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*“Reducing Climate Change-induced Risks and Vulnerabilities from
 Glacial Lake Outburst Floods in the Punakha-Wangdi and Chamkhar Valleys”*

DGM-UNDP/GEF 4th Project Board Meeting

Date: August 4, 2009

Location: Conference Hall, DGM, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Thimphu

In view of the many expression of interest for filming the mitigation work in Lunana, the Project Board Chairperson directed the GLOF project management to organize a PB meeting to resolve the issue of allowing agencies (domestic and international) to film the excavation work and related activities of the GLOF project. Accordingly, a PB meeting was organized and held on August 4, 2009 at the DGM Conference Hall at 14:00 hrs.

The PB chairperson welcomed the participants and highlighted the importance of this meeting as there are many agencies interested in filming the mitigation work. The Chairperson therefore mentioned that it is appropriate a PB meeting was called to discuss this issue. Next the project manager, DGM briefed the members on issues for discussions and the PB’s endorsement on the idea of filming mitigation work during the 3rd PB meeting and also on the proposal for filming of the mitigation work proposed by the Triple Gem Media (TGMI) and partners; Global Environment Facility (GEF); UNTV; and WWF-BBS.

Discussions

Members expressed that such initiatives should in principle be supported. However, as the project is implemented by the government of Bhutan under the supervision of the Project Board, it was agreed that certain pre-conditions should be set for all parties that are interested in producing documentary film related to the mitigation project in Lunana. Pre-conditions should cover, among others, issues such as copyright of the film, editorial and endorsement of final footages and script, modalities of filming, etc by the project board. It was also discussed and agreed by the members that interested parties should ensure that while filming the mitigation work due credit should be given to all the project financers: LDCF-GEF, and co-financers - Austrian Development Cooperation, WWF Bhutan, UNDP and the RGoB. Members further deliberated that there should not be any cost implication to the project for production of film by any parties and whatever budget allocated from the project for audio-visual production should be used for documentation of excavation work by the project team which could be used as reference in future while carrying out similar GLOF mitigation works.

Signed by: 1. GNH Commission:..... 2.UNDP:..... 3. PB Chairperson:.....

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Key Decisions

Coming to the specific issue of filming by the various agencies the following has been agreed by the members:

- Provide necessary support to the GEF filming team as, GEF LDCF is the principle financier and therefore whatever they produce will be in the interest of project and for the country
- The project shall not be liable for any of the works carried out by any filming party
- The PB and the project will not be responsible for accidents and mishaps that might occur to any of the parties involved in filming of the mitigation work
- Interested parties to seek necessary approval and permission for filming as per existing norms of the RGoB.
- To permit any party filming for commercial purpose provided such commercial parties have all other statutory and necessary approvals of the various agencies of the RGoB; seek approval from incharge at project site prior to filming of the excavation and related work.
- Parties should ensure that the filming missions does not hamper project activities at the site and that due credit is given to the project financiers and co-financers as discussed above
- In case interested parties wish to showcase their films at major internation events such as Climate Change Conferences of Parties, they have to refer the matter to the climate change focal agency in Bhutan —the National Environment Commission (NEC)
- The content of the film made by all parties should be edited and endorsed by the Project Board
- The project management is instructed to prepare a Term of References (ToR) for private agency and GEF team to ensure that pre-conditions are adhered to by the parties. The ToR will be distributed to the members for comments and approval.

The following members participated in the board meeting held on August 4, 2009.

1. Dasho Sonam Tshering, Secretary, MoEA (Chairperson)
2. Bakhodir Bhurkhanov, DRR, UNDP
3. Christian Mazal, Resident Coordinator, ACO
4. Sonam Yanglay, Director General, NEC
5. Ugyen Wangda, Offtg Director General, DGM
6. Karma Raptan, Head, Environment Unit, UNDP
7. Jambay Zangmo, DCD, GNH Commission
8. Tashi Tshering, Communication Officer, WWF Bhutan
9. Karma Dupchu, Project Manager, DoE, MoEA
10. Sonam Deki, Project Manager, DDM, MoHCA
11. Dowchu Dukpa, Project Manager, DGM, MoEA

Signed by: 1. GNH Commission:  2. UNDP:  3. PB Chairperson: 

Attachment: ToR for Private Firms and GEF Filming Team

Filming of the GLOF Mitigation Work at Thorthormi Lake, Lunana

Term of Reference (Private Firms)

In line with the resolution of the 4th GLOF project board meeting held on August 4, 2009 and the minutes thereof, all parties involved in filming of the mitigation work should strictly adhere to the following terms and conditions.

1. The objective of the project should be clearly depicted in the film. Interested parties should ensure this in collaboration with the project team
2. Filming missions related to the project should not have any financial implication on the GLOF project
3. Responsibility to seek approvals and permits for filming from relevant RGoB agencies lies with the interested private parties.
4. Footages should be edited and endorsed by the Project Board prior to finalization for public viewing
5. Approval for filming should be sought from in-charge at project site prior to filming of the excavation and related work at the site in lunana
6. The Project Board will not be responsible for accidents and mishaps that might happen to any parties involved in filming of the mitigation project
7. All filming parties should ensure that shooting at the site in no way hampers project activities at the site
8. Interested parties should ensure that appropriate and due credit is given to the mitigation project financiers: LDCF-GEF and co-financers Austrian Development Cooperation, WWF Bhutan, UNDP and RGoB
9. Private parties should ensure that approval is sought from the National Environment Commission for documentary production with an intent to present/showcase the film at Climate Change Conferences
10. A copy of each of the final footage should be made available to the Project Board/Project and all funding agencies
11. The project shall not be liable for any activity of the filming team

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Term of Reference (GEF Team)

In line with the resolutions of the 4th GLOF project board meeting held on August 4, 2009 and the minutes thereof, all parties involved in filming of the mitigation work should strictly adhere to the following terms and conditions:

1. The objective of the project should be clearly depicted in the film. Interested parties should ensure this in collaboration with the project team
2. That there should be no financial implication on the GLOF project
3. Approvals and permit should be sought from relevant RGoB agencies for filming. The project will provide necessary assistance.
4. Film footages should be edited and endorsed by the Project Board prior to finalization for public viewing
5. The Project Board will not be responsible for accidents and mishaps that might happen during the filming of the mitigation work
6. GEF filming team should ensure that shooting at the site does not hampers project activities at the site
7. Ensure that appropriate and due credit is given to the mitigation project financiers: LDCF-GEF and co-financers: Austrian Development Cooperation, WWF Bhutan, UNDP and RGoB
8. Ensure that a copy of the film is provided to the project as indicated in the GEF CEO request letter