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# **REPORT ON PROVISION OF PRELIMINARY INFORMATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION MATERIALS FOR THE DRAFT CUMULATIVE IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF TAVAN TOLGOI COAL MINING REGION**

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### ABBREVIATIONS

MINIS	Mining Infrastructure Investment Support Project
CIA	Cumulative impact assessment
LLC	Limited Liability Company

## 1. KEY OBJECTIVES

- ✓ To provide preliminary information and distribute consultation materials for draft Cumulative impact assessment of Tavan Tolgoi coal-mining region report to related stakeholders including governmental and non-governmental organizations, local administrations, residents, herders and entities of districts and soums where Tavan Tolgoi coal mining region, in accordance with World Bank’s Information Disclosure and Public Consultation Guidelines and Procedure on ensuring the public involvement into Cumulative Impact Assessment thus allowing participants to read the consultation materials and prepare their comments and suggestions in advance.
- ✓ To introduce the objective of the public consultations and explain why it is important for stakeholders to participate in the consultation meetings actively and for local administration to cooperate in preparing for the consultations.

## 2. PROVIDING PRELIMINARY INFORMATION AND DISTRIBUTING CONSULTATION MATERIALS

MINIS PMU and Greentrends LLC organized information provision meetings with local governments of the project area and potential impact area. A team composed of Business and Development Director Bayarjargal.B, Senior specialist Anu-Ujin.A, GIS specialist Usukhbayar.G of Greentrends LLC, Specialists Tsetsgee.T of MINIS has conducted meetings in Dalanzadgad, Tsogttsetsii, Bayan-Ovoo, Khanbogd, Khankhongor soums, and Khairkhan bag of the Khanbogd soums of Umnugobi province between September 09 to September 10, 2019 and provided preliminary information on the public consultations for the draft Cumulative Impact Assessment of Tavan Tolgoi coal-mining region and distributed the consultation materials.

*Table 1. Composition of information provision organizing team*

Organization	Position and Name
Team 1	
Environment and water specialist of MINIS PMU	Tsetsgee.T
Senior specialist of Greentrends LLC	Anu-Ujin.A
Team 2	
Business and Development director of Greentrends LLC	Bayarjargal.B
GIS specialist of Greentrends LLC	Usukhbayar.G

*Table 2. Information provision meeting schedule*

Soum /district	Date held	Time
Khanbogd soum of Umnugobi province	2019.09.09	9:30
Khairkhan bag of the Khanbogd soum, Umnugobi province	2019.09.09	12:00
Bayan-Ovoo soum of Umnugobi province	2019.09.09	15:00
Tsogttsetsii soum of Umnugobi province	2019.09.10	09:30
Khankhongor soum of Umnugobi province	2019.09.10	13:00
Dalanzadgad of Umnugobi province	2019.09.10	15:00

### During the meetings:

- The team has made an introduction to the upcoming public consultation events and explained why it is important for stakeholders to participate in the consultation meetings actively and for local administration to cooperate in preparing for the consultation meetings.
- Handed over the consultation materials including the draft CIA of Tavan Tolgoi coal-mining region report, Technical summary, Non-technical summary, and Feedback journal, to relevant staff of local Governors' offices with signed hand-over form
- Agreed with the local administration to place these public consultation materials and feedback journals at Governor's Office and Citizens Halls for 14 days before and after the public consultation meetings and collect feedback journals afterward. This allows local residents to read the consultation materials and provide their comments and suggestions through feedback journals.
- Handed over the consultation materials to all khoroo and bagh governors in sufficient numbers along with material distribution forms to be filled out by recipient residents.
- Agreed on a date, venue, and speaker for the public consultation meetings

*Table 3. Consultation Package for distribution, Umnugobi province*

Aimags and soums to be covered	CIA of Tavan Tolgoi coal mining region	Technical Summary	Non-technical summary	Feedback journal
Khanbogd soum Umnugobi province	2	150	350	2
Bayan-Ovoo soum Unmiugobi province	2	90	210	2
Tsogttsetsii soum Unmiugobi province	2	120	280	2
Khankhongor soum Unmiugobi province	2	120	280	2
Dalanzadgad soum Unmiugobi province	4	240	560	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>1.680</b>	<b>11</b>

*Table 4. Locations, date, and halls of the consultations*

№	Consultation location	Aimags and soums to be covered	Date	Consultation hall
1	Dalanzadgad soum Unmiugobi province	Khankhongor soum	September 25, 09:00	District Administration meeting hall
2	Tsogttsetsii soum Unmiugobi province	Bayan-Ovoo soum	September 25, 15:00	Culture center of the soum
3	Khairkhan bag of Khanbogd soum Unmiugobi province	Khanbogd soum	September 26, 12:00	Monport LLC meeting hall

### 3. KEY ISSUES RAISED DURING MEETINGS

During the preliminary information meetings and distributing the consultation materials, it was observed that the main issues were about the main causes of adverse impact from the Tavan

Tolgoi mining region are concern about occupational diseases and soil erosion. Also, the air quality of the Tsagaan-Ovoo bag in Tsogttsetsii soum is affected by dust from the Tavan Tolgoi coal-mining region, and coal transportation issues have been discussed.

*Figure 1. Information meetings and distributing the consultation materials*



Khanbogd soum of Umnugobi province



Bayan-Ovoo soum of Umnugobi province



Tsogttsetsii soum of Umnugobi province



Khankhongor soum of Umnugobi province

#### 4. RESULTS

The local government of districts and soums have expressed their support for finalizing the draft Cumulative Impact assessment of Tavan Tolgoi coal-mining region and agreed to cooperate by reading the draft CIA report, organizing public consultations successfully and actively participating the consultations and collecting comments and suggestions during and after the consultations and ensuring the involvement of multi-stakeholders. Distribution of the consultation materials provided an opportunity for local stakeholders in districts and soums to read the materials in advance, which improved participation and collecting comments and suggestions.

Over 46 people from five soums of one province were provided with information and handout materials. (Appendix 1. Registration) A total of 12 copies of draft CIA of Tavan Tolgoi coal-mining region report, 720 copies of Technical summary, 1680 copies of Non-technical summary, and 11 Feedback journals were distributed.