DISCLOSURE FOR ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIAL MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

Chandigarh Transport Undertaking (CTU) has been selected as one of the project cities for implementing the Global Environmental Facility (GEF) – Efficient and Sustainable City Bus Transport Service Project (ESCBSP). The project aims to encourage city bus operations in India's urban transport systems. The Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD) is the Government of India, representative responsible for implementing the project.

The sub- components under the project for CTU include construction new depot, purchase of modern bus depot equipments and ITS/MIS equipments for facilitating the city bus services along with select technical assistance studies. The project will be funded by a combination of funds to be received from Govt. of India, State Govt. GEF by way of grants and CTU's own funds.

To integrate environmental and social considerations in project planning, design and implementation, an Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) has been prepared, in line with the requirements of the applicable procedures of the Gol respective project states, and in conformance with the Environmental and Social Policies of the World Bank. The ESMF lays down the principles and guidelines for addressal of environment and social safeguard impacts due to the implementation of the ESCBSP.

A draft of the ESMF has been prepared and the same was displayed online at the CTU website http://chdctu.gov.in and also available for review at the office of the Director Transport, UT, Chandigarh, Plot No.-701, Industrial Area Phase-1, Chandigarh.

Chandigarh Transport Undertaking has published a public notice in the different newspapers as well as displayed in the website of this Undertaking i.e. http://chdctu.gov.in. In the said public notice, all the interested stakeholders were requested to review the Draft ESMF which was available at the above said website and to provide their views, concerns, comments and grievances if any upto 11.07.2014 at 17.00 hours through email at ctu-chd@nic.in or in writing to the Director Transport, UT, Chandigarh, Plot No.-701, Industrial Area Phase-1, Chandigarh so that to finalize the ESMF for implementation.

A Public Meeting to discuss the ESMF was also be fixed on 18.07.2014 at 11.00 AM, in the office of the Director Transport, UT, Plot No. 701, Industrial Area, Phase I, Chandigarh in which all interested stakeholders were invited to participate.

In compliance to the above said public notice, neither any comments/views from any stakeholders were received in the office of the Director Transport, U.T., Chandigarh, Plot No.701, Industrial Area Phase I, Chandigarh nor attended the meeting by anyone fixed in this regard on 18.07.2014.

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