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## ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

ADB	: Asian Development Bank
APs	: Affected persons
AHs	: Affected households
CPC	: Commune People's Committee
DCC	: District Compensation Committee
DDR	: Due Diligence Report
DPC	: District People's Committee
DPs	: Displaced persons
EA	: Executing Agency
EVNHCMC	: Ho Chi Minh City Power Corporation
GOV	: Government of Vietnam
HCMC	: Ho Chi Minh City
HHs	: Households
HPPMB	: Ho Chi Minh City Power Projects Management Board
IA	: Implementing agency
MONRE	: Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment
PC	: People's Committee
PICs	: Project implement consultants
RP	: Resettlement Plan
RF	: Resettlement framework
RoW	: Right of Way
SPS	: Safeguards Policy Statement
SS	: Substation
TA	: Technical Assistance
TL	: Transmission Line
VND	: Vietnamese Dong

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## I. General information of the project

### 1. Project objectives

1. The Project provides for a sector project under Asian Development Bank (ADB) funding to strengthen the capacity and reliability of the power infrastructure in Ha Noi and Ho Chi Minh City through the rehabilitation and development of the 220 kilovolt (kV) and 110 kV transmission system and associated substations to supply their medium voltage (MV) distribution system. The Project will also strengthen the institutional capacities of EVN Hanoi (EVNHN) and EVN Ho Chi Minh City (EVNHCMC), which are responsible for the power supply in their respective areas. Additionally, the project includes a smart grid component under Clean Technology Funding (CTF).

2. **Impact and Outcome.** The impact will be increased capacity and reliable supply of electricity to EVNHN and EVNHCMC customers contributing to Viet Nam's economic development. Its outcome will be increased capacity and reduced losses in the 220 kV and 110 kV networks for the two cities.

3. **Outputs.** The outputs of the project will be (i) four core substation and transmission line projects in Hanoi; (ii) four core substation and transmission line projects in Ho Chi Minh City; (iii) Distribution Automation System (DAS) Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) and SCADA Upgrade CTF projects in Hanoi; (iv) DAS and Low Loss Conductor (LLC) CTF projects in Ho Chi Minh City; (v) twenty non-core substation and transmission line projects in Hanoi, and (vi) nine non-core substation and transmission line projects in Ho Chi Minh City.

### 2. Project components

4. The Project will be implemented as a sector loan. EVNHCMC has proposed four core subprojects and nine noncore subprojects (Table 1). The Project was prepared since 2013 with four (04) core subprojects. To date, the status of social safeguard document preparation for the Project is as follows:

**Table 1. List of Subprojects and Status of Social Safeguard Document Preparation**

<i>Subproject</i>	<i>RP/DDR</i>	<i>Updated RP</i>	<i>Construction</i>
<b>Core subprojects</b>			
220 kV Nam Sai Gon (Binh Chanh) to District 8 TL	Consolidated RP	Not yet	Under construction in the underground cable
220 kV District 8 Substation		Under preparation	Not yet
110 kV UGC connecting to Tham Luong Substation	Consolidated RP	Under preparation	Under construction in the underground cable
110 kV Tham Luong Substation		DDR	Under construction
<b>Noncore projects</b>			
220/110kV Cau Bong-Binh Tan Transmission Line	RP	Not yet	Not yet
110kV Phuoc Long Substation and Connection Line	DDR	Not required	Not yet
110kV Tan Hung Substation and Connection Line	DDR	Not required	Not yet
110kV Water Supply Plant Substation and Connection Line	DDR	Not required	Not yet
220 kV Tan Cang Substation	DDR	Not required	Not yet
220kV Cat Lai-Tan Cang Transmission Line	RP preparing	Not yet due	Not yet due

110kV Cat Lai-An Khanh Transmission Line	RP preparing	Not yet due	Not yet due
110kV 23/9 Park Substation and Connection Line	Not yet due	Not yet due	Not yet due
110kV Hoc Mon 3 Substation and Connection Line	Not yet due	Not yet due	Not yet due

### 3. Scope of project impacts

5. In accordance with the selection criteria of the Project, the selected subprojects for financing under the Project are only classified as Category C or Category B in terms of social safeguards under ADB's Safeguards Policy Statement (SPS, 2009). As of now, the involuntary resettlement impacts have been identified and their respective social safeguards documents have been prepared for four core projects and five noncore projects. In which, the scope of impacts of subprojects are as follows:

**Table 2. Summary of the Subprojects' Impacts**

Subproject	Total affected area	Total of AH/organization	Impact on structure	Impact on crop (m2)	Impact on tree (tree)
<b>Total</b>	<b>619,586.9</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>2,854.6</b>	<b>2450</b>
220 kV Nam Sai Gon TL	5,434	51	39	0	0
220kV 8 Distr., SS	5,683.4	2	1	0	0
110kV Tham Luong SS	3,196.6	1	0	0	0
110kV Tham Luong UGC	4,252.96	1	0	229.6	0
110kV Tan Hung SS and CL	5,300	0	0	0	0
110 kV Phuoc Long SS and CL	1,751.9	1	0	0	0
220kV Cau Bong-Binh Tan TL	586,963	205	19	2,625	2450
110kV Water Supply Plant SS and CL	4,077	1	0	0	0
110kV 23/9 Park SS and CL	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
110kV Hoc Mon 3 SS and CL	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
220 kV Tan Cang Substation	2,928	1	0	0	0
220kV Cat Lai-Tan Cang TL	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
110kV Cat Lai-An Khanh TL	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Source: Compiled from prepared DDRs and RPs by the Consultant.

6. Among the 13 subprojects, the safeguard documents of four (04) subprojects have not been prepared yet; therefore, the data regarding their impacts are not available.

7. Nine (09) subprojects, including four (04) core subprojects and five (05) noncore subprojects require permanent land acquisition of 616,658.9 m<sup>2</sup> of land, affecting 248 households and 15 organizations (7 WPCs and 8 companies).

### Impacts on land

**Table 3. Impacts on Land**

Subproject	Total acquired area	Temporary impact	Restricted land use	Permanently acquired land (m <sup>2</sup> )	In which		
					Residential land	Agriculture land	Other land
Total	616,658.86	9,023.36	567,619	40,016.5	84.00	15,826.6	24,105.9

220 kV Nam Sai Gon TL	5,434	0	4,272	1,162	0	1,162	0
220kV 8 Distr., ss	5,683.4	0	0	5,683.4	0	0	5,683.4
110kV Tham Luong ss	3,196.6	0	0	3,196.6	0	0	3,196.6
110kV Tham Luong UGC	4,252.96	4,023.36	0	229.6	0	229.6	0
110kV Tan Hung ss and CL	5,300			5,300	0	0	5,300
110 kV Phuoc Long ss and CL	1,751.9	0	0	1,751.9	0	0	1,751.9
220kV Cau Bong-Binh Tan TL	586,963	5,000	563,347	18,616	84	14,435	4,097
110kV Water Supply Plant ss and CL	4,077	0	0	4,077	0	0	4,077
110kV 23/9 Park ss and CL	N/A	N/A		N/A		N/A	N/A
110kV Hoc Mon 3 ss and CL	N/A	N/A		N/A		N/A	N/A
220 kV Tan Cang Substation	2,928	0	0	2,928	0	0	2,928
220kV Cat Lai-Tan Cang TL	N/A	N/A		N/A		N/A	N/A
110kV Cat Lai-An Khanh TL	N/A	N/A		N/A		N/A	N/A

The specific impacts caused by each subproject are described in the section below.

## Core Projects

### 1. 220 kV District 8 Substation

8. The construction of the 220 kV District 8 Substation requires land acquisition of 5,683.4 m<sup>2</sup>. The project causes impacts on two companies, namely Sai Gon Shipbuilding One Member Co., Ltd and Anh Tu Private Company; out of which, Sai Gon Shipbuilding One Member Co., Ltd is affected on land whereas Anh Tu Private Company is affected on structure, and has to relocate. Its business is thus disrupted and 25 workers are affected by temporary loss of employment.

### 2. 220 kV Nam Sai Gon Transmission Line

9. The 220 kV transmission line and underground cable line connecting Binh Chanh Substation and District 8 Substation require permanent land acquisition of 1,162 m<sup>2</sup> (accounting for 21.92%) of agricultural land belonging to five households. An aggregate of 4,272 m<sup>2</sup> belonging to 46 households are restricted on land use within the right-of-way (ROW); these comprise 1,752 m<sup>2</sup> of residential land (41.01%) and 2,525 m<sup>2</sup> of agricultural land (58.99%).

### 3. 110kV underground cable connecting to 110 kV Tham Luong Substation

10. The 110 kV underground cable connecting to the 110 kV Tham Luong Substation will affect 4,252.96m<sup>2</sup> of land. Out of which, permanent land acquisition is required for 229.6m<sup>2</sup> of agricultural land belonging to two households made up of 13 people (including 6 female APs). The remaining 4,023.36m<sup>2</sup> of land will be temporarily affected for a short term.

### 4. 110 kV Tham Luong Substation

11. The construction of the new Tham Luong SS will be carried out on the already-acquired area within the 38-hectare residential area in Tan Thoi Nhat Ward, District 12, and thus does not cause any additional social safeguard impacts. The construction of the substation will acquire 3,196.6 m<sup>2</sup> under the management of District 12.

## Noncore Projects

### 5. 110kV Tan Hung Substation and Connection Line

12. 110kV Tan Hung substations acquires 5,300 m<sup>3</sup> land within area of Tan Hung Substation that has been cleared and assigned to EVNHCMC (in the area planned for the complex at 8-8b is Ham Tu street, ward 1 - district 5); the 110kV connecting lines go beneath of Vo Van Kiet Boulevard and under Tau Hu canal at the depth of 11m therefore it will not affect the current status of land use. The

project does not cause any permanent land acquisition and economic impacts to any households. There will be some minor temporary impacts during construction.

#### **6. 110 kV Phuoc Long Substation and Connection Line**

13. The 110kV Phuoc Long substation includes following components: (i) construction of a new substation and (ii) a connecting line with the length of 2km. The connecting line will be hung on the bar of the existing 220kV Cat Lai – Thu Duc transmission line.

14. The total land area affected by the subproject will be 1,751.935m<sup>2</sup> (including 1,303.5 m<sup>2</sup> for constructing the substation, 80 m<sup>2</sup> for tower foundation and underground cable of the connection transmission; and 368.435 m<sup>2</sup> for the access road) which belongs to the planned land for tree plantation - park– public sports in Phuoc Long B Residential area. This entire area is under the management of the Phu Nhuan Houses Construction and Trading One Member Limited Company; hence, the Project shall not cause any land acquisition and economic impacts on any household.

#### **7. 220kV Cau Bong-Binh Tan Transmission Line**

15. The 220-110kV Cau Bong – Binh Tan has 31.884km in total length, including 4.417km of underground cable and 27.467km of over-head TL with 103 tower foundations (29 piped steel towers and 74 shaped steel towers). The proposed TL starts at 500kV Cau Bong substation at Tan Phu Trung commune and ends in 220kV Binh Tan SS in Binh Hung Hoa B commune.

16. There are 198 HHs and 7 Communal PCs to be directly affected by land acquisition and restriction on the use of land located within the RoW of the overhead transmission line and 70 HHs will be temporarily affected by the construction of underground cable. The project will cause impacts on an area of 586,963m<sup>2</sup>, in which 18,616m<sup>2</sup> of land is permanently acquired for tower foundations; and 568,347m<sup>2</sup> of land is affected through restrictions on land use under the ROW.

17. Most of the acquired land for the subproject is land for transportation and un-used land under the management of 7 Communal PCs (Tan Hiep, Tan Thoi Nhi, Pham Van Hai, Vinh Loc A, Vinh Loc B, Xuan Thoi Thuong va Tan Phu Trung). The permanently acquired land area of AHs only accounts for 4,181m<sup>2</sup> equivalent to 22.5% of the total acquired land area. 5,000 m<sup>2</sup> of land will be affected temporarily.

18. There are 119 houses and 19 structures within the RoW. All the houses and structures will not have to be relocated. Some houses having metal roof will be earthing and the walls will be renovated to ensure the safety of buildings and structures during the operation of the T/L. AHs still can cultivate on the land located within the RoW and their houses are allowed to remain under the RoW if they meet the requirements of the protection of electrical safety corridor. If trees within the ROW of the TL violate with the safety corridor of the T/L, they need to be cut down or limited in height.

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20. There are 8 HHs severely impacted by losing more than 10% of their total productive land. There are only 2 single-women-headed HHs who belong to a vulnerable group in Tan Phu Trung Commune, Cu Chi District but neither of them loses more than 10% of their total productive land holding.

21. In order to minimize land acquisition impacts on the households, RPs have been prepared for four core projects and 220/110 kV Cau Bong-Binh Tan Transmission Line Project. These RPs have been developed in consistent with the resettlement policy framework prepared for the Project.

#### **8. 110 kV Water Supply Plant SS and Connection Line**



22. The 110kV Water Supply Plan substation and connection line subproject is built on the vacant land of the Thu Duc BOO Water Supply Plant. The connection line to the substation is from the tower location close to the substation and also within the boundary of the water supply plant. The total affected area is 4,077 m<sup>2</sup>, all of which are non-agricultural land.

#### **9. 220 kV Tan Cang Substation**

23. 220 kV Tan Cang Substation Subproject will be implemented in Ward 22, Binh Thanh District, Ho Chi Minh City. The construction of the 220 kV SS requires an aggregate of 2,928 m<sup>2</sup> of land. The area and location for the SS are identified to include 2,229 m<sup>2</sup> in the second infrastructure planned plot of Tan Cang Sai Gon Urban Complex; and 699 m<sup>2</sup> in the protective corridor Zone of Sai Gon River. Currently, the whole area for construction of the substation is public land under the management of People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City and Tan Cang Sai Gon Corporation.

#### **4. Objectives of internal monitoring**

24. The general objectives for internal monitoring are to ensure:

- (i) The implementation of land acquisition and resettlement of project is in compliance with the approved Resettlement Plans;
- (ii) The availability of resources and the efficient, effective use of these resources to implement land acquisition and resettlement activities;
- (iii) That resettlement institutions are well-functioning during the course of project implementation;
- (iv) Resettlement activities are undertaken in accordance with the implementation schedule described in the RPs;
- (v) To identify problems, if any, remedial actions and solutions.

### **II. Detailed resettlement implementation progress**

#### **1. Public information disclosure and consultation**

25. Project information disclosure is an important task during project implementation. When this work is implemented effectively, it will facilitate project implementation process as local people will have comprehensive understanding of project information and benefits. Therefore, they will support and actively participate in the project. Project information disclosure and public consultation are aimed to: (i) increase local people's awareness of the project; (ii) avoid the risks of project delay; (iii) design an appropriate resettlement program for APs and maximize the project's socio-economic benefits; (iv) ensure that AP's can really participate in making decisions on issues directly concerning their income and living standards; and (v) ensure transparency of all activities related to land acquisition, resettlement, and living restoration.

26. Public consultations have been conducted during the preparation process for four core projects and five noncore projects by the Project Preparation Consultant. In the implementation phase, public consultation before the DMS have been conducted with two companies affected by the 220 kV Substation in District 8 and one household affected by the 110 kV Tham Luong Underground Cable Line. For the remaining subprojects, including (i) 110 kV Tham Luong SS; (ii) 110 kV Tan Hung SS and Connection Line; (iii) 110 kV Phuoc Long SS and Connection Line; (iv) 110 kV Water Supply Plant SS and Connection Line; and (v) 220 kV Tan Cang SS, public consultation prior to DMS is not required as these subprojects do not involve land acquisition of any household. The public consultations for the two subprojects, which are 220 kV Nam Sai Gon TL and 220 kV Cau Bong-Binh Tan TL are expected to be conducted in October 2016.

27. Information disclosure. RPs and DDRs in English have been posted on the ADB website and the summary documents in Vietnamese have been disclosed to the affected households in 2014 for four core subprojects, by the end of 2015 for 220 kV Cau Bong-Binh Tan TL, May and June 2016 for 110 kV Water Supply Plant SS and CL and 220 kV Tan Cang SS subprojects, respectively.

28. RPs and policy framework documents have also been distributed by the HPPMB to the District Compensation Committees (DCCs) of District 8, District 12, and Hoc Mon District as the basis for calculating the entitlements of the affected households.

**Table 4. Consultation, Participation, and Information Disclosure by Subprojects**

Subproject	Participation, Consultation, Information disclosure in preparation phase			Participation, Consultation in implementation phase	
	Public consultation	Distribution PIB	On ADB web	Distribution RP to DCC	Meeting
220 kV Nam Sai Gon TL	Done	Done	Done	Done	Not yet
220kV 8 Distr., ss	Done	Done	Done	Done	Done
110kV Tham Luong ss	Done	Done	Done	Done	Not required
110kV Tham Luong UGC	Done	Done	Done	Done	Done
110kV Tan Hung ss and CL	Done	Not required	Done	Not required	Not required
110 kV Phuoc Long ss and CL	Done	Not required	Done	Not required	Not required
220kV Cau Bong-Binh Tan TL	Done	Done	Done	Done	Not yet
110kV Water Supply Plant ss and CL	Done	Not required	Done	Done	Not required
110kV 23/9 Park ss and CL	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
110kV Hoc Mon 3 ss and CL	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
220 kV Tan Cang Substation	Done	Not required	Not yet	Done	Not required
220kV Cat Lai-Tan Cang TL	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
110kV Cat Lai-An Khanh TL	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

## 2. DMS process

29. Among eight (08) subprojects of which social safeguard documents have been approved:

- a. Regarding four (04) subprojects including (i) 110 kV Tham Luong SS; (ii) 110 kV Tan Hung SS and connection line; (iii) 110 kV Phuoc Long SS and connection line; and (iv) 110kV Water Supply Plan and connection line, DMS activities are not required.
- b. Four (04) subprojects require DMS, namely (i) 220 kV Nam Sai Gon-District 8 TL; (ii) 220 kV District 8 SS; (iii) 110 kV Tham Luong underground cable; and (iv) 220 kV Cau Bong-Binh Tan TL.

**Table 5. DMS Status of the Subprojects**

Subproject	DMS was completed by the end of 2014	DMS was completed by the end of 2015	DMS was completed by the time of reporting	DMS not yet conducted

220 kV Nam Sai Gon TL				1
220kV 8 Distr., ss		1		
110kV Tham Luong ss				Not required
110kV Tham Luong UGC		1		
110kV Tan Hung ss and CL				Not required
110 kV Phuoc Long ss and CL				Not required
220kV Cau Bong-Binh Tan TL				1
110kV Water Supply Plan and cn				Not required

30. To date, the DMS progress of the subprojects are as follows:

**110kV Tham Luong underground cable**

31. As of now, Hoc Mon DCC has completed the DMS activities in Ba Diem Commune. The DMS was carried out with the participation of the representatives of two affected households in Ba Diem Commune, Hoc Mon District as well as the representatives of Ba Diem Commune People's Committee (CPC).

32. The DMS was completed in November 2015.

**110 kV Tham Luong Substation**

33. The subproject does not cause land acquisition impacts and thus DMS is not required. On 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2015, the District 12 PC has handed over site for the construction of 110 kV Tham Luong SS and connection line within the 38-hectare resettlement site in Tan Thoi Nhat Ward, District 12.

**District 8 Substation**

34. To date, the DMS has been completed by the DCC of District 8. The DMS process was took part by the representative of Anh Tu Ltd., Company. The DCC is now reviewing and assessing the records of the Shipbuilding Company to provide support for the land investment cost for 5,683.4 m<sup>2</sup> affected by the construction of the substation.

35. DMS activities were also conducted for affected car parking area and tennis courtyard.

**220kV Nam Sai Gon-District 8 Transmission Line**

36. DMS activities for this subproject have not been conducted yet.

**220kV Cau Bong-Binh Tan Transmission Line Subproject**

37. DMS has not been conducted yet.

**3. Preparation and approval of compensation plans**

38. The preparation of the compensation plans is only carried out when the decision approving the unit prices of Ho Chi Minh City PC is issued.

39. To date, two (02) subprojects have completed the DMS activities; however, they have to wait for the decisions on compensation rates by Ho Chi Minh City PC. Details by subprojects are as follows:

**110 kV Tham Luong underground cable**

40. Based on the valuation records of Think Vuong Real Estate Business Investment Corp. and guidance by Ho Chi Minh City Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DONRE), Hoc Mon DPC has submitted the Document No. 1920/UBND dated May 4, 2016 to the Ho Chi Minh DONRE for approval of the compensation and assistance coefficient as the basis to calculate

compensation and assistance rates for assets affected by 110 kV Tham Luong Subproject. In June, the Department of Natural Resources and Environment has issued an official document approving the compensation and assistance coefficient proposed by Hoc Mon DPC and requesting the DPC and DCC to post the specific land prices publicly for the subproject and consult the affected people's opinions.

41. On July 1, 2016, the DCC of the subproject has issued the compensation, assistance and resettlement plan upon recovery by the state for the implementation of Tham Luong underground cable subproject. Accordingly, the compensation plan was prepared for one household, in which the total compensation and assistance amount (supports for training, job changing and job seeking) for the affected area of 200.8 m<sup>2</sup> of agricultural land is VND 306,154,800.

42. After the compensation plan is posted, the affected people have expressed their agreement with the compensation plan and thus signed the consultation minutes.

43. To date, Hoc Mon DPC is submitting to the City PC for approving land price adjustment factor to calculate compensation, assistance and resettlement cost for Tham Luong underground cable subproject via the Document No. 4581/UBND dated August 5, 2016.

44. It is expected that by the end of September 2016, HCMC PC will approve the compensation and support rates of the subproject and the payment is expected to be conducted in October 2016.

#### ***220kV 8 district substation subproject***

45. As for the 220 kV District 8 SS Subproject, DMS has been completed. However, due to acquisition of land of Sai Gon Shipbuilding One Member Co., Ltd, for the preparation of the compensation plan, the investment costs of this company on land should be divided and calculated. Therefore, an interdisciplinary working group composed of the functional divisions of District 8 is required to carry out this activity.

46. In May 2016, District 8 DCC has held a consultation with the Shipbuilding Company to agree on the compensation plan; however, the company is yet to agree with the plan; therefore, the DCC is reviewing the records. Nevertheless, the company has handed over site to the DCC and EVNHCM.

47. Civil work is yet to commence for the 220 kV District 8 SS Subproject.

#### **4. Process of compensation payment**

48. Compensation payment is yet to be carried out.

#### **5. Process of resettlement and site clearance**

49. Resettlement and site clearance are yet to be done.

#### **6. Restoration of AHs' livelihoods and rehabilitation of AHs' lives**

50. Implementation is yet to be carried out.

#### **7. Assess degree of APs' satisfaction of compensation and resettlement**

51. Implementation is yet to be carried out.

#### **8. Conformity of resettlement implementation progress with civil works progress and next plan**

#### ***110 kV Tham Luong Substation and 110 kV Tham Luong underground cable***

52. The 110 kV Tham Luong SS and a part of the Tham Luong underground cable do not cause land acquisition impacts; therefore, HPPMB has sent the Document No. 4420/ALD-CBDT dated November 1, 2015 to request EVNHCMC to ask for ADB's approval to award the civil work contract for a section of the 110 kV Tham Luong underground cable. ADB has issued No Objection

Letter allowing contract award and civil works for 1,916m of the underground cable line along the roads as well as the 110 kV Tham Luong SS.

53. The civil work for the 110 kV Tham Luong SS has completed 70% of the construction volume. Details are as follows:

- Civil work progress: 70%
- Management house: 70%
- Fence and substation gate: 20%
- Transformer foundation: 100%
- Oil spill response container: 100%
- Firefighting water tank: 100%
- 110 kV and 22 kV cable trench: 100%

54. The civil work for the 110 kV Tham Luong underground cable line has completed 80% of the construction volume. Details are as follows:

- a. 110 kV underground cable trench: 1.480m /1.927m, accounting for 75%
- b. 02 tunnels connecting cable: 100%
- c. Tower foundation T28: 0%.

55. Regarding Nam Sai Gon-District 8 connection line, the construction of the underground cable section is ongoing along the National Highway 50, the construction progress has reached 10%. Specifically:

- a. Cable trench 326m/3100m, accounting for 10 %
- b. Cable connecting tunnel 01/14 tunnels, accounting for 7%.

56. All of the civil works of three subprojects above are being carried out on public land and traffic land, thus do not cause land acquisition impacts on any household.

### **III. Pending issues**

#### **1. Outstanding problems**

57. The compensation plan has been completed for the 110 kV Tham Luong underground cable subproject; the compensation plan has also been posted and consultation procedures with the affected households and communities in the project area have been carried out. However, the second adjustment in compensation and assistance rates for the affected households is being reviewed for approval by HCM City PC.

58. The compensation plans for the Shipbuilding Company and Anh Tu Company have been prepared by the District 8 DCC; however, during the consultation, the Shipbuilding Company has expressed their disagreement with some compensation calculation methods. To date, the records are being reviewed, which is a time-consuming process.

#### **2. Solutions for pending issues and responsibility of relevant agencies**

59. EVNHCM will cooperate with Hoc Mon DCC and Hoc Mon DPC to accelerate the appraisal of compensation rates of the City Compensation Appraisal Committee. After the result is issued, EVNHCM will send an official document to request the City PC to promptly issue the decision on compensation rates for the 110 kV Tham Luong underground cable subproject.

60. The compensation department of EVNHCM will cooperate with the DCC of District 8 to accelerate the valuation process of affected assets and investment in land of two companies affected by the 220 kV District 8 SS Subproject.

## **IV. Conclusion and recommendation**

### **1. Conclusion**

61. The social safeguards documents of four core subprojects and five noncore subprojects have been prepared in accordance with the ADB's requirements.
62. Consultation, participation and information disclosure have been conducted by HCM PPMB as set forth in the RPF to meet the requirements of the 2009 ADB SPS.
63. Civil works are yet to be commenced as the procedures for construction permission have not been completed. The progress is thus delayed for one month compared to the schedule.

### **2. Recommendation**

64. EVNHCM should accelerate the rate appraisal process and approval to the decision on compensation rates for Tham Luong underground cable subproject.
65. EVNHCM should also cooperate with the DCC of District 8 and District 8 PC to carry out the calculation and valuation of investment costs on the affected land for the construction of the 220 kV District 8 SS.

