PROJECT PROGRESS

The overall progress for Stage 2 is well on track. The project is to likely establish a record within ADB for awarding contracts and achieving physical progress within three months Board approval of the project on 27 March 2012.

As of 31 December 2012, physical progress is estimated at 34% versus a target of 38%.

- **National and Provincial Roads Restoration**: Three Stage 2 contracts worth $6.6 million have been awarded to rebuild 2 km of dyke/detour road, Krong Prey Veng and Baray Lex bridges in Prey Veng province, and Koh Roka bridge in Kampong Cham province. Reconstruction works under Stage 2 are expected to finish in April 2013.

In Stage 3, three national competitive bidding contract (NCB) packages were signed in December 2012, and 2 NCB and 1 ICB contract packages are being procured. The work includes reconstruction of three additional bridges on National Road 11, 39.5 km of National Road 270, and 34.6 km of Provincial Road 159.

- **Rural Road Restoration**: Five Stage 2 contracts worth $7.3 million have been awarded to repair four roads totaling 49.5 km in Prey Veng, five roads totaling 73.9 km in Kampong Cham, five roads totaling 50 km in Siem Reap, seven roads totaling 65.5 km in Banteay Meanchey, and five roads totaling 36.3 km in Kampong Thom provinces.

Three national competitive bidding contract packages are being procured under Stage 3. Reconstruction will include 179.2 km of rural roads (paved with laterite) in all the five provinces.

Rural roads are being further strengthened to protect against future flood damage with cross-drainage facilities and paving with laterite/double bituminous surface treatment.

- **Irrigation and Flood Control**: Six packages of Stage 2 civil works consisting of ten sub-projects valued at $4.4 million were awarded to five contractors in June 2012. The ten sub-projects will be capable of irrigating 13,911 ha, which are equivalent to about 56% of the targeted irrigated areas of this output. As of December 2012, the overall progress was estimated at 72%, behind the target of 100%. The construction works for three subprojects were completed in December while the work progress for the remaining seven ranged...
between 35% and 80%. The delay was due to poor condition of access roads and high water levels in some canals. The ten Stage 3 subprojects have completed the detailed design and they are in bid preparation stage.