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Office of the Special Project Facilitator

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Ms. Sinh Chinh, Community Leader
Krang Khok, Kampong Seung Commune
Preah Sdech District, Prey Veng Province, Cambodia

Ms. Phen Vanna, Community Leader
Steung Sloth, Neakleurng Commune
Peam Ror District, Prey Veng Province, Cambodia

Subject: Loan 1659(SF)-CAM: Phnom Penh to Ho Chi Minh City Highway Project
—Postponement of the Consultation Process

Dear Mss. Chinh and Vanna:

I have received your letter dated 7 January 2008, in which you requested that OSPF temporarily postpone further steps under the ADB Accountability Mechanism. Your letter crossed with my letter dated 11 January 2008, in which I requested that you provide comments on our Review and Assessment Report (RAR).

We have also received a letter dated 4 February 2008 from Mr. Sauth Sophon, Acting Director of CDCam, reiterating that the 63 families in Steung Slot and Kraing Kaok would like OSPF to postpone the SPF process until after they learn more about the survey that is being conducted by ADB's Cambodia Resident Mission. Mr. Sophon also said that the community members would not be sending comments on the RAR.

ADB's Cambodia Resident Mission (CARM) has sent us comments on the RAR, pointing out that there is an ongoing process comprising the Inter-ministerial Resettlement Committee, NGOs and CARM, that is working on a solution to the problems that the complainants have raised.

In view of your request and the comments of CARM, OSPF is postponing the consultation process. We hope that the ongoing mechanism involving the IRC, CARM and the NGOs succeeds in resolving the issues that the people have raised. We strongly recommend that the parties work out an agreed timeframe for actions under that mechanism and provide a copy to OSPF.

Sincerely,

Robert C. May
Special Project Facilitator

cc: Mr. A. Goswami, Country Director, CARM
Mr. Sauth Sophon, Acting Director, CDCam

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