ⇒ The Team Leader, M&ECs, WSIP, Hyderabad

- ⇒ P.S to Minister Irrigation/Chairman SIDA, Karachi
- ⇒ P.S. to ACS (Dev.)/Chairman PSC, P&D Department, GoSindh, Karachi

Minutes of Sixteenth (16th) meeting of Project Steering Committee (PSC) for Sindh Water Sector Improvement Project Phase-I (WSIP) held on Monday 09th July, 2012 at 11:00 am under the Chairmanship of ACS (Dev.) P&D Department, GoSindh at Karachi

List of the participants of the meeting is attached at **Annex-A**

The Chair welcomed the participants of the meetings. The team of the World Bank Mission led by Mr. Masood Ahmed Task Team Leader for WSIP Project also participated in the meeting on special invitation. The Chair also welcomed the World Bank team with thanks for their participation. Thereafter, the meeting proceeded further as per agenda/working paper of the meeting covering five agenda items including proposal of Irrigation Department for financing arrangement of Guddu Barrage rehabilitation project.

Item # 1: Confirmation of the minutes of previous (15th) meeting of the Committee:

2. The Project Coordinator, PCMU/WSIP who is Member/Secretary of the Committee informed the forum that the minutes of previous (15th) meeting of Project Steering Committee held on 21st Nov. 2011 were circulated to all concerned departments/agencies and participants of the meeting. No comments on the minutes so far have been received from any quarter. The Chair, however, inquired from all the participants for any comments. *All participants agreed with the minutes of previous meeting, hence minutes of the fifteenth meeting were confirmed.*

Item # 2: Review of updated implementation status / progress of Project activities:

3. Giving the briefing on implementation progress of ongoing civil works contracts, the Managing Director SIDA informed the forum that, the physical works for rehabilitation and improvement of main Nara Canal system and 102 distributaries/minors of three AWBs are at different stages of implementation. The briefing was further followed by the presentation made by the Team Leader of Project Implementation Consultants (PICs) provided detailed implementation status of these ongoing civil works. During the briefing/presentation some critical issues were pointed out which are being faced in implementation of the contract works. Based on the detailed discussions on these issues, the forum took the decisions with detailed line of actions as under:

- i) *An immediate releasing of project counterpart funds of Rs. 450 million from GoSindh to SIDA as approved by the Honourable Chief Minister Sindh:* SIDA will pursue with Finance Department, GoSindh and to get the funds released during the month of July 2012 to avoid paying delay charges to the contractors. In case of non-response/delay, the matter should immediately be brought to the notice of ACS (Dev.) P&D Department.
- ii) *Handing over of site to the contractor to start of NC-2 works:* MD SIDA will coordinate with respective AWB and to ensure that site will physically be handed over to the contractor during the week to avoid further delay in start of physical works of NC-2.
- iii) **Security measures for foreign personnel of contractor and consultants:** District administrations may be pursued for providing for security to the foreign personnel in compliance to the directives/instructions issued from Home Department of GoSindh. The local community/FOs may also be consulted / coordinated for providing help and support for safety of the foreign personnel if required.
- iv) **Arrangements for continuous operation/working of Dredger at Nara Canal after the completion of WSIP Project:** On the request of the representative of FO member from Nara Canal, the MD SIDA was directed to look into the matter for arrangement of Dredger for desilting of RD-14-18 of Mithrao Canal to provide immediate relief to the farmers of the Canal.

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For arrangement of Dredger on permanent basis at Mithrao Canal as suggested by the FO member, it was decided that Nara Canal AWB will prepare and submit to SIDA a proposal with technical aspects and its viability and financial arrangement of operation and maintenances of the dredger. Accordingly, SIDA will process a summary for approval of Chief Minister Sindh for purchase of one time dredger from the annual provision of O&M budget of respective AWB on pilot basis wherein operation and maintenance of the dragger is to be provided by the concerned stakeholders i.e. farmers and AWB from their own resources/Abiana collection etc. On the question raised by FO member, the MD SIDA informed that to make the Mithrao canal properly functional, the rehabilitation/improvement works are being carried out under the NC-2 and NC3 contract packages of WSIP Project.

- v) **Preparation of proper and specific presentation/briefing material for PSC meetings:** The Chair expressed his views on the arrangement of briefing / presentation for the PSC forum meetings and directed that in future the briefing/presentation should be made by providing specific information and simplified data. It may provide clear understanding of quantifiable economic benefits of the project objectives compared with present implementation status specifically the results / benefits of the civil works contracts to address the irrigation problems. In addition to the issues/problems may also be highlighted wherein the decision of the forum is required for their settlement.

Item No: 3 Additional financing of US \$ 150 million required from World Bank to complete all activities as per original scope of the Project:

4. The forum was apprised the position on the subject item as per information provided in the working paper of the meeting already circulated to all members/participants of the meeting. On the question raised from the forum, the MD SIDA clarified that the additional funding is required to complete all the activities of the project as per original scope of the project. Additional funds are required because the cost of the activities specifically civil work contracts went very high based on current market rate as against the original allocated cost in the PC-I prepared in year 2006. Besides the additional financing will also cover the original works of Ghotki and Left Bank works suggested in original PC-I.

5. The subject matter was discussed in detail. The Irrigation Department and Farmer representative supported the proposal. Accordingly, the forum principally agreed with the proposal and SIDA was directed to get fresh views/consensus from the respective AWBs and Irrigation Department and submit a detailed brief note to P&D Department immediately with full justification with clear road map in favour of proposal for onward submission to the World Bank through EAD, GoPaksiatn so that funds may be allocated in current financial year budget 2012-13

Item No: 4 Actions required to be taken in compliance to the decisions taken at different project forums including PSC, World Bank Mission etc.

6. It was informed that most of the actions/decisions of PSC as well as aide-memoire of previous World Bank Mission have been complied except the action required to be taken for enhancement of Abiana recovery and speeding social mobilization activities. The forum took very serious view on slow Abiana recovery and also delay in completion of target for formation of remaining FOs and conducting of re-election of FOs those completed their tenure and agreed/decided that:

- i) MD SIDA may form a Social Task Force/Team under his chairmanship with membership from farmer's community including farmer's members of PSC, Director/members of respective AWBs to form a strategy and to take necessary action for enhancement of Abiana recovery including deduction of Abiana outstanding dues (at source) against the different government and semi government offices, corporations and private organizations as per decision of previous PSC meetings. The team may propose increase in the rate of Abiana and its collection strategy. The result/outcome may be apprised to the forum in next PSC meeting.

- ii) MD SIDA may immediately coordinate with Area Water Boards to speed up the social mobilization process/activities and to get the completion of formation of remaining FOs and re-election of FOs by using the services of social mobilization staff appointed in three AWBs under WSIP and will apprise the position in next PSC meeting.
- iii) SIDA will pursue with consultants/ staff to complete the tasks of preparation of SIDA rules of business, procedures, guidelines for functioning of SIDA under Component-A of the Project.

Item No. 5: Financing arrangement for rehabilitation and modernization of Guddu Barrage based on the outcome of the detailed diagnostic study conducted by the Consultants appointed under WSIP Project

7. The forum was apprised the position on the subject item as per information provided to all the members and participants as an additional agenda item circulated through vide PCMU letter dated 3rd July, 2012. Further the Team Leader Guddu barrage study Consultants briefed the forum through its presentation and provided details of the study with results and outcome/solutions based on their diagnostic review/study. Accordingly, the Consultants proposed physical works for rhabilitaiton and modernization of barrage at the total estimated cost of US \$ 160 million. Since the time is very short, consutlnats have to proceed further for preparation of proejct design/tender documents etc, therefore, the Irrigation Department has already processed the case for arrnagement of funds from the World Bank for rehabilitation of Guddu Barrageas a separate project. On the question from the forum, the Team Leader informed the forum that by doing the proposed physical works the barrage will be safe and operational to meet the future floods requirement of next 50 years.

8. Responding on the question raised by the Chair, the MD SIDA informed that similar study for Sukkur Barrage is also under way through an other consutlnats firm which was awarded after the deploymnt of Guddu Barrage study consutlnats. As per agreed time frame, the outcome/result of the study is expected to receive from the consultants in next year i.e. April, 2013. The World Bank Mission Leader informed that looking into the urgency and importance of the matter, the World Bank may consider the request of Irrigation Department for arrnagement funds for rhabilitaiton of Guddu barrage as well as Sukkur Barrage subject to formal request from the GoSindh during the currnet month.

9. The FO represnetaitve from Nara Canal AWB, suggested that proper consutlation may be made with senior professionals / Irrigation Experts of the Province who have rich exprenrinece in managing the barrages to get their tehcnial opinion/advice before taking further action on finalization of outcome/result of the Barrage Consultants. This will help in avoiding any mishape as occurred in case of LBOD/RBOD Proejct due to its wrong design and improper diagnostic study.

10. Based on the above disucssions the forum agreed in prisnciple on the proposal of Irrigation Department for sending the request to the World Bank through EAD, GoPakistan for arrnagement of funds of Guddu Barrage as well as Sukkur Barrage rhabiltiation project. Before this, the Irrigation Department may arrnage a meeting within next 10 days under the Chairmanship of ACS (Dev.) by inviting the tehcnial experts/ senior irrigation professionals and represnetaitves from Finance Department and P&D Department to review/discuss the matter in detail for getting their tehcnial /expert opinion to finalize the proposal in light of outcome/result of the meeting.

11. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks from the Chair especially thanks and appreciated the efforts made by the World Bank Mission on his support of SIDA and WSIP Project.

List of the Participants of the 16th Meeting of PSC, WSIP held on 09th July, 2012

Committee Members:

- 1) Mr. Malik Asrar Hussain, Additional Chief Secretary (Dev), P&D Department In Chair
- 2) Dr. Fateh Muhammad Marri, Project Coordinator, PCMU, WSIP
- 3) Mr. Muhammad Ehsan Leghari, Managing Director, SIDA
- 4) Mr. Aslam Ansari, Additional Secretary, Irrigation Department, GoSindh
- 5) Mr. Aijaz Ahmed Nizamani, Additional Secretary, Forest Department, GoSindh
- 6) Mr. Zahid Hussain Junejo, Project Director, WSIP, SIDA
- 7) Mr. Zahid Hussain Bhurgari, FOs representative/Member Nara Canal AWB
- 8) Mr. Fazal-e-Akbar, Deputy Chief, Planning Commission, GoPakistan
- 9) Mr. Ylli Dedja, Team Leader, PMC/A WSIP
- 10) Mr. Farrukh Ansari, Director, AE&WM, Sindh
- 11) Mr. Nisar A Memon, Project Director, WAPDA (WS)
- 12) Mr. Muhammad Ashraf Sahato, Assistant Director, Sindh CDA
- 13) Mr. Qadir Ali Khan, Chemist, Environment Department, GoSindh

Special Invitees:

- 14) Mr. M. Ramzan Awan, Secretary (Planning), P&D Department, GoSindh
- 15) Mr. Fazal A. Nizamani, Senior Chief (W&D) P&D Department, GoSindh
- 16) Ms. Nabila Umar, Chief Foreign Aid, P&D Department, GoSindh
- 17) Mr. Nazir Hussain Mughal, Director (C&WM) PCMU, WSIP
- 18) Mr. Naeem Ahmed Memon, General Manager, Finance, SIDA
- 19) Mr. Farzana Abbasi, Acting General Manager, Transition SIDA
- 20) Mr. Muhammad Ayoub, Acting General Manager, Operation SIDA
- 21) Mr. Ishtiaque Ahmed, Assistant Chief (W&P) P&D Department, GoSindh
- 22) Mr. Ghulam Hyder Qureshi, Sociologist, PCMU, P&D Department, GoSindh
- 23) Mr. Muhammad Umer Karim, Technical Specialist, PCMU, WSIP

World Bank Mission:

- 24) Mr. Masood Ahmed, Task Team Leader of WSIP Project (Mission Leader)
- 25) Mr. Winston Yu, Senior Water Resources Specialist
- 26) Mr. Muhammad Ehsan, Irrigation Specialist/Consultants

Project Consultants

- 27) Mr. Guy Jones, Team Leader, Project Implementation Consultants (PICs)
- 28) Mr. Chris Hall, Team Leader, Guddu Barrage Study
- 29) Rana Muhammad Ashiq, Team Leader, M&E Consultants
- 30) Ms. Stefanie Kettler, Project Manager, Sukkur Barrage Study
- 31) Mr. Khadim Ali Memon, Deputy Team Leader, PICs.
- 32) Mr. Muhammad Saleh Soomro, Deputy Team Leader, Master Plan Consultants
- 33) Mr. Muhammad F. Jones, Chief Resident Engineer NC-1, PICs
- 34) Mr. Veli Bostanci, M&E Consultants
- 35) Dr. Bag Ali Shahid, Master Plan Consultants
- 36) Mr. Amanullah Qureshi, Project Implementation Consultants