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### **ABBREVIATIONS**

ADB	-	Asian Development Bank
AESPR		Annual Environment and Social Performance Report
DMS		Detailed Measurement Survey
EIA	-	Environmental Impact Assessment
GRM		Grievance Redress Mechanism
HH	-	Household

#### **WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**

kg	-	kilogram
km	-	kilometer
$m^2$	-	square meter
m <sup>3</sup>	-	cubic meter
mu	-	Chinese land measuring unit (1 hectar = 15 mu)
		1 mu = 666.7 m <sup>2</sup>
ha	-	hectare (10,000 m <sup>2</sup> )

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#### 1 INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Project Description

1. The project will support Le Gaga in establishing and expanding a series of modern greenhouse operations in Guangdong and Fujian provinces, which have optimal weather and adequate infrastructure for vegetable production, particularly for providing (mainly in winter) off-season vegetables to the entire PRC and some neighboring countries. All the greenhouses are built on leased farmland and operated by PRC companies owned and controlled 100% by Le Gaga. This social safeguard compliance audit report covers the Dayang (大洋) base which locates in Yaoshan Village(瑶山村) of Hanjiang District (涵江区) which is administrated under Putian City (莆田市) of Fujian Province (福建省).

Location of Fujian Province Map of China Locations of provinces, autonomous regions Heilongjiang and municipalities. BEIJING **Xinjiang** Inner Mongolia Gansu Tiantin Hebei Ningxia Shanxi Shandong Qinghai Shaanxi Henan Jiangsu **Tibet** Shanghai Sichuan Hubei Zhejjang Jiangxi Chongqing unan Guizhou Fujian Yunnan Guangxi Taiwan Guangdong Hong Kong Islands of Hainan South China Sea Islands of South China Sea

**Figure 1-Location of Dayang Farm** 



Location of Putian City

#### 1.2 Aims and Objectives of the Audit

- 2. Land lease agreement of Dayang base has been signed by Le Gaga and Yaoshan Village committee on January 5, 2014. The ADB's assistance to Le Gaga falls under the category of 'Corporate Finance' in Safeguards Requirements 4 (Special Requirements for Different Finance Modalities, section H) of the 2009 ADB Safeguards Policy Statement (SPS). As required by the SPS, a Social Safeguards Compliance Audit was undertaken by an external expert for Le Gaga's past and present performance with regard to managing social dimensions of Dayang base, particularly on land lease, indigenous peoples/ethnic minority issues, labor and working conditions, stakeholder engagement, among other related issues.
- 3. The purpose of the Social Safeguards Compliance Audit is to determine the nature and extent of all social areas of concern at the Dayang base and with corporate practices. The audit was performed in accordance with the SPS 2009, as well as applicable local environmental, social, and occupational health and safety regulatory requirements in the PRC and other ADB social policy requirements related to labor and social protection and gender and development.

The Safeguards Policy Statement is available from http://www.adb.org/Documents/Policies/Safeguards/default.asp

#### 1.3 Methodology

- 4. The methodology adopted for the social safeguards audit included the following activities: (i) a desk review of the Le Gaga's existing environmental and social management system (ESMS); (ii) a review of relevant national laws, regulations and guidelines related to social impact assessment, land acquisition/lease, ethnic minorities and consultation and participation; (iii) interviews with the Le Gaga's Management and key technical staff, representatives from Yaoshan Village and Hanjiang District Government; and (iv) site inspection of the subproject. The documentary review and interviews were carried out during the course of the site visit with an aim to assess the labor and working conditions, land lease, indigenous peoples, and gender and development aspect of the subproject. The desk review also included a review of project documents and literature including land lease contract with the villages and labor dispatching contract.
- 5. A list of personnel interviewed is provided in Appendix I. Relevant national laws and regulations are presented in Appendix II.

#### 2 Involuntary Resettlement

#### 2.1 Subproject Description

- 6. Putian City is located in coastal central section of Fujian Province. The Dayang base is located in Dayang Town of Hanjiang District. Hanjiang District has a land area of 752 km² with the registered population of 0.42 million. The district is divided into 2 sub-districts and 10 townships.
- 7. In 2013, Hanjiang District's GDP was RMB 34.5 billion. Farmers' average net income was amounted to RMB 9,816 and the disposable income of urban residents was RMB 20,860. Compared with the level of Fujian Province and Putian City, Hanjiang District is a developing area. The farmers' average net income of Yaoshan village is quite low due to less cash income from non-agricultural income, as Yaoshan village locates in the mountain area.

Table 1 Socio-economic Indicators in 2013 (Unit: vuan)

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	Fujian	Putian	Hanjiang	Yaoshan
	Province	City	District	Village
Farmers' average net income	11,184	11,600	9,816	5800
Disposable income of urban residents	30,816	27,233	20,860	N/A

Source: 2013 yearbook

8. Construction of the base will be commenced from March 2015, and operation will be gradually commenced from September 2015, and the whole base will be put into operation in August 2016.

#### 2.2 Scope of Land Lease Impacts

- 9. According to the EIA, totally 1,000 mu collective farmland will be leased from the Yaoshan Village. Among the 1,000 mu land, 4mu (2,723 m²) will be used for construction of offices, warehouse, access roads and accommodation facilities. On 30 September 2010, Ministry of Land Resource and Ministry of Agriculture issued the Notice of Management of Land for Agricultural Facilities [GTZF(2010)155](国土资源部农业部关于完善设施农用地管理有关问题的通知), and based on this document, the total area for construction of facilities should be less than 3% of the base area. So land using of Dayang base is comply with the national requirement, which is 30 mu.
- 10. Also based on this document, Le Gaga doesn't need to submit approval to the local land resource bureau for such construction.
- 11. Land lease agreement of Dayang base has been signed by Le Gaga and Yaoshan Village committee on January 5, 2014. Under this agreement, totally 1000 mu from 242 HHs will be leased to Le Gaga. On 1 September 2014, 880 mu land from 218 HHs was transferred to Le Gaga firstly. Land acquisition is based on the willing lessor—willing lessee principle, and more HHs gradually accepted land lease and transferred the land to Le Gaga. By 31 January 2015, 895.95 mu land has been delivered to Le Gaga and 222 HHs involved in land leasing contract. The number of leased land area and participating HHs is still being increased, and this will be reflected in the annual environment and social performance report (AESPR).



2.3 History of Land Lease

12. In 2013, Le Gaga and the local government got in touch, and both expressed the interest to cooperation. At that time, the local government was under pressure that more and more farmers discontinued farming. Dayang Township is famous that local people prefer to go to other provinces and cities to operate gas station for a long time, and only the old people farmed on the land at that time and just for self consumption. The per capita arable

land holding in the Yaoshan Villge is less than 1 mu, so the output from the land is very limited.

- 13. As described in the Table 2, six rounds of consultation were conducted in 2013 before signing the agreement.
- Step 1. Tripartite meeting was held with the participation of representatives from Le Gaga, village and township government.
- Step 2. Villagers were invited to visit the nearby Duwei base which is being operated by Le Gaga.
- Step 3. Village assemblies at village and village group level were held.
- Step 4. Based on voting, 97% of the HHs accepted, According to the Organization Law of the Villagers Committees, this decision was approved as the law requires that more than two-thirds should accept.
- Step 5. Detailed measurement survey (DMS) for the land was conducted by village committee. The results of the DMS were disclosed, including the location and areas.
- Step 6. Tripartite meeting was held with the participation of representatives from Le Gaga, village and township government to discuss the key provisions of the contract, include the leasing price and the method of payment.
- 14. Duwei production base <sup>2</sup> was constructed in 2011. Greenhouses, offices, warehouse, access roads and accommodation facilities were built. The current arable areas are 1997.8 mu. The production process is consisting of breeding, cultivation and harvesting. The Duwei production base is located in Duwei Town of Xianyou County. Totally, 1,998 mu land have been leased from 2 villages, and 790 HHs in 2 villages are involved. The Duwei Town and Dayang Town have the same social and economic profile, and has been put in operation for 4 years, so this base was selected for visiting.
- 15. 160 villagers from 12 village group visited the Duwei base on August 1, 2014. Dayang town government arranged 2 buses and the responsible officials also joined the visit. They went to the green houses to have a look at the operation of the bases and check if it will bring any negative impacts to the local villages. The also had a meeting with local villagers to check (i) if job opportunities generated have been provided to the villagers; (ii) if the rent is paid on time; (iii) how the rent is determined. The villagers were impressive that local people can get higher cash income and also take care of the family.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This base is one of the two bases covered by the corporate social compliance audit.

**Table 2 Procedures of Arrangements for Land Leasing** 

Step	Date	Activities	Key topics	Participants	Conclusion	Remark
1	July 2013	Tripartite meeting	local socio- economic profile     local agricultural planting patterns;     who are the main group farming on the land;     the average output value of the land;     if the land once was leased.     Check the possibility of land lease	representatives from Le Gaga, village and township government	The village committee members organized meeting to discuss. At that time, more and more farmers discontinued farming. The village committee members and village group leaders interviewed the villagers to seek advice, and most of the villagers expressed their supports.	
2	1 August 2013	Site visit to Duwei base		160 villagers from 12 village group;  Representatives from Le Gaga, and township government.	The villagers are nearly all interested to lease the land to Le Gaga.	

3	2-28 August 2013	Internal several rounds discussion	Villagers' meeting to determine if the land be leased out to La Gaga; Arrangements for the HHs who are not willing to lease the land out.	Organized 10 internal meetings at village and group level.		Le Gaga joined the discussion to answer the questions raised by the villagers.
4	30 August 2013	Voting	to determine if the land be leased out to Le Gaga	One household had one vote.	97% of the HHs accepted. According to the Organization Law of the Villagers Committees, this decision was approved as the law requires that more than two-thirds should accept.	HHs who didn't accept, benefits of land leasing was introduced and finally they were provided replacement land with same quantity and quality.
5	September 2013	Detailed measurement survey (DMS)	the location and areas	representatives from village and township government	The results of the DMS were disclosed on the blackboard at the village committee office for one week from 23 to 30 September.	queries, the village re-checked the number with the

6	December	Discussion with Le Gaga	Key provisions of the	representatives from	Sign the contract with	As the supervisor,
	2013	and sign the contract	leasing contract	Le Gaga, village and	the village committee.	local government will
			include the leasing	township government		redress the grievance
			price and the method		One copy of the	if necessary.
			of payment.		leasing contract was	
					put in the village	
					committee office. The	
					villagers can go there	
					and review.	
					The villagers will	
					entrust the village	
					committee to sign the	
					contract with Le	
					Gaga.	

16. During the six rounds of consultation, the villagers had some queries, and local government and Le Gaga has replied fully, so that such high acceptance rate can be achieved. Table 3 presents the queries and replies during consultation.

**Table 3 Farmer's Queries and Replies** 

	Query	Reply
1	If the rent can be paid on time?	<ul> <li>The villagers visited the operating Duwei base, and interviewed the local villagers and were informed that Le Gaga paid the rent on time.</li> <li>Dayang Township government has checked the history and reputation of Le Gaga.</li> <li>Dayang Township government will closely monitor the payment of rent.</li> </ul>
2	If the local farmers can get the job opportunities due to the age and skill?	<ul> <li>The villagers visited the operating Duwei base, and found that the workers are mainly local.</li> <li>Le Gaga will give local villagers priorities to get the job and provide necessary training.</li> </ul>
3	Labor intensity at the base?	<ul> <li>The villagers visited the operating Duwei base, and found that the work is light.</li> <li>Also, at the farm, female workers take the light work, such as cutting grass and picking up vegetables with scissors. For the women sensitive work, such as spraying of insecticide is always assigned to men.</li> </ul>

- 17. A 15-years lease period has been agreed. According to the Land Contract Law, the term of the circulation of the right to land contractual management may not exceed the remaining period of the term of contract between the village and the household. In Yaoshan village, the land contract between the village and the individual household was started from 1999, so the remaining period from 2014 to 2028 is 15 years<sup>3</sup>.
- 18. On 5 January 2014, Le Gaga signed the Land Lease Contract with Yaoshan Village, and the contract was endorsed by Dayang Township Government. Also, all households who accepted land lease signed the entrustment agreement that they entrusted the village committee to sign the land leasing contract. All household's signatures are attached with the contract, which is presented in Appendix III. The land lease contract was reviewed by the audit consultant and the clauses required by *The Law of the People's Republic of China on Land Contract in Rural Areas* (effective from March 1, 2003) are included:
  - 1) the names and domiciles of the two parties;
  - 2) the name, location, area and quality grade of land concerned;
  - 3) the term of circulation and the dates of beginning and end;
  - 4) the purpose of use of the land concerned;
  - 5) the rights and obligations of the two parties;
  - 6) the price for the right circulated and the method of payment; and

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According to the Law of the People's Republic of China on Land Contract in Rural Areas (effective from March 1, 2003), the collective lands are contracted to the households based on a 30 year-contract. During the contract period, the household can lease the land for agricultural use and also have the right to refuse leasing. In this village, the contract period is 1999 to 2014. Since the land was leased to Le Gaga from 2014, so the remaining period is 2014 to 2028.

- 7) Liabilities for breach of the contract.
- 19. The rent for land was decided based on consultation, as this was the most important concern from the villagers. The gross yield of the first and second planting of rice each year was around 500 kilograms, and the net land output is 300 kilograms. If there is bad weather and plant disease, the output of the land is very limited. Before land lease, the land was used for different crops, mainly for rice and lettuce, and also some land was not cultivated. The land lease contract was signed with village committee. Finally, the rent was finalized based on the national guarantee purchase price for rice of the first year issued by Fujian Provincial Grain Bureau of 350 kilograms, which will be adjusted each 3 years. This rent was highly accepted by the farmers, as they can receive net cash income and all were released from the land, especially the old people. Each year, before the end of January, Le Gaga should pay the rent to the village's account. The village is responsible for allocating the rent to the farmers. The audit verified that Le Gaga paid the rent for 2014 and 2015 on time. For example, the rent of 2014 and 2015 is 924 yuan/mu which has been paid to the farmers. The receipt of rent of 2014 and 2015 is attached in appendix IV.
- 20. For village committee, 50 yuan/mu is set in the lease contract as management fee. The village committee always spends the money for village affairs, such as providing subsidy to the elder people and maintaining the village road.
- 21. For those households who didn't accept land lease, land was adjusted within the village group and replacement land which had same quantity and quality was provided to them. Gradually, some villagers who originally didn't accept lease land requested to give the land to Le Gaga as they can see the direct benefit and became to trust the company. As mentioned in para 11, this will be reflected in the 2015 AESPR.
- 22. Interviews with the local villagers verified that leasing of land has been widely accepted and all were satisfied. For these older people who are mostly more than the age of 50, they can get the rent, and meanwhile they can work in the farm to take some seasonal jobs. These jobs are light manual in the greenhouse, mainly are picking vegetables, weeding and packing. The daily payment is 80 yuan based on the inputs. These female farmers can take care of their grandchildren and also get some income, which also improve their social status in the family. In these rural areas, young people go to the big cities as migrant workers and the older people and children stay in the village. Left behind children and elderly is a common social issue in PRC. These older people work together in Le Gaga's base can be regarded as one of their social communication activities. In a family, young people's income is the same as they have migrated out, however, for the elder women, their income can be increased a lot, as presented in table 4. Also, the old man can have more non-agricultural income as he is released from the land.

Table 4 Annual Income Before and After Land Lease

Befo	re land lea	ase		After land lease		
Net income	Other	Total	rent	Wage working at the	Other	total
from	income	income		base	income	
land	by old			generated by old	by old	
	man			woman	man	
1000	6,000	10,000	924	2000	10,000	29,696
yuan/mu x			yuan/mu x	yuan/monthx8monthsx1		
4mu=4,000			4mu=3696	person=16,000		

#### 2.4 Public Consultation

23. For land acquisition and lease, the following laws require the consultation activities:

- a) Article 48 of the Land Administration Law of the People's Republic of China (effective from January 1, 1999, amended on August 28, 2004), which expresses that consultation should be conducted with the local village committee and the farmers who will lose land before finalizing the compensation and resettlement measures; and
- b) Expropriation and Compensation of the Housing on the State-owned Land (Decree 590 of State Council, (effective from January 21, 2011) the municipal and county government should implement the consultation with the affected people before finalizing the compensation and relocation plan.
- c) Article 48 of the Land Contract Law in Rural Areas stipulates that Where the party giving out contracts gives out the contracts for rural land to units or individuals other than the ones of the collective economic organization concerned, the matter shall first subject to consent by not less than two-thirds of the members of the villagers assembly, or of the villagers' representatives, of the collective economic organization concerned and it shall be submitted to the township(town) people's government for approval.
- d) Article 22 of the Organization Law of the Villagers Committees stipulates that the villagers assembly shall be convened with a simple majority participation of the villagers at or above the age of 18 or with the participation of the representatives from at least two-thirds of the households in the village, and every decision shall be adopted by a simple majority vote of the villagers present.
- e) Article 24 of the Organization Law of the Villagers Committees stipulates that land contract issues should be discussed at the villagers' assembly.
- 24. As mentioned in previous paragraphs and Table 2 and 3, Local government and Le Gaga have been involved closely in consultation activities on land lease. Especially, for these households who were working outside, the village committee called them and they can entrust their relatives to vote. The public consultation procedures and activities are complies with the national requirements.



Figure 3 Village Committee Members Reviewed the Plan of the Base

Figure 4 Villagers Meeting



25. During operation, the management of production base has regular meetings with the village leaders. For job opportunities, the information include number, type and wage is transferred to the village leaders for quick disclosing to the local farmers.

#### 2.5 Grievance Redress

- 26. The Land Contract Law has the follow articles to redress the grievance.
- (1) Article 51 Where dispute arises over the contractual management of land, the two parties may settle the dispute though consultation and may request the villagers assembly or the township (town) people's government to help settle the dispute through mediation. Where the parties are not willing to have it settled through consultation or mediation or consultation or mediation is not successful, they may apply to an arbitral body in charge of rural land contracts for arbitration, or directly bring a suit in the People's Court.
- (2) Article 52 Where the parties are not satisfied with the arbitral ruling made by the arbitral body in charge of rural land contracts, they may bring a suit in the People's Court within 30 days from the date they receive the ruling in writing. If they fail to file a suit before expiration of the prescribed time limit, the written ruling shall thereupon become legally effective.
- 27. The local government used its existing grievance mechanism to deal with the problems induced by land lease, so the farmers could find relevant departments to solve their appeal and grievance. The basic procedures for grievance include the following:
  - (i) If any farmer is aggrieved by any aspect of the resettlement, he/she can state his/her grievance and appeal to the village committee in oral or in written form. If an oral appeal is made, the village committee will record it on paper and process it. The village committee will make a decision on or resolve it in two weeks.
  - (ii) The aggrieved farmer can state the grievance and appeal to the township government in oral or in written form. The township government will decide on or resolve it in two weeks.
  - (iii) If the aggrieved farmer is not satisfied with the decision of the township government, he/she can appeal to the county government, which will reach a decision within two weeks.
  - (iv) If the aggrieved farmer is not satisfied with the decision of the county government, he/she can bring a suit in the People's Court.
- 28. As described before, full consultation activities are conducted before signing the land lease contract and all farmer's queries have been addressed fully. By now, those agencies did not receive any appeal and grievance. And these grievance redress channels are working well. Figure 5 is the notice at the village committee to disclose the grievance redress channels.

**Figure 5 Notice for Grievance Redress** 



#### 3 Ethnic Minorities

- 29. Key national laws/ regulations/ guidance on ethnic minorities in PRC include Law of PRC on Regional National Autonomy; and Regulation on the Work of Administrative Urban Ethnic Minority (effective from May 31, 1984, amended on February 28, 2001). Also, some provinces also issued local regulations for ethnic minorities. For example, the Fujian Province has the Regulation of Rights Protection for Ethnic Minority (effective from January 1, 2010).
- 30. Le Gaga's production bases mainly locate in Fujian and Guangdong Province, which are not owned, used by ethnic groups. These provinces are not ethnic minority concentrated areas in PRC, the ethnic minorities only account for less than 2% of the total population. The local scattered ethnic minority people can benefit the same as the Han people to get the better vegetable. Le Gaga's performance on ethnic minorities is highly regarded. Le Gaga's business are labor intensive and have observed an overall tightening of the labor market and an emerging trend of shortage of labor supply. Fujian and Guangdong Province are both highly economic developed in PRC and its difficult to employ local villagers to work on the production bases, as the salaries are not attractive and there are more other non-agricultural job opportunities. In order to solve the labor shortage, many farmers from the southwestern provinces have been employed, and they are mainly come from Yunnan, Guizhou and Guangxi Province. They are nearly all ethnic minorities, and the main groups are Zhuang, Yi and Miao. As of June 30, 2013, Le Gaga indirectly hired 2,379 farm workers through a labor company to perform all agricultural labor work on farms, and ethnic minorities account for 40%. The jobs in Le Gaga are attractive and suitable to them, as they have low education level and technical abilities.
- 31. When these farm workers go home during festivals, they always introduce Le Gaga to their relatives and more and more workers come to the farm. It's common that the parents work on the farm, and their children go to the local schools. In PRC, the nine-year compulsory education is free. The worker's children can also receive the better education locally. There are no special expenditure and enrolment procedure required. Le Gaga has (i) provided dormitories with free tap water and electricity; (ii) provided gifts during the ethnic minority holidays; and (iii) coordinated with local governments to arrange the children to study in the local schools. In their hometown, the average rural per capita net income is around 5,000 CNY in 2013 according to the yearbooks. These ethnic minority workers can get annual salary of 30,000 CNY in Le Gaga, which is much higher. Also, the children can receive better education in these east coast provinces.
- 32. The ethnic minority in Hanjiang District is around 3% of the total population. Totally, there are 32 ethnic minority groups. The main ethnic minority group is She and Hui, and they have the same social status with Hans. They all speak the same language as Han. Ethnic minorities are not concentrated in any particular districts or occupation groups in Hanjiang District, being very spread out on the whole. They do not face any social discrimination and can benefit the same from the project. In the Yaoshan Village, all villagers are Han people.
- 33. The Dayang base will be operated since September 2015. It's planned to recruit and employ 200 people. It's estimated that 40 farm workers will be ethnic Miao and Zhuang people who are from Guangxi Province and Guizhou Province. Some will come from the previous bases and some will be new recruited. They all can speak the Han language, while they also speak dialect in private. But they have lived side by side with the Han for long years and intermarried with Han people. These workers have migrated out for non-agricultural working for long years, rather than living in the remote and poor mountain areas. Only 2 different aspects have been identified, including they prefer to have their own taste of

food and celebrate their festivals. So Le Gaga will allocate the kitchen to them, with the provision of electromagnetic oven and electric cooker for fire prevention. During their festivals, the company always buys pork as gift to them. Dormitory, kitchen, and washroom have free tap water and electricity.

- 34. These ethnic minority workers have no particular belief system and associated ritual on farming and living, and they don't have specific cultural requirements that the project must comply with.
- 35. Le Gaga Putian Company issues the Dormitory Management Rule on 1 January 2015, which stimulates that (i) ethnic minority worker's customs should be respected; (ii) Le Gaga will coordinate with the local ethnic minority and religious bureau to solve any related issues.

#### 4 Gender and Development

- 36. The Human Resource Department of Le Gaga has appointed staff at the corporate or base level to be responsible for the women's affairs. Le Gaga upholds gender equality and provides equal employment opportunities for men and women during project design, construction supervision, and operation. Le Gaga is sensitive to the special needs and vulnerabilities of women. In headquarter and all bases, priorities are provided to women if the jobs are more appropriate for female staff, such as in the financial, human resource, and laboratory offices. Le Gaga complies strictly with the Law of the People's Republic of China on the Protection of Rights and Interests of Women. All women staff have maternity insurance. Women have gifts at the women's day, and each year the company will provide some feminine hygiene products to them.
- 37. Le Gaga's business makes a significant contribution to women's employment. As of June 30, 2013, Le Gaga indirectly hired 2,379 farm workers through a labor company to perform all agricultural labor work on farms, and the female workers account for 80%. Among the total 300 staff in Le Gaga, female staff accounts for 30%. Le gaga targets to increase its female allocation from 30% to say 40% in the next 5 years. Men and women are given equal pay for equal work. The Chairman of the Board is female and among the 11 senior management staff, there is also a female production base development director. Le Gaga encourages the contractors to provide equal employment opportunities to women. Generally speaking, the work on the farm is mostly physically light. The facilities and environment is responsive to the needs of women. At the farm, female workers take the light work, such as cutting grass and picking up vegetables with scissors. For the women sensitive work, such as spraying of insecticide is always assigned to men. The dormitories have separate toilets and shower rooms.
- 38. For Dayang base, priorities will be provided to women if the jobs are more appropriate for female staff. The female people more than 40 years old will be the main workers at the site. The work on the farm is mostly physically light. The facilities and environment is responsive to the needs of women. At the farm, female workers take the light work, such as cutting grass and picking up vegetables. For the women sensitive work, such as spray insecticide is always allocated to men. It's estimated that 80% of the job opportunities will be provided to women.

#### 5 Labor and Social Protection

- 39. Le Gaga follows the China Labor Law (1995) and the Labor Contract Law (2008) strictly with particular attentions paid to the well-being of all staff in China. Le Gaga provides social benefits to staff members that include pension insurance, medical insurance, maternity insurance, unemployment insurance, and work injury insurance. Le Gaga has not provided the social housing fund to the staff. According to the Social Insurance Law (2010), pension insurance, medical insurance, maternity insurance, unemployment insurance, work injury insurance are the five mandatory insurances, and the social housing fund is not included.
- 40. Le Gaga encourage the contractors to hire workers from the local community and will select the contractors who have good performance on CSR. The current Social Responsibility Management Manual includes requirements of occupational health and prohibition of child and forced labor, and requires its contractors/subcontractors to comply with the national labor laws and guidelines (child labor, mandated wages, equal pay for equal work, social/medical benefits etc,). The maximum working time is 8 hours each day on the base. Every new staff will be given a job training and orientation via immediate supervisor. Further training would also be given via group discussion and learning activities.
- All farm workers are hired through labor outsourcing arrangements with a labor outsourcing agency. Le Gaga selected the qualified labor outsourcing agency registered in the labor bureau. Under such labor outsourcing agreement, the farm workers are deemed to be employees of the labor outsourcing agency, and the labor outsourcing agency undertakes the legal obligation to enter into labor contract and pay social insurance for these workers. Some farm workers prefer to join the new rural cooperative medical care system in their hometown. When they are ill at the farm, they can keep the medical bill and reimburse it when they go home at the festival. If they are serious ill and need a lot of money for treatment, Le Gaga always help to pay the fee in advance. The audit consultant reviewed the labor outsourcing arrangement signed between Le Gaga and Xianyou Ruidefeng Agriculture Cooperative on 1 January 2015. The provisions in the contract for work hours, wages of men and women workers, benefits in terms of accommodation, medical, and social insurance are complied with the China Labor Law (1995) and the Labor Contract Law (2008). In PRC, the Labor Bureau has the standard contract for the companies to sign. Labor Inspection Bureau under the Labor Bureau often goes to the farm to check if the labor law is complied and in the past year there has been no observed noncompliance. Also, if the workers have some complaints related to labor issue, they can contact the bureau.
- 42. It's estimated that 300 job opportunities can be generated during the construction period from March to September 2015, and 60% will be provided to the local people. Le Gaga gives local labor a priority when it comes to recruitment. Among the total 200 farm workers, the number of local people is estimated as 160.

#### 6 CONCLUSION

- 43. Land Lease. Land lease of the Dayang base were carried out by villages, Le Gaga and local governments in conformity with government laws and regulations. Le Gaga paid the rent to the village committee on time. The rent was finalized based on consultation. All procedures and measures implemented complied with ADB SPS SR2 requirements, and there is no outstanding noncompliance issue. An effective organizational system has been established at all levels. The responsibilities of the agencies concerned are well defined and their staff is well trained, thereby promoting the successful implementation of land lease. The GRM is working well.
- 44. Ethnic Minorities/Indigenous Peoples Safeguards Performance of Audited Subprojects. The Dayang base will not adversely affect any ethnic minorities or indigenous peoples. Moreover, Le Gaga has high percentage of ethnic minority farm workers and new job opportunities will be generated for the ethnic people. The living customs of these ethnic minorities are respected. Le Gaga has made a significant contribution to improve their income and children's education.
- 45. Stakeholder Engagement, Gender and Development, Labor and Working Conditions. Stakeholder engagement and grievance mechanism was/is running efficiently. Le Gaga upholds gender equality and provides equal employment opportunities for men and women. Women's rights are protected reasonably well. Le Gaga is strictly following the national labor laws and regulations. The work hours, wages of men and women workers, benefits in terms of accommodation, medical, and social insurance are complied with the China Labor Law (1995) and the Labor Contract Law (2008). The farm worker's children can receive the local education without restriction according to the Compulsory Education Law (2006).

#### 7 CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

- 46. There is no outstanding noncompliance issue with respect to the land lease and compensation arrangements. There are also no remaining issues related to ethnic minority aspects and social protection issues. No corrective action is required.
- 47. In the annual S&E performance monitoring report, the following information will be included:
- (i) Final number of land area transferred to Le Gaga by 2015 and the number of participating households;
- (ii) For those HHs who leased land after 1 September 2014, their signature should be presented:
- (iii) Job opportunities generated during construction and operation, and the number of jobs provided to the local people, women and ethnic minorities;
- (iv) Working and living condition of the ethnic minorities workers at the base;
- (v) If any grievance occur during construction and operation, and the measures to address.

## Appendix I- List of persons met

No	Name	Department	Position
1	Chen Hang	Headquarter	Vice-president
			General manager of
			ESMS
2	Yan Shengren	Putian Company	General Manager
3	Wu Chan	Beigao Base of Putian Company	Director
4	Chen Sheng	Huating Base of Putian Company	Director
5	Gao Hongyao	Zhongshan Base of Xianyou Company	Director
6	Chen Danmin	Huating Base of Putian Company	Director
7	Gong Chengru	Dayang Township Committee of	Secretary
		the Communist Party of China	-
8	Tang Guofei	Dayang Township government office	Director
9	Liu Wenhua	Yaoshan Village Committee	Director
10	Mr. Liu	Yaoshan Village Committee	Member
11	Wu Qizai	Yaoshan Village Committee	Secretary

#### Appendix II-Related Laws and Regulations

The key applicable National on social assessment in PRC is *Notice of Application Reports of Projects issued by NDRC (FGTZ [2007] NO.1668)* which requires the analysis of land acquisition and resettlement, and social impact assessment for corporate investment activities. There is no special regulation for social assessment on agricultural project.

# Key national laws/ regulations/ guidance on land acquisition and resettlement in PRC include:

- a) Land Administration Law of the People's Republic of China (effective from January 1, 1999, amended on August 28, 2004);
- b) Urban House Demolition Management Regulations (effective from November 1, 2001 and abolished on January 21,2011), which once is the basis for house demolition on urban areas;
- c) Expropriation and Compensation of the Housing on the State-owned Land (Decree 590 of State Council, (effective from January 21, 2011) which covers the requirements on information disclosure and compensation related to housing demolition and relocation;
- d) Urgent Notice on Enforcing the Administration of Land Acquisition and House Demolition issued by General Office of the State Council (GBF [2010] No.15) which was announced with an aim to arouse the awareness of governmental officials on land acquisition issues. In particular, it emphasizes the need to strictly follow the land acquisition procedure and relevant guidelines for resettlement compensation;
- e) Guidelines on Improving Compensation and Resettlement Systems for Land Acquisition (MLR Fa [2004] No.238) (effective from November 3, 2004) which specifies the compensation standards, resettlement principles, land acquisition procedures and monitoring of the land acquisition process; and
- f) Decision of the State Council on Deepening the Reform and Rigidly Enforcing Land Administration (Guo Fa [2004]28) (effective from October 21, 2004) which highlights the stringent requirements for the management of land and provides direction for the development of comprehensive land management and protection system.

For **land leasing**, the key national laws and regulations include *The Law of the People's Republic of China on Land Contract in Rural Areas* (effective from March 1, 2003) and *Measures for the Administration of Circulation of Rural Land Contracted Management Right* (effective from March 1, 2005) which was issued by Ministry of Agriculture (MOA). In PRC, the collective lands are contracted to the households based on a 30 year-contract. During the contract period, the household can lease the land for agricultural use and also have the right to refuse leasing.

Article 16 of the Land Contract Law stipulates the rights of the rural households:

- 1) enjoying in accordance with law the rights to use the land contracted, to reap the yields and to circulate the right to land contractual management, and the right to make its own decision regarding the arrangements for production and operation as well as the disposition of the products;
- 2) enjoying in accordance with lawful right to obtain appropriate compensation for the contracted land that is requisitioned or occupied according to law; and
  - 3) other rights provided for in laws and administrative rules and regulations.

Chapter 5 of the Land Contract Law specially stipulates circulation of the right to land contractual management, and these are the key provisions related with the proposed ADB project. In Article 32, leasing is confirmed as one type of the right to land contractual management. Article 37 stipulates the key clauses of a leasing contract.

Article 32 The right to land contractual management obtained through household contract may, according to law, be circulated by subcontracting, leasing, exchanging, transferring or other means.

Article 33 The right to land contractual management shall be circulated in adherence to the following principles:

- 1) that consultation on an equal footing, voluntariness and compensation, and no organizations or individuals may compel the contractor to circulate his right to land contractual management or prevent him from doing so;
- 2) that no change shall be made in the nature of the land ownership or the purpose of use of the land designed for agriculture;
- 3) that the term of the circulation may not exceed the remaining period of the term of contract:
  - 4) that the transferee shall have the capability for agricultural operation; and
- 5) that under equal conditions, members of the collective economic organization concerned shall enjoy priority.

Article 34 In the circulation of the right to land contractual management, the contractor shall be the subject. The contractor shall have the right to make his own decision, according to law, on whether to circulate the right to land contractual management and on the means by which to circulate the right.

Article 36 Such fees as the subcontract charges, rent and transfer charges to be collected for the circulation of the right to land contractual management shall be decided on by the two parties through consultation. Proceeds derived from the circulation shall belong to the contractor, which no organizations or individuals may retain or withhold without authorization.

Article 37 Where the right to land contractual management is circulated by means of subcontract, lease, exchange, transfer or by other means, the two parties shall conclude a written contract. Where transfer is adopted for circulation, the matter shall be subject to consent by the party giving out the contract; and where subcontract, lease, exchange or other means is adopted for circulation, the matter shall be reported to the party giving out the contract for the record.

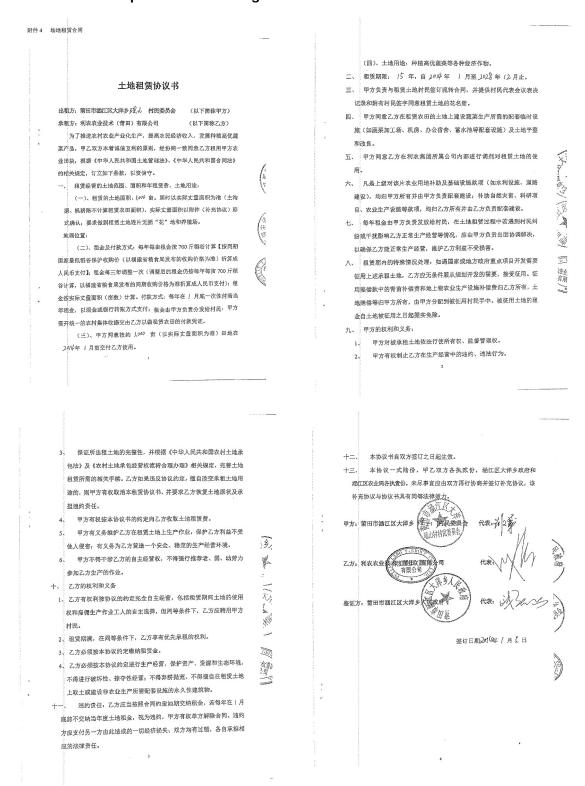
In general, the contract for the circulation of the right to land contractual management shall include the following clauses:

- 1) the names and domiciles of the two parties:
- 2) the name, location, area and quality grade of land concerned;
- 3) the term of circulation and the dates of beginning and end;
- 4) the purpose of use of the land concerned;
- 5) the rights and obligations of the two parties;
- 6) the price for the right circulated and the method of payment; and
- 7) Liabilities for breach of the contract.

Article 38 Where the parities to the circulation of the right to land contractual management by means of exchange or transfer request registration, they shall apply for registration to the local people's government at or above the county level. If he above is not registered, no one may oppose the third party acting in good faith.

Article 39 The contractor may, within a certain period of time, subcontract or lease part or all of the right to land contractual management to the third party, but the contractual relationship between the contractor and the party giving out the contract shall remain unchanged.

#### **APPENDIX III-Sample of Land Leasing Contract**



On 5 January 2014, Le Gaga signed the Land Lease Contract with Yaoshan Village, and the contract was endorsed by Dayang Township Government.

The contract includes:

1) the names and domiciles of the two parties;

Lessor: Yaoshan Village Committee Lesser: Le Gaga Putian Company

2) the name, location, area and quality grade of land concerned; 1000 mu land will be transferred;

The final land to be transferred to Le Gaga will be determined based on final DMS.

3) the term of circulation and the dates of beginning and end;15 yeasFrom January 2014 to December 2028

4) the purpose of use of the land concerned; only can be used for greenhouse and other agricultural facilities.

5) the price for the right circulated and the method of payment; and The rent is finalized based on the national guarantee purchase price for rice of the first year issued by Fujin Provincial Grain Bureau of 350 kilograms, which will be adjusted each 3 years.

Each year, before the end of January, Le Gaga should pay the rent to the village's account by cash or bank transfer.

The village is responsible for allocating the rent to the farmers.

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序号	姓名	土地面积(単位: 亩)	签字确认	序号	姓名	土地面积(单位; 亩)	签字确认
1	刘金清	4.11	20%	1	刘继祥	1.94	刘继
2	纪文富	5. 75	100	2	刘维高	5. 23	刘俊与
3	叶细醇	3. 29	好细熱	3	刘元星	6. 54	- NT 19
4	刘文訢	1.64	ション	4	刘元棋	6, 54	MIL
5	陈玉治	3. 29	39,24	5	刘金林	6.54	刘全者
6	刘水妹	3. 29	如水林	6	柯树物	3. 43	las
7	刘文盛	3. 29	135	7	柯元杜	3.98	tora
8	刘文楷	7.4	到文档	8	柯金郎	2.9	010
9	谢雅聪	3. 29	頂红旗縣	9	林田妹	1.74	# 图4
10	刘新龙	4. 93	刘新拉	10	柯田富	2.44	मेदा हो।
11	刘瑞昌	3. 29	12	11	罗风蓝	1.59	20
12	刘瑞山	4.11	刺猫山	12	柯玉尧	3. 97	祖立春
13	刘瑞林	2. 47	213254	13	刘幼桂	1.92	21/9/
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15	刘文华	7,77	刘文华	15	柯建国	2.7	107336
16	刘国杨	4, 85	3/3/4	16	张玉梅	2.73	张五寸
17	対文思	5.23	1	17	林秀兰	2.73	127 ×
18	刘文彬	7.85	ティス大大	18	柯元炬	0.93	VI
19	刘清平	7.85	刘清平	19	蔡丽英	3, 89	海和3
20	林秋金	2.6	EXERT	20	柯金清	2.61	42 (23)
21	刘加云	3, 88	刘加立	21	柯文彬	2.4	加立林
22	刘维亮	4.85	糾進先	22	郑玉媛	2.23	112. Th
23	刘国章	5. 83	刘周革	23	柯宴坤	4, 83	450
24	刘国珍	1.94	科自结	24	柯文通	2.81	相支通
25	対国洪	5, 83	0.00	25	柯文灿	1.62	柯文龙
26	刘田新	2.93	刘国新	26	林玉莲	2. 3	林西巷
27	刘金柯	5.83	到支村	27	柯美金	6	相差
28	対加庆	- 2.93	刘加庆	28	陈朝东	4.8	1
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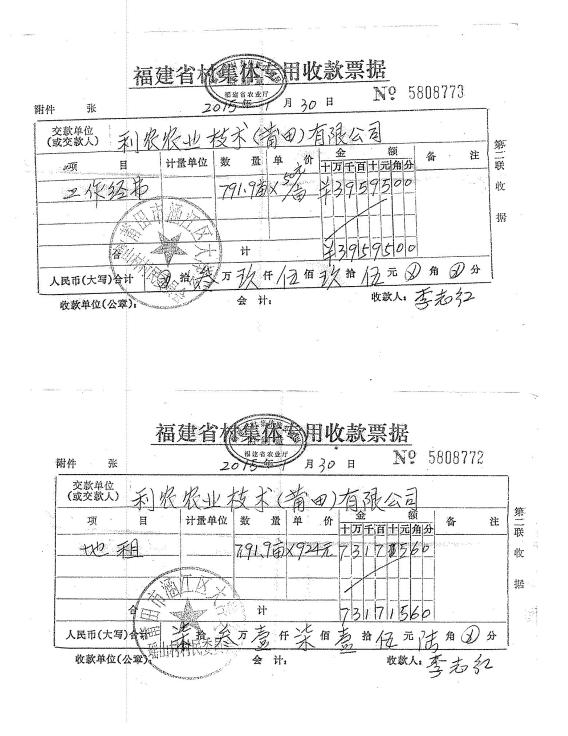
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1	郑建明	3, 95	(3)	1	陈美英	3. 55	强美英
2	郑青云	5. 93	YR#Z	2	范书华	1. 99	范书华
3	邓俊章	5. 18	其F35 数	3	陈美云	3. 45	陳之王
4	郑吓美	4. 44	彩水多	4	孫桂锋	3.06	3
5	郑建奇	5.18	於東京	5	陈文素	6.06	陈文东
6	郑建平	4.44	强重压	6	陈文钰	6.66	260
7	郑建安	3.7	25 32 5	7	刘秀春	4.04	100
8	郑建和	2, 96	神神和	8	吴其华	5. 05	3.4.4
9	郑俊浦	5.18	红烧浦	9	李庆堂	6.58	李座堂
10	郑国辉	3, 33		10	陈美兰	4. 39	存美兰
11	黄坚	4.44	左峰	11	李金模	8.76	本层模
12	郑建华	3.7	护建华	12	郭金昭	7.3	级多级
13	郑建武	8.14	2311-76	13	李铉	4.04	生教
14	郑国林	5, 18	初月本	14	李剑	4. 04	委引
15	郑国章	4.07	新国董	15	罗文加	9. 84	多文加
16	陈金廉	. 4.84	陈金融	16	検状金	1.01	本外主
17	郑美英	4.38	1	17	李志豪	7.07	
18	陈中祥	7,14	陈虫祥	18	李金銮	4, 34	主金毫
19	陈花英	3.87	450	19	李素金	3, 03	李表生
20	陈玉清	1,33	母玉猪	20	李金定	2, 42	李金定
21	陈金森	2.69	陈玉载	21	李志平	3, 25	参与每
22	陈金招	5, 27	防备格	22	李志忠	4.04	支去.忠
23	陈光荣	2.69	在此來	23	刘文苍	3, 29	刘之节
24	郑金钩	2, 65	426	24	刘希谊	3. 29	刊和
25	陈忠平	3.44	中央中华	25	対志强	4, 93	
26	陈柱芳	3.61	陈枝芳	26	刘田民	2, 47	刘国民
27	陈光德	3, 49	强礼徒,	27	刘得志	2.47	到海
28	李忠红	3, 13	Total 2	128	刘文革	4.11	
29	陈杜新	2.84		29	対文琰	4.93	刘文骏
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## Appendix IV-Receipt of Rent of the Year of 2014 and 2015





Note: By 31 January 2015, 895.95 mu land has been delivered to Le Gaga. For the year of 2014, Le Gaga paid the rent based on 1000 mu, so 104.05 mu is deduced from 895.95 mu. So for the year of 2015, the rent is paid based on 791.9 mu.