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STANDARD PROGRESS REPORT

No. and title: 00057507 Improving Energy Efficiency in Buildings Project Preparation Grant (PPG)
Reporting period: June– December 2009

I. PURPOSE

The goal of the proposed project is to reverse the existing trends and reduce consumption of electrical and thermal energy and associated GHG emissions in new and restored buildings in Armenia. It will do this by creating enabling regulatory environment, skills and capacity among industry professionals to introduce the principles of integrated building design approach in Armenian construction practices from the stage of building design through construction to operation/maintenance of the buildings.

The Project will promote construction of buildings with lower greenhouse gas emissions and will stimulate manufacturing, importing, certification and use of new, energy efficient materials and equipment.

The Project contributes to UNDAF Outcome 4 and CP Outcome 7, CPAP Output 7.3. The Implementing Partners for the Project are the RA Ministry of Nature Protection and the RA Ministry of Urban Development.

II. RESOURCES

The resources to the Project come from GEF allocations in the amount of USD 45,450 and from GoA co-funding in the amount of USD 50,000 (in kind) for 8 months starting from June 2009.

III. RESULTS

The Project actual outputs and activities are progressing in relation to the Project components and planned outcomes. The following activities were performed during the reporting period and the following outputs were achieved:

1. ToRs were elaborated and selections made of the task leader, international expert on architecture and construction, international expert on energy efficiency and renewable energy, local construction engineer/architect, local construction quality control specialist.
2. The Project's international experts' missions to Armenia were organized in the first week of November 2009. Within the missions, the experts met main actors in the fields of construction and energy efficiency, discussed project implementation scopes and framework, participated in the stakeholders consultation workshop held on November 6, 2009. Workshop participants endorsed approaches laid in the foundation of the Project document, recommended to perform the most detailed possible study of cooperation opportunities with local producers of insulation materials, emphasized importance of cooperation organization with Yerevan State University of Architecture and Construction, and discussed pilot buildings preliminary selected by the Project implementation team.
3. Trip to the preliminary selected demonstration site (Gyumri city) was carried out with local team and international experts. Meeting with the construction company representatives was held. Necessary information was collected.

4. The background information was collected and the assistance was provided to a representative of the Ministry of Urban Development for making presentation on ULE workshop on Energy Efficiency in Housing sector to be held in Vienna on 15-16 of November.
5. Under the auspices of the EU Eastern Partnership framework the project representative participated in the “*Conference on Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy in the Eastern Partnership countries*” . on 26 November 2009, Riga, Latvia.
6. PPG preparation works were accelerated and mainstreamed to the timely completion. Draft reports submitted by the local experts and international consultants were reviewed/commented.



IV. FUTURE WORK PLAN

The final Full-sized GEF Project document will be finalized in December 2009 and ready to be reviewed and submitted for the GEF funding early in 2010.

V. FINANCIAL IMPLEMENTATION

The Project's actual expenditure from the GEF allocations for 2009 period totals to 12,000 USD (delivery rate: 26%). Up to the end of 2009 the total percent of the expenditure of the corresponding planned commitments will be 100% of the allocated amount.