

June 28, 2022

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Dear Mr. Mishra and Mr. Vishnoi:

***INDIA: Vishnugad Pipalkoti Hydro Electric Project (IBRD Loan No 8078-IN)
Supplemental letter on the Implementation Action Plan for the extension period***

Please refer to our letter dated June 28, 2022 that establishes June 30, 2023 as the new loan closing date. We also refer to the letter from the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) D.O. F.No. 2/1/2006-FB-VIII, dated June 14, 2022, requesting a 12-months extension of the closing date, and a further extension beyond June 2023, to be confirmed after a joint review of the Project's performance by the DEA and the World Bank in June 2023.

The Project Implementing Entity (THDC) has agreed, via email exchange on May 25, 2022, to achieve the following milestones, which will inform Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) review in June 2023 in arriving at a decision on further extension of the closing date beyond June 30, 2023:

- (a) Commencement and completion of local economic development pilot programs to support local communities' livelihoods, and hiring of a Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) agency:
 - (i) Mobilize an M&E agency, by June 30, 2022;
 - (ii) Initial date of completion by January 31, 2023;
 - (iii) Submission of the final strategy report, by September 1, 2022; and
 - (iv) Completion of pilot implementation, by June 1, 2023.

- (b) Make physical progress at various Project sites, provided that the actual geology is aligned with the assessments of the Geological Baseline Report and that the Project does not encounter further geological difficulties beyond THDC's control:
 - (i) Commencement of Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) operations, by July 31, 2022; and
 - (ii) Excavation of the tail race tunnel, by May 22, 2023.
- (c) Continuous involvement of the Project Review Panel (PRP) (technical, environmental, and social) and Strategic Advisory Team (SAT) through at least bi-yearly PRP meetings, site visits, and monthly reporting.
- (d) Obtain consent to establish or consent to operate TBM slurry treatment and implement the slurry management system, as soon as possible.

We encourage THDC to continue to make every effort to improve the implementation progress of this Project. Should you need further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Dzenan Malovic (dmalovic@worldbank.org) and Mr. Pyush Dogra (pdogra@worldbank.org), the Project's Task Team Leaders. We look forward to continuing our partnership with THDC to meet the project's critical milestones within the agreed timeline.

Yours sincerely,



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