

Minutes of Meeting (21.7.2017)

<i>Meeting Details</i>			
Project :	Supplementary ESIA for Shwe Taung Cement (STC) Cement Plant & Associated Facilities in Myanmar		
Venue	GAD Office Meeting Room (Thazi Township)	Region/ State	Mandalay
	Township Thazi	Village	-
Objectives	Township Level Meeting to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Share information about the Project “Expansion of a Cement Plant & Associated Facilities by the Shwe Taung Cement (STC) Company Limited in Myanmar”. 2. Present findings of the draft Supplemental ESIA. 3. Exchange views with interested and affected parties which will be taken into account for finalisation of the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) Report for the Project. 		
Date	21 st July 2017 (Friday)		
Time	9:00 am to 11:00 am		
Attendee:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) U Kyaw Naing Soe, DMD, STC 2) Daw Nang Maw Maw Aye, Assistant Director, STC 3) U Ze Lum, SE, STC 4) U Ye Myint, SE, STC 5) U Thein Myint Win, Senior Manager, STC 6) U Aung Khaing Nyi, EE, STG 7) U Thein Htay, EE, STC 8) U San Myaing, Manager, STC 9) U Kyaw Thiha, HSE Manager, STC 10) U Zaw Tint, Production Manager, STC 11) U Kyaw Win Thant, Assistant Manager, STC 12) Daw Ni Ni Aung, Staff -2 , STC 13) Daw Myat Mon Swe, Senior Consultant, ERM <p>Government Representatives (32) CSO / NGO Representatives (3) Political Party Representatives (1) General Public (11)</p> <p>Total No. of Attendees: (60)</p>		
Agenda:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Presentation of Project Details by U Kyaw Naing Soe, STC Representatives (presentation materials attached) – 9:00 am – 9:30 am 		

- 2) Presentation of Key Findings of Supplementary Environmental and Social Impact Assessment by Daw Myat Mon Swe, ERM Representatives (presentation materials attached) – 9:30 am – 9:50 am
- 3) Question and Answer Session (see below on detailed notes of discussion) – 9:50 am – 11:00 am.

Detailed Note of Discussion

Q1 (Community Leader, Thazi):

- i. Appreciate STC's CSR activities and consideration of the safety of communities.
- ii. Question is raised on the way to control and maintain blasting materials storage of the quarry as well as noise and vibration impact to the people.
- iii. It is recommended that handout in Myanmar language including Project activities and objectives of the meeting to be distributed at the meeting for better understanding.

A1 (U Ze Lum, STC):

- i. Noted the appreciation and recommendations.
- ii. To respond to the concerns, blasting has to be registered with the Military Department and be approved based on detailed consideration of safety requirements. Transportation of the explosives to the storage will be in strict compliance with safety requirements and the storage is constructed in compliance with safety requirements of the Ministry of Defence. All explosives are stored as per required regulations. There is also security guard for 24 hours and the two main keys of the storage are kept and checked by heads of administration and mining departments of STC. The material in-out record is systemically recorded and must be carried out with strict material handling procedures.
- iii. Vibration from mining is being controlled systematically with advanced technology so that there is no issue of noise and vibration which will affect local people.

Q2 (U Ko Oo, White Marker Group, Thazi):

- i. To prevent conflicts between employee and employer, suggested that the Labour Laws and Regulations be explained clearly to all staff and contractors.

A2 (U Kyaw Naing Soe, STC):

- i. Noted the comment. STC is currently doing this for all staff.

Q3 (Thazi Development Committee):

- i. Environmental monitoring should be required and undertaken by third parties who are registered with the government or should be undertaken by government departments.
- ii. What is the percentage of profit for the CSR budget?

A3 (U Kyaw Naing Soe, STC):

- i. Environmental monitoring surveys were undertaken by the Environmental Conservation Department in February and June of 2017.
- ii. STC has been undertaking monitoring of dust deposition around the cement plant and in two nearby villages since January 2017. This will be continued during the plant operations.
- iii. Monitoring will also be undertaken according to recommendations of the Supplementary ESIA.
- iv. For CSR, STC is continually implementing the CSR programme.

Q4 (Community leader, Thazi):

- i. Given that Pyi Naung and Kubyin are Malaria areas previously, how does STC deal with Malaria in the area?
- ii. Noted that STC contributed to the Pyi Nyaung's community development by upgrading the road for better transportation, is it possible for STC to support Thazi community development programs such as religious and social needs by selling cement directly from the plant for cost effectiveness?

A4 (U Kyaw Naing Soe, STC):

- i. Direct purchase of cement from the STC may not be the cost effective way. However, STC will consider contributing to the Thazi's community development programs with the cement supply after discussion with relevant departments in detail on where it will be required.
- ii. STC has test kits for Malaria in the company clinic for our staff. STC's doctor visits Pyi Nyaung and Kubyin once every two weeks to provide medical support for the local community to deal with Malaria.

(U Ze Lum, STC):

- iii. Malaria is now rare in the area after the Malaria combat program of Thazi Township Health Department. STC has a plan to implement Malaria check program in communities.

Q 5 (Daw Min Min Naing, White Marker Group):

- i. Is there any replantation program in the area for the cement plant expansion?
- ii. We heard that the rate of infant mortality is increasing after using coal fuel at the cement plants in Thazi Township.

A5 (U Kyaw Naing Soe, STC):

- i. Yes, there will be a replantation program associated with the cement plant expansion. STC plantation program will include at least 120 acres of German Acacia for the 600 acres of limestone quarry.
- ii. We will get back to you about the data on infant mortality after checking with our medical doctor and consulting with township medical department.

Q6 (NLD Member):

- i. The cement plant expansion project has to be built free from the cultivation area of the local peoples to avoid the any conflict of land/crop acquisition.

A6 (U Kyaw Naing Soe, STC):

- i. The expanded cement plant is only 20 acres which is entirely within the existing plant area. Therefore, additional land acquisition is not required. The second power transmission line from Yay Paung Sone to Pyi Nyaung can use the same Right of Way (RoW) as the existing first line or about 100- 200 meter away from the existing RoW. We have already arranged to meet the potentially affected people who may own / use land along the second transmission line today at 2:00 pm at our base camp to inform and discuss with them about the second transmission line. For the access road constructed in 2009-2010, we have already compensated 14 people, however, recently we found out one person said that he was not being compensated. We will consider compensating him. For the first transmission line construction, 4 households were compensated. A Grievance Redress Mechanism will be set up that will involve STC, local government authorities, CSO and local people for transparency. An information centre will be established in Pyi Nyaung like a library to share the Project information and to receive any complaints from the people directly. Everybody can post the complaint directly to the post box at this information centre.

A6 (U San Myaing, STC):

- ii. There are 8 IFC Performance Standards. We will do land acquisition, crop compensation and livelihood restoration, according to the IFC Performance Standard and government law. Moreover we also care about public awareness and protection of people.

Q7 (Township Election Committee, Thazi):

- i. Request Shwe Taung to support reward program for the students who pass matriculation in Thazi Township and to contribute to the education sector.

A7 (U Kyaw Naing Soe, STC):

- i. Yes we will support the reward program and we are supporting government scholarship programs in Pyin Naung and Thazi Township.

Q 8 (Thazi Development Committee):

- i. Can STC provide discount to cement price for the road construction by Thazi Development Committee considering their donation in Pyi Nyaung?
- ii. Can STC provide information regarding tax payment?

A8 (U Kyaw Naing Soe, STC):

- i. Welcome to discuss the road construction as required.
- ii. STC has paid 2.2 billion Kyats commercial tax for 2016-2017 Budget year and more than 9.6 billion Kyats for income and commercial tax by the Shwe Taung Development Co., Ltd in 2015-2016.

Q 9 (Staff Officer, Seain So):

- i. With CO₂ emission from the cement plant, this can be offset by maintenance of existing forest by STC.
- ii. For the illegal logging enhanced by the improved access road, STC has to prevent illegal logging together with relevant governmental department.

A9 (U Kyaw Naing Soe, STC):

- i. STC is maintaining the forest by replantation as required by the Forestry Department. We also want to cooperate with the Forestry Department to ensure successful replantation program.
- ii. Please also share your thoughts on how to prevent degradation of the existing condition of the forest.

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