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Program Coordination and Design Directorate

Third Donor Coordination Meeting Report

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A. Introduction

The Program Coordination and Design Directorate is charged with the task of acting as the one-stop-shop for promoting and managing donor relations with the Ministry of Mines and Petroleum. The team is tasked with handling all donor related concerns and queries, working on designing new projects & programs, and managing and coordinating the existing programs. The directorate serves as the only communication channel between the Ministry's senior leadership and the international community. Keeping these tasks in mind, the Program Coordination and Design Directorate organized its Third Donor Coordination Meeting on 13th June, 2019.

The meeting had the participation of more than 16 international community representatives working on the extractive sector of Afghanistan.

B. Objective of the meeting:

1. To discuss the overview of achievements since the 2nd donor coordination meeting.
2. To present the plans and goals for the year 1398, progress made so far and challenges.
3. To discuss the available cooperation opportunities where development partners can engage; areas of support based on Ministry's needs and priorities.

C. Meeting Agenda:

1st Session

1. MoMP Progress Since the Second Donor Coordination Meeting (Including Challenges and Brief Update on the Mineral & Hydrocarbon Regulations) by Mr Hamid Baraywal, Senior Advisor to Minister
2. New Areas of Interest by Mr Qasim Akbar, Geology and GIS Advisor
3. Mining Protection Committee's Update on Illegal Mining by Deputy Minister Momand
4. EITI Validation Status Update by Mr Sayes, AEITI National Coordinator

2nd Session

5. Challenges and Areas of Support Based on MoMP's Needs and Priorities (Prioritized Needs) by Deputy Minister Zadran
6. Open Discussion- Identifying the Potential Areas for Partnership and Ways Forward
7. Closing Remarks by HE Minister Nehan.

Opening and Welcome Remarks by H.E. Minister of Mines and Petroleum

H.E Minister warmly welcomed the participants to the Third Donor Coordination meeting. H.E. Minister briefly explained the steps that she and her administration has taken to restore the confidence in the ministry and rebuild the trust of national as well as international stakeholders.

She emphasized on how the ministry has taken measurable steps to strengthen the coordination and cooperation between different government institutions to channelize the required support.



To briefly mention, the main progresses made since the second donor coordination meeting was highlighted as:

- The draft of the mining and hydrocarbons regulations
- The development of Business Process Map for large- and small-scale mining contracts
- Development of many policies and strategies such as the ASM Formulization Strategy and the Marble Export Strategy
- Development of a Standard Operating Procedure (SOPs) for mining inspection
- Review of the 14 LS and 23 SS pending contracts
- Increase of revenue by 3%
- On transparency and access to information, the Ministry have signed an MoU with the MoF to connect the Ministry with ASYCUDA and SIGTAS (systems) which will give the Ministry access to the export data and tax revenue.
- The Mining Cadaster Administration System (MCAS), Non-Tax Revenue System (NTRS), and Transparency Portal are effectively functioning.

The main points of the presentations are highlighted as follows:

- Mr. Hamid Baraywal presented the MoMP Progress since the second Donor Coordination Meeting as per the five pillars of the Reform Strategy of the Ministry of Mines and Petroleum. The main challenges discussed were access to technology used for improved geological surveys, weak cooperation between relevant government entities, slow cooperation of the donor community, and security issues.
In addition, the 36 projects approved by the Cabinet and 24 small-scale projects in the areas of travertine, marble, cement, emerald, talc, gypsum, lazuli, calcite and bauxite in the Wardak, Ghazni, Bamyan, Parwan, Kapisa, Herat and Daykundi provinces were announced.
- Mr Qasim Akbar presented about AGS's update related to the new areas of interest. Based on the Ministry's Roadmap, AGS's priorities are primary material, industrial minerals, construction material, and precious metals. Survey of 36 new mineral areas are approved by High Economic Council (HEC) and Cabinet, and they are ready for tendering (eg. Marble, Talc, Cement, Travertine, Kaolin, Bauxite, and Gemstone) and New survey of 10 areas sent to HEC for approval.
- Deputy Minister Technical in his presentation about the MPC's (Mining Protection Committee) updated that the Procedures and Action Plans for the Mining Protection Committee is finalized, monitoring and surveys from the illegal mining activities in the six provinces of Kabul, Herat, Kapisa, Nangarhar, Panjshir and Parwan is carried out and for every quarter 4 provinces are planned to be surveyed.
- The next and final presentation was on the EITI Status Update. National Coordinator of the Afghanistan Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) discussed the process of re-validation and highlighted the main achievements such as the strengthened government revenue collection system, revision of the Legal Framework, improvement to the auditing practices, review of L-M-S scale contracts, development of the Artisanal and Small-scale Mining (ASM) Strategy and many more initiatives.

