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To:

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CC:

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Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

Re: Questions on the Upper Kotmale Hydropower Project

Dear Mr. Fernando

Thank you for the response dated October 28, 2008.

We carefully deliberated your response, and found that some observations were not clear. In addition, there are still some issues which countermeasures are inappropriate. It is much appreciated if you could response to the following questions;

1. **Cut-off Date (issue 2.2, 2.3, 2.4):** The construction was commenced in 2006, however, the actual resettlement work was carried out in 5 years later than the cut-off date. It is impossible to keep the same family composition and resident status for such a long time, and several people have built additional living spaces after the cut-off date due to marriage and family extension.
 - Regarding this issue, were any complaints filed to the grievance committee by those who constructed houses after the cut off date and has not received any compensation? If so, please explain how many persons filed and how the committee dealt with them.
 - If CEB does not provide any additional compensation for the extended families, please explain how they can restore their standards of living to pre-relocation levels.
2. **Compensation for Religious Buildings (No Issue #):** Since there was no observation on the issue between Issue 3.4 and 4.1 in the letter, your observation will be appreciated on the following; *According to the representative of the temple administration committee in Takawakelle, the relocation site for the Hindu temple is very narrow and not sufficient for religious events. The representative claims that new houses were built in the allocated plot at the relocation site, and the plot is narrower than that was represented to them before.*
3. **Water Supply System (issue 4.2):** The area in Nanu Oya where the affected people used to live was closer to water source than the resettled area, where people must go up and down on a steep slope of

the mountain to reach a river. They must make more effort to bring large amount of water back home for domestic use. Thus, this task became the larger part of the loads for their living. It is very difficult to say that the quality of people's living has improved, and there exists an urgent need to address this issue. Please explain how and when CEB will address the defects of water supply scheme in Nanu Oya.

4. **Garbage Collection (issue 4.5):** The observation in your letter was all about Talawakelle, and did not include any information on Nanu Oya. The comment on the situation of garbage collection in Nanu Oya will be appreciated.
5. **Labor Environment (issue 5.1 to 5.5):** Though CEB has no hold to control over the labor environment of subcontractors, CEB should be informed about issues through contractors as a supervisor. Please investigate issues with subcontractors and provide that information and its observation.
6. **Impacts of Blasting Work (issue 6.1 to 6.3):** Affected people claimed that they had not been informed about the process to receive compensation for any damages due to the blasting.
 - Has CEB explained compensation measures to the people affected by the blasting? If so, please clarify when and how CEB provided this information to them.
 - According to our investigation, it seems that a survey report written by GS&MB was provided to the affected people over a year ago. What is the difference between the survey report and the one which was mentioned in your letter and will be completed soon?
 - We would like to request to provide the followings; 1) the survey report written by GS&MB provided a year ago, 2) Report that CEB was awaiting from GS&MB as of Oct. 2008 (when completed), 3) Compensation matrix for the blasting damages (when completed).
7. **Disclosure of EIA, RAP and Monitoring Reports (new issue):** In order to confirm several other issues described in our report, we would like to request CEB to disclose the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) and Monitoring Reports on the Upper Kotmale Hydropower Project.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

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