

**QUARTERLY SUMMARY REPORT ON APPROVED SMALL-SCALE AND
SUPPLEMENTARY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS NOT EXCEEDING \$150,000
(31 March 2008)**

TA-7069-AZE: Power Transmission Enhancement (Project Preparatory)

Executing Agency : Azerenergy Joint Stock Company
TA Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 10 March 2008
Date Approved : 17 March 2008

Azerenergy conducted a feasibility study on the Government of Azerbaijan's plans to construct a double-circuit 220 kV transmission line from Mingechaur hydropower plant to Absheron substation to replace the existing one that has been used for about 60 years. Although the study was found adequate in sector analysis, project technical design, cost estimates, and implementation arrangements, the TA will help to appropriately assess Azerenergy's financial performance, the project's financial and economic benefits, and potential social and environmental impacts.

Status of Consulting Services : Consulting service will commence on 1 April 2008 and will be completed on 31 May 2008.

TA-7071-KAZ: CAREC Transport Corridor I (Zhambyl Oblast Section) (Project Preparatory)

Executing Agency : Committee of Roads under the Ministry of Transport and Communications
TA Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 25 March 2008
Date Approved : 28 March 2008

The Government of Kazakhstan gives high priority to the improvement of the Western Europe-Western China Transport Corridor that runs 2,815 km. from Khorgos at the border with the People's Republic of China to its western border with the Russian Federation. Reconstruction of 271 km. existing roads and construction of 209 km. new roads of the Corridor located in the Zhambyl Oblast will be financed by ADB. The TA is allocated for due diligence that will complement the project's Feasibility Study completed by the Government in 2007.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of the consultants is underway.

TA-7066-KGZ: CAREC Transport Corridor I (Bishkek-Torugart Road) (Project Preparatory)

Executing Agency : Ministry of Transport and Communications
TA Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 21 February 2008
Date Approved : 4 March 2008

The 490 km. Bishkek-Torugart Road is an international transport corridor that links the Kyrgyz Republic to the People's Republic of China in the south and Kazakhstan in the north. It has deteriorated extensively due to deferred maintenance and capital investment, which resulted in high transport costs, long transit time, and traffic accidents. The TA will primarily build upon

previous studies and prepare/finalize the feasibility of undertaking improvement of the Bishkek-Torugart Road and, thus, open up one of the major regional corridors for trade and economic cooperation among CAREC countries.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of the consultants is being processed.

TA-7068-PAK: Lahore Rapid Mass Transit System (Project Preparatory)

Executing Agency : Planning and Development Board of the Punjab Provincial Government
TA Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 28 February 2008
Date Approved : 7 March 2008

The Punjab provincial government (PPG) has undertaken extensive preparatory work to assess the feasibility of the rapid mass transit system using a public-private partnership (PPP) approach, which encompasses a long-term plan to finance, construct, and operate four mass rail lines interconnected to multimodal transport. A highly qualified international transaction advisory team will ensure that the proposed PPP structure is sound and will attract the best possible partners from the private sector. The TA will assist PPG in coordinating with potential bidders to facilitate outsourcing and implementation of the transaction advisory work.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of the consultants is being processed.

TA-4970-PRC: Western Yunnan Roads Development II (Supplementary) (Project Preparatory)

Executing Agency : Yunnan Provincial Communications Department
TA Amount (\$'000) : 100.0
Business Opportunities Listing : Not Listed
Date Approved : 14 March 2008

After intensive discussion with a Mission fielded by EATC in December 2007, the National Development and Reform Commission of the People's Republic of China (PRC), in principle, endorsed the proposal of using the ADB's Multitranchise Financing Facility and increasing the project scope for the ensuing loan. The original scope of the TA will be expanded to include identification and evaluation of local and border road projects. The increase in TA budget is necessary to implement the TA activities with greater depth and enhance the quality of the loan proposal.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of the consultants is being processed.

TA-7052-PRC: Asset-Backed Securitization for Expressway Financing and Corporate Debt Restructuring in Yunnan Province (Advisory)

Executing Agency : Yunnan Provincial Communications Department
TA Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 18 December 2007
Date Approved : 11 January 2008

ADB has a large exposure to expressways in the PRC, particularly in Yunnan and other western provinces where funding needs continue to be large. The TA will assist PRC counterparts to tap direct financing from capital markets as part of the objective to optimize expressway financing in western provinces. It will provide a broader selection of quality fixed-income investment tools for institutional investors thereby supporting more balanced capital market development. It will also develop recommendations to Yunnan Provincial Highway Development and Investment Corporation to formulate and execute asset-backed securities transaction, and restructure and optimize its debt structure.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of the International Asset-Backed Securities Specialist was finalized on 27 February 2008. Recruitment of the national consultants is being processed.

TA-7070-THA: Greater Mekong Subregion Highway Expansion (Project Preparatory)

Executing Agency : Department of Highways
TA Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 12 March 2008
Date Approved : 28 March 2008

In November 2007, the Government of Thailand advised that the Ministry of Communications and Transport and the Department of Highways intended to upgrade approximately 433 km. of priority sections of national highway. The Government requested ADB to consider providing a loan for improvement of three out of the eight sections selected. To complete the project documentation required to process an ADB loan, the TA will fund additional work to address technical issues and to compile reports on various aspects of the project into a single report.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of the consultants is expected to commence in April 2008.

TA-7053-UZB: Eligibility of State-owned Road Enterprises for Participation in ADB-financed Projects (Advisory)

Executing Agency : Road Fund under the Ministry of Finance
TA Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 7 December 2007
Date Approved : 24 January 2008

Several state-owned road enterprises under state joint stock company Uzavtoyul have indicated interest in bidding for ADB-finance projects. Preliminary investigations into the general legal, financial, and managerial framework within which Uzavtoyul enterprises operate have led to the conclusion that, currently, Uzavtoyul enterprises are ineligible to bid. However, the Government has stated that some of the enterprises may meet the eligibility requirements. To give these enterprises an opportunity to prove their eligibility, the TA will (i) review similar assessments by ADB and/or other development agencies for other countries, (ii) review preliminary findings completed under TA 4889-UZB, (iii) further investigate the Uzavtoyul enterprises, and (iv) identify necessary measures that the enterprises should adopt in the event that ineligibility is further confirmed.

Status of Consulting Services : Consultants' work ongoing.

TA-6449-REG: Enhancing Collaboration with Supreme Audit Institutions through Project Procurement-Related Audits (Regional)

Executing Agency	:	Asian Development Bank
TA Amount (\$'000)	:	140.0
Business Opportunities Listing	:	7 March 2008
Date Approved	:	17 March 2008

The TA will capitalize on opportunities to work in partnership with SAIs and increase awareness of ADB's efforts in combating fraud and corruption at DMCs through project procurement-related audits (PPRA). It will fund the SAI participants' travel-related costs in order for them to fully participate in the 2008 PPRA to be conducted for ADB-financed projects in their respective countries. In addition, workshops will be conducted at the end of each PPRA in order to impart knowledge on fraud prevention and detection techniques to SAIs and to the concerned project staff at ADB's Resident Missions; share best practices and consolidate SAI's experience to enhance effectiveness and efficiency of future PPRA's; and exchange information about SAI's anticorruption efforts in their countries.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of the consultant is being processed.