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for advice

Report of the EIA Subcommittee

The Subcommittee considered one EIA report and two other reports at its meeting held on 9 December 1996. The Subcommittee recommended to endorse the EIA Report for Improvement to Kam Tin Road, Stage I. The Report on Specific Environmental Measures for Shenzhen River Regulation Project II was discussed in detail in order to clarify points of details in the report. The Supplementary note to ACE-EIA Paper 21/96 for EIA Study for Rural Drainage Rehabilitation Scheme which provides more details concerning the implementation of the RDRS.

Report on Specific Environmental Aspects of the Shenzhen River Regulation Project Stage II

2. At the 15th meeting of the EIA Subcommittee held on 13 November 1995, Members recommended the endorsement of the EIA Study for the Shenzhen River Regulation Project Stages I & II subject to a set of conditions. The recommendation and conditions were endorsed by the full Council at the meeting held on 20 November 1995. Amongst the endorsement conditions, the proponent is required to submit to the EIA Subcommittee certain environmental aspects of the Stage II project before commencement of Stage II works. The purpose of this progress report was to provide further information to the EIA Subcommittee on the various aspects of the EIA Study in accordance with the endorsement conditions.

3. The Subcommittee discussed and gave advice on the various issues raised in Member Mr. David Melville's letter of 5 December 1996. The issues discussed included: the Lok Ma Chau Restoration Plan, treatment of bottom sediment, future management; contaminated mud disposal; land resumption for works; enhanced management of ponds at Mai Po Nature Reserve and Futien Nature Reserve; long term management of reinstated temporary works; and Stage II Environmental Monitoring and Audit.

4. In addition to the discussion at the meeting, the project proponent has also agreed to hold further meetings with Members who are interested to clarify the various technical issues.

Supplementary Notes to ACE-EIA Paper 21/96 for EIA Study for Rural Drainage Rehabilitation Scheme (ACE-EIA Paper 23/96)

5. At the EIA Subcommittee held on 14.10.96, Members recommended to endorse the Rural Drainage Rehabilitation Scheme EIA report subject to the condition that implementation details on four stream courses will be submitted to the Subcommittee for advice before the works begin. The purpose of this paper is to fulfil that condition of endorsement. It provides the detailed scope of works to be implemented at the four stream courses, namely, Sha Po Tsuen Stream, Wai Tsai/Mai Po Stream, River Jhelum, and River Ganges as requested by the Subcommittee.

6. After discussion, the Subcommittee considered that the scope of works for three of the stream courses, the Sha Po Tsuen Stream, Wai Tsai/Mai Po Stream, and the River Jhelum could be endorsed without conditions. However, the works for River Ganges will not be implemented until the downstream river training works for Shenzhen River has been completed. Members considered that the project proponent should submit the design of the rehabilitation works for River Ganges for consideration at a later stage.

EIA Report for Improvement to Kam Tin Road, Stage I (ACE-EIA Paper 25/96)

7. The project involves widening a 1.1 km section of the existing Kam Tin Road (in North West NT) from a single 2-lane carriageway to a dual 2-lane carriageway. The proposed road follows roughly the alignment of the existing road.

8. Traffic noise is the major environmental impact identified. The EIA report predicts that by year 2011, some dwellings along the road will be exposed to traffic noise level exceeding HKPSG requirements due to increases in traffic. The EIA study concluded that in addition to direct noise mitigation measures such as road side noise barriers, indirect technical remedies, subject to ExCo's approval, are required to protect the sensitive receivers.

9. An ecological survey was included in the EIA which indicates that there is no rare or endangered species within the works boundary. Existing vegetation including trees along the existing road that will be removed due to road widening are exotic species and scattered, and they are unlikely important

habitat for wildlife. Suitable tree species will be planted along the widened road by Highways Department.

10. Subcommittee members were satisfied with the EIA report for this project. However, some members were concerned with the cumulative environmental impacts arising from the present road project and a number of other projects (such as the Route 3, the Kam Tin Bypass, and the Main Drainage Channel projects) in the North West NT. AFD confirmed that these cumulative impacts would be addressed in the wetlands compensation consultancy study.

Advice Sought

11. Members are requested to:

- (a) note the discussion on the Report on the Specific Environmental Aspects of the Shenzhen River Regulation Project Stage II (para. 2-4 refer);
- (b) endorse the detailed scope of works for the rehabilitation of the Sha Po Tsuen Stream, the Wai Tsai/Mai Po Stream and the River Jhelum without conditions (para. 6 refers);
- (c) endorse the EIA report for Improvement to Kam Tin Road Stage I without conditions (para. 10 refers).

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