



Asian Development Bank

Cambodia Resident Mission

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Mr. David Pred
Executive Director
Bridges Across Borders
Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Dear Mr. Pred,

Thank you for your letter dated 7 April 2011, and the attached letters of complaint from 174 affected households along the Green Trade Warehouse (GTW) Line, the Phnom Penh Line, and the Samrong Estate.

We note that the complaints raise doubts about the accuracy of the detailed measurement survey (DMS), the assessments of the viability for continued use of partially affected structures, and the correctness of the proffered compensation for affected assets. We also note reports of threats and coercion, and indications of the ineffectiveness of the grievance mechanism.

These are serious concerns which we have conveyed to IRC along with a request for resolution at the earliest possible time. ADB will actively follow up with the IRC on progress towards resolving the issues. We have also started our own, parallel investigation and would like to meet with you, other NGOs, and concerned parties to review our findings and discuss our preliminary recommendations for their resolution.

Tentatively, I suggest Tuesday 10 May 2011 for the meeting. That would allow us to have the results of the investigation in hand while at the same time giving us sufficient time to incorporate your comments and suggestions into the upcoming Resettlement Review Mission, tentatively scheduled for 16-27 May 2011, where we will follow-up on the Government's measures to address the complaints and discuss systemic improvements.

Sincerely,

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Country Director

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