

Results of Environmental Review

- (1) Reference Number
14-015
- (2) Project Name
Construction of an industrial park
- (3) Project Site
Yangon Region, Myanmar
- (4) Project Outline
Construction of Thilawa Special Economic Zone
- (5) Category
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- (6) Reason of Categorization
The project falls into the large-scale involuntary resettlement under the Environmental Guidelines.
- (7) Environmental Permission / Approval by the Environmental Authority
In 2013 the EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment) system was at the planning phase. The project proponent made an EIA in accordance with the planned EIA system, with a prior consent of MOECAF (Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry) and Thilawa SEZ Management Committee.
The EIA was submitted to Thilawa SEZ Management Committee and was transferred to MOECAF. It was approved in December 2013 after discussions with MIC (Myanmar Investment Commission) and Cabinet.
- (8) Pollution Prevention
In the case that a tenant may cause environmental affects in the industrial park, the tenant will be required to submit an EIA or IEE (Initial Environmental Evaluation) to MOECAF and exercise mitigation measure. Other tenants will be required to observe the guideline values stipulated by Ministry of Industry. Each tenant will be required to treat effluent water and the centralized wastewater treatment plant will improve water quality by sedimentation, self-purification and attenuation.

Myanmar government is stipulating domestic standard of air quality, water quality and noise with help of an international organization.

(9) Natural Environmental Considerations

Farmland and grassland were converted to the industrial park. Thus impacts on the ecosystem should be minimal. There is no natural protection area or habitat for rare species near the project site

(10) Social Considerations

All of the lands for the industrial park were acquired by Myanmar government in 1997. Some households either lived or utilized the land inside the park until the beginning of land grading. After the land grading 65 household had to relocate and 16 households lost their farmlands. Yangon Regional Government conducts resettlement and Thilawa SEZ Management Committee supports implementation. Local and international NGOs participated in the consultation meetings between local governments and project-affected people. From now on necessary compensations and aids will be given to project-affected people through these consultation meetings.

(11) Applied International Standards

World Bank Safeguard Policies

(12) Monitoring

The project proponent will conduct monitoring of air quality, water quality and noise. The monitoring results will be reported to Thilawa SEZ Management Committee.

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