

## **Minutes No. 17**

### **of the Meeting of Governing Council of Millennium Challenge Account – Armenia held on July 25, 2007, 15:00**

**The session was chaired by H.E. Serge Sargsyan**, the Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia and the Chairman of the MCA-Armenia Governing Council.

#### **In attendance:**

##### **Members of Governing Council:**

Vardan Khachatryan	Minister of Finance and Economy of RA
David Lokyan	Minister of Agriculture of RA
Hrant Beglaryan	Deputy Minister of Transport and Communication of RA /instead of Minister Andranik Manukyan/
Nazeli Vardanyan	“Forests of Armenia” Environmental NGO
Tonakan Ghazaryan	“Shenik” WUA
Vanik Soghomonyan	“National Union of Farmers” NGO
Vardan Hambarzumyan	Federation of Agricultural Associations Union of Legal Entities

#### **In absence of:**

Hovik Abrahamyan	Deputy Prime Minister of RA, Minister of Territorial Administration,
Vahram Nercissyantz	Chief Economic Advisor to President of Armenia
Karen Nazaryan	Armenian Inter-Church Round Table NGO

#### **Invitees:**

Andranik Andreasyan	President of the RA State Water Committee
David Avetisyan	Deputy Minister of Finance and Economy

#### **In attendace of:**

Ara Hovsepyan	CEO, MCA-Armenia SNCO
Rudolf Petrosyan	Procurement officer, MCA-Armenia SNCO
Alex Russin	MCC Resident Country Director, MCC Armenia
Gayane Harytyunyan	MCC Program Assistant
Simon Ghonakhchyan	Head of the Economic Department of the Staff of RA Government
Mery Harutyunyan	Head of Public Relations Department of the Staff of RA Government

**The following items were included in meeting agenda:**

1. Discussion and approval of technical proposals re-evaluation for consulting services for Final Design and Construction Supervision for Construction of 6 Gravity Irrigation Systems under Infrastructure Activity of the Irrigated Agriculture Project;
2. Discussion and approval of technical proposals evaluation for consulting services for Survey on Technical and Economic Justification on Rehabilitation and Increased Efficiency for 68 Pumping Stations under Infrastructure Activity of the Irrigated Agriculture Project;
3. Discussion and approval of the Request for Expression of Interest (RoEI) for the Design & Construction Supervision for Tertiary Canals Rehabilitation under Infrastructure Activity of the Irrigated Agriculture Project;
4. Discussion and approval of Bidding Documents and Invitation for Bids for Procurement of Civil Works for “Rehabilitation of Tertiary Canals in Abovyan, Arevshat and Lanjazat Villages of Ararat Marz and Griboedov Village of Armavir Marz under Infrastructure Activity of the Irrigated Agriculture Project;
5. Discussion and approval of Draft Amendment to the Contract with SWECO International AB (Sweden) for consulting services for Feasibility Study and Design of Roads under Rural Roads Rehabilitation Project;
6. Discussion and approval of changes of the MCA Armenia Procurement Plan approved by the MCA-Armenia Governing Council on 15 May 2007;
7. Information on implementation of the task specified in Sub-Paragraph a/, Paragraph 7 of the GC Meeting Minutes of 26 June 2007 on changes in width of the carriage way of roads included in Rural Roads Rehabilitation Project;
8. Other issues:
  - a/ discussion and approval of draft reply to the complaint regarding evaluation results of Tender for Consultancy Services for Environmental and Social Assessment and Oversight;
  - b/ discussion and approval of Evaluation results of technical and financial proposals of the MCA-Armenia Fiscal Agent selection;
  - c/ discussion and approval of draft Request for Proposals for the MCA-Armenia Financial Audit;
  - d/ discussion and approval of the suggestion to modify the MCA-Armenia Fiscal Accountability Plan;
  - e/ discussion and approval of draft Contract for Consulting Services for “Review and Improvement of Performance Based Routine and Winter Maintenance System” within the Rural Roads Rehabilitation Project funded by the “Millennium Challenge Account–Armenia” Program.

## **Resolutions:**

**1. Related to the first issue of the agenda it was unanimously decided:** to approve the technical proposals re-evaluation for consulting services for Final Design and Construction Supervision for Construction of 6 Gravity Irrigation Systems under Infrastructure Activity of the Irrigated Agriculture Project;

**2. Related to the second issue of the agenda it was unanimously decided** to approve the technical proposals evaluation for consulting services for Survey on Technical and Economic Justification on Rehabilitation and Increased Efficiency for 68 Pumping Stations under Infrastructure Activity of the Irrigated Agriculture Project;

**3. Related to the third issue of the agenda it was unanimously decided** to approve the Request for Expression of Interest (RoEI) for the Design & Construction Supervision for Tertiary Canals Rehabilitation under Infrastructure Activity of the Irrigated Agriculture Project;

**4. Related to the fourth issue of the agenda it was unanimously decided** to approve the Bidding Documents and Invitation for Bids for Procurement of Civil Works for “Rehabilitation of Tertiary Canals in Abovyan, Arevshat and Lanjazat Villages of Ararat Marz and Griboedov Village of Armavir Marz under Infrastructure Activity of the Irrigated Agriculture Project;

**5. Related to the fifth issue of the agenda** by the majority of votes (7 pros and 1 con) **it was decided** to approve the Draft Amendment to the Contract with SWECO International AB (Sweden) for consulting services for Feasibility Study and Design of Roads under Rural Roads Rehabilitation Project.

GC member Nazeli Vardanyan voted against and justified that it is not reasonable that “SWECO International AB” company should select a company itself and pay the company for the technical expertise of its’ works.

**6. Related to the sixth issue of the agenda it was decided** to approve the changes of the MCA Armenia Procurement Plan approved by the MCA-Armenia Governing Council on 15 May 2007.

**7. Related to the seventh issue of the agenda it was decided** to approve Information on implementation of the task specified in Sub-Paragraph a/, Paragraph 7 of the GC Meeting Minutes of 26 June 2007 on changes in width of the carriage way of roads included in Rural Roads Rehabilitation Project;

**8. Related to the eight issue of the agenda:**

- (i) as regards to sub-clause (a) **it was decided** to consider groundless the complaint and approve the reply to complaint regarding evaluation results of Tender for Consultancy Services for Environmental and Social Assessment and Oversight.
- (ii) as regards to sub-clause (b) **it was decided** to: approve the Evaluation results of technical and financial proposals of the MCA-Armenia Fiscal Agent selection;

- (iii) as regards to sub-clause (c) **it was decided** to: approve the draft Request for Proposals for the MCA-Armenia Financial Audit;
- (iv) as regards to sub-clause (d) **it was decided** to: approve the suggested modifications into the MCA-Armenia Fiscal Accountability Plan;
- (v) as regards to sub-clause (e) **it was decided** to: approve the draft Contract for Consulting Services for “Review and Improvement of Performance Based Routine and Winter Maintenance System” within the Rural Roads Rehabilitation Project funded by the “Millennium Challenge Account–Armenia” Program.

The meeting concluded when the items were covered.

MCA-Armenia Governing Council Chairman  
RA Prime Minister

S. SARGSYAN

The minutes were taken by:

Rudolf Petrosyan

*Procurement officer,  
MCA-Armenia SNCO*