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GEF-WESTERN INDIAN OCEAN MARINE HIGHWAY DEVELOPMENT AND
COASTAL AND MARINE CONTAMINATION PREVENTION PROJECT
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REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA
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AFRICA — GEF-WESTERN INDIAN OCEAN MARINE HIGHWAY
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Restructuring Paper

1. The closing date for the Africa - GEF-Western Indian Ocean Marine Highway Development and Coastal and Marine Contamination Prevention Project, TF090304, P078643 will be extended from June 30, 2011 until December 31, 2012.
2. The project implementation and achievement of development objectives are currently rated as Satisfactory. This was confirmed following the recent mid-term review which endorsed the proposed extension of the closing date. Both implementation agencies (i.e., SAMSA and IOC) are performing satisfactorily. The project's audit reports for both implementation agencies have been submitted and are satisfactory. Financial management is being carried out in accordance with the Grant Agreement. The project objectives are achievable, and a proposed reallocation of grant proceeds among the existing disbursement categories is being finalized by the recipient to send later for consideration by the Bank. The survey of the marine route along the Mozambique Channel has been recently completed and the data has been transmitted to the U.K. Hydrographic Service to start the preparation of the electronic navigation charts of the surveyed corridor. Also, the project is advancing with the revision of the country specific and regional oil spill contingency plans, preparation of environmental sensitive area maps, development of an ecosystems valuation methodology and establishment of a Regional Coordination Center for spill contingencies. Recently the project was awarded a US\$100,000 grant from the European Space Agency to carry out sophisticated satellite imagery of the project area to complement project efforts in detecting oil spills and monitoring the surveyed corridor and the marine route.
3. The proposed extension of the closing date is necessary to allow the necessary implementation period to fully deploy the marine highway and achieve all development objectives. Delays at startup (which resulted from the coordination efforts required to bring on board eight countries and several international agencies) have now been overcome. A satisfactory implementation plan has been adopted as part of the mid-term review completed recently. The recipient's request for extension has been endorsed by all participating countries in a Project Steering Committee involving representatives from Comoros, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Seychelles, South Africa, and Tanzania.
4. This will be the first extension of the project.

