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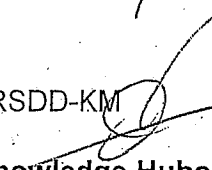
Memorandum

Regional and Sustainable
Development Department
Knowledge Management Center

19 August 2009

For Approval of Para. 3

To: Ma. Carmela D. Locsin *Locsin. Approved 8/19/09*
Deputy Director General, RSDD

From: Olivier Serrat
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Subject: **TA 6295-REG: Establishment of Regional Knowledge Hubs
—Request for Extension of Completion Date**

1. The completion date of this regional TA was extended from 31 December 2007 to 31 December 2009 through a memorandum dated 27 November 2007. However, on 21 November 2007, ADB and the Asian Institute of Management signed a Letter of Intent establishing a regional knowledge hub on regional trade and investment cooperation and integration. To this intent, a supplementary TA to provide support to AIM was approved on 14 May 2008. However, the first tranche of fund support was only disbursed in January 2009.

2. The disbursement of fund support was delayed because the workplan and the subsequent Advance Payment Facility Agreement were only finalized in June and December 2008, respectively. In addition, the signed Agreement [para. (g)] signifies that the activities funded in AIM will span 18 months. To complete the deliverables indicated in the agreed work plan, the knowledge hub will therefore require at least 6 additional months beyond the revised TA completion date of 31 December 2009.

3. According to PAI 5.11, para. 62, cumulative extensions of 1 year or less require approval of the TASU Director or Head. Accordingly, we hereby seek your endorsement to extend the completion date of the TA from 31 December 2009 to 30 June 2010 for the purposes of the regional knowledge hub on regional trade and investment cooperation and integration at AIM. The completion date of the TA will remain to be 31 December 2009 for the other six knowledge hubs¹ for the purposes of their activities. This means that all eligible expenses should be incurred by end-2009.

4. Upon approval of para 3 herein, and through this memorandum, we shall then request COSO and CTL to process the extension of the TA.

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¹ The other six knowledge hubs are (i) The Energy and Research Institute (New Delhi, India), (ii) The Asian Institute of Technology, UNEP, and UN-ESCAP (Bangkok, Thailand), (iii) The India Council for Sustainable Development (New Delhi, India), (iv) The Emerging Markets Forum (Washington DC, USA and Singapore), (v) The Energy Environment Economy Institute, Tsinghua University (Beijing, People's Republic of China), and (vi) Roberto F. De Ocampo Center for Public Finance and Regional Economic Cooperation (Manila, Philippines).