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Chief Environment Officer, Environmental Assessment & Compliance Division, Department of Environment & Climate Change, Ministry of Energy & Natural Resources, Thimphu: Bhutan.

Subject:Submission of Entitlement Matrix for the 66kV D/C Jomori Transmission Line
ESIA Report

Dear Madam,

This is to apprise your kind self that during the recent JICA HQ mission to Bhutan in early August 2024 to carry out the fact findings on the IEE and ESIA reports of the Druk Bindu and Jomori HPPs and its ATS, it was found that the ESIA report for the 66kV D/C Jomori Transmission Line did not contain the 'Entitlement Matrix' which encompasses the provisions of the prevailing rules and regulations in the country on compensations for damage/loss of land/properties of the project affected people.

Since the matrix is an important component of the ESIA report and must be incorporated as per JICA's requirement, we would like to submit it for your approval and acceptance.

Enclosed: Entitlement Matrix

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely,

Dorii Kinley **Chief Manager**

Cc:

- 1. Director, CPD, BPC, Thimphu for kind information.
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Entitlement Matrix

Compensation for the project affected peoples is summarized in the table of Entitlement Matrix in the below.

Entitlement Matrix for Transmission Line			
S1.	Type of loss	Entitled Persons (Beneficiaries)	Entitlement (Compensation Package)
1	Permanent Acquisition of Agriculture and Institutional Lands	Legal owner(s) of the land	Land-for-land compensation or cash compensation. An entitlement of Nu. 2,392.60 will be provided to develop 1 decimal of undeveloped replacement land into wet land. Provision of services and payment of service charges in regard to registration of ownership title deeds (thram) of the affected HHs.
2	Temporary Loss of Agriculture Lands (Land on Lease)	Legal owner(s) of the land	Rate for lease of land as per the Rules and Regulation for Lease of Government Reserved Forest Land and Government Land 2009.
3	Loss of Cash Crops and Fruit Trees	Legal owner(s) of the cash crops or fruit trees	Cash compensation for loss of cash crops and fruit trees will be paid as per the LCR 2022.
4	Loss of trees for use by Community Forest Group	Community Forest Group	Payment of Royalty for Trees cleared for RoW.
5	Unforseen impacts (due to clearing for construction of Transmission Line)	Legal owner(s) of the cash crops or fruit trees	Cash compensation for loss of cash crops and fruit trees will be paid as per the LCR 2022.



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September 12, 2024

To, Bhutan Power Corporation Limited Chubachu (BPCL Corporation Office) Thimphu

Subject: 66kV D/C Jomori Transmission Line

Sir,

This has reference to letter no. 102/BPC/C&PD/CMS/2024/Vol-11/57 dated September 12, 2024 regarding the Submission of Entitlement Matrix for the 66kV D/C Jomori Transmission Line under the Environment and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) Report.

In this regard, the Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC) has reviewed the submission and noted that the information provided has no deviation from the documents already submitted for EC. Additionally, it does not entail modification of the project. As such the DECC is pleased to inform that the existing EC issued vide letter no. DECC/EACD/Dzo-S/Jongkhar dated August 30, 2024 is valid even with this submission of new information.

Should you require any clarification, please contact the Environment Assessment and Compliance Division of DECC at 02-323384.



Copy to:

- 1. Dasho Dzongdag, Chairman, Dzongkhag Environment Committee, Samdrup Jongkhar Dzongkhag for kind information and theDzongkhag Environment Officer;
- 2. Guard file (EACD/Dzo-S/Jongkhar/4364) DECC, MoENR for record.