

Tertiary Canals Construction

On January 8, 2008 MCA-Armenia signed a construction contract for the start of civil works on tertiary canals in four communities under the Irrigation project. The four communities are Griboyedov in the region of Armavir and Lanjazat, Arevshat and Abovyan in the region of Ararat. By the end of June 2008, 460 hectares of farmable lands will enjoy a reliable supply of water through the construction of 6.5 km of new pipelines and open canals benefiting over 630 farmers. The existing canals are in extremely poor condition, and the water losses are high, making irrigation of farmable lands either inefficient or impossible.

The Mayor of one of the four beneficiary villages – Griboyedov – Sos Gabrielyan, assures that people in their community are impatiently looking forward for the tertiary canals to be rehabilitated. “People in our village know very well what the water loss is. We have 70 percent water losses. After the construction of the tertiary canal, there will be no losses at all. 60-70 percent of our village population will benefit from the rehabilitated tertiary canals. These people mainly grow grapes, fruit trees, wheat, alfalfa, leafy vegetables.”

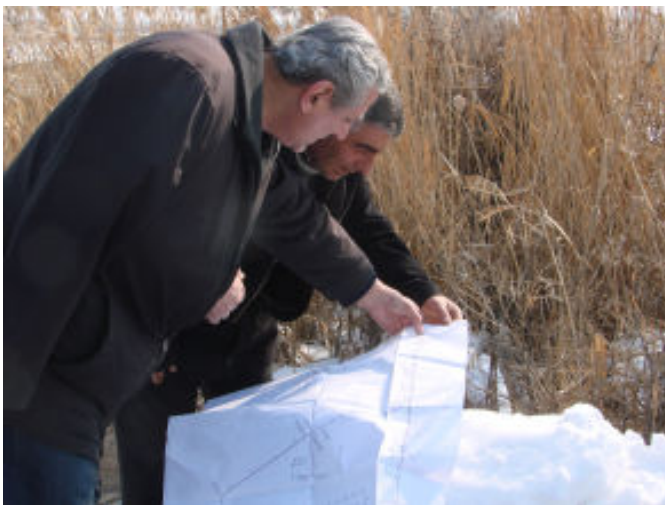
All the communities selected for the tertiary canals construction project agreed to contribute 15 percent of the overall construction costs after discussions with various stakeholders, including Village Councils and Water Users’ Associations. The



final applications are submitted to MCA-Armenia for approval and the procurement of a contractor.

The construction company for the tertiary canals rehabilitation project is “AGAT-777” LLC which will complete the works by June 2008. The contract price is AMD 116,862,152 (equivalent of appr. USD 382,000).

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