

## MINUTES

### **of a public hearing on the EIA of the final project design for the road reconstruction project for a section of the M-32 (Temirlan Village Bypass) of the Western Europe-Western China International Transit Corridor in the Ordabasy District, South Kazakhstan *Oblast***

**29 July 2010**

**Village of Kazhymukan**

**Ismailov Secondary School**

#### **Agenda:**

1. Presentation of the final project design for the Temirlan Village Bypass
2. Implementation of the Resettlement Policy
3. Answers to questions put by participants at the meeting

#### **The following were present:**

Residents of the village of Kazhymukan who own buildings and land and whose interests are affected by the Western Europe-Western China project; N. Omirbaev, the deputy chair of the Highways Committee of the Ministry of Transport and Communications and the project director; managers and experts from the South Kazakhstan *Oblast* Department [of the Highways Committee]; experts from the project management consultant; representatives from the design organisations; and the *Akim* (head) of Kazhymukan Municipal District D. Tleubergenov and his deputy, K. Tastemirov. A total of 68 people were present.

#### **The following contributions were made:**

##### **1. D. Tleubergenov, *Akim* of Kazhymukan Municipal District**

- The aim of our meeting today is to discuss the amended Temirlan Village Bypass project, to which the designers, that is to say the companies Donsung and Doris, have inserted the changes and additions suggested by you during our last meeting on 29 June 2010.

Possibly you will have questions about the resettlement policy. In this connection, I request that you ask them after the presentations. I hope that you will get satisfactory answers to all of your questions. I will now give the floor to the Deputy Chair of the Highways Committee of the Ministry of Transport and Communications - Mr Nurlanbek Omirbaev.

## **2. N. Omirbaev, Deputy Chair of the Highways Committee of the Ministry of Transport and Communications**

- As you will remember, initially two options for this bypass were examined. The developer is the South Kazakhstan *Oblast* Department of the Highways Committee of the Ministry of Transport and Communications, the designer is the Korean company Donsung and the subcontractor Doris LLP (Kazakhstan). Our last meeting with you was held on 29 June of this year, organised by the Public Monitoring Group headed by Mr B. Isaliev.

As regards the technical parameters, the length of the bypass through the village was 14.8 km. Two intersections were planned. Based on your wishes, a new design for the bypass has been produced taking into consideration your suggestions. As you already know, demolition work is planned where the road crosses the village. We have come together today to answer your questions about the resettlement policy. In other words, today there must be a frank discussion.

Respected villagers, this is your opportunity to have your questions answered. As you know, the World Bank has allocated funds for this project. There is also an organisation carrying out external monitoring - the project management consultant, the Canadian company SNC Lavalin, whose representatives are also present.

Buildings and land will be valued only by a licensed company appointed by Doris LLP. The main works are scheduled to begin in 2011 and be completed in 1-1.5 year's time.

## **3. Zh. Seidivaliev, Deputy Director of the South Kazakhstan Department of the Highways Committee of the Ministry of Transport and Communications**

- Now the representative from Doris LLP will present the technical part of the project. But before that, I would like to remind you that you urgently need to legalise the buildings on your land. The fact is that some of you have nothing but the state-issued title deeds to the land.

## **4. Ermek Kozhabergenov, representative of Doris LLP**

- gave a short overview of the technical parameters of the revised design.

**5. K. Tastermirov, Deputy *Akim* of Kazhymukan Municipal District**

- as an addition to the overview given by the representative of Doris LLP, Mr Tastermirov gave a more detailed explanation of the siting of cattle crossings and overpasses as well as of the land expropriation and building demolition processes.

**6. Zh. Seidivaliev, Deputy Director of the South Kazakhstan Department of the Highways Committee of the Ministry of Transport and Communications**

- discussed the stages of the resettlement plan.

**7. N. Omirbaev, Deputy Chair of the Highways Committee of the Ministry of Transport and Communications**

- I have looked at your questions in the Register of Comments and Suggestions, which is kept in the project community liaison office, situated in this school. You have asked if it would be possible to receive land on the outskirts of this village or in the Ordabasy District. It turned out during a meeting today with the *Akim* of the district that there is no land free in the district. However, he went on to say that the wishes of people whose houses will be demolished as a result of this project will be examined. It is highly likely that there will be a new street in this village. The Highways Committee is responsible for paying compensation. Moreover, I would like to add that lists of property to be demolished will be published on the websites of the Ministry of Transport and Communications and the World Bank and on a new website, [www.europe-china.kz](http://www.europe-china.kz).

**8, 9. Kazhymukan residents**

- I am elderly. I don't have any relatives who could build a new house to replace the old one. What will happen to me?

- May we take the used building materials away ourselves?

- We want the valuation to be fair.

**10. N. Omirbaev, Deputy Chair of the Highways Committee of the Ministry of Transport and Communications**

- First, I would like to remind you again that everyone without exception will receive equivalent compensation. Moreover, the option of acquiring (buying) houses for those who cannot build them will be examined.

- As regards the removal of building materials, I would like to explain that the regulations state that building materials for which compensation is payable must be destroyed in a certified process. You can find more information on this procedure in the leaflets available previously and today.

**11. I. Daneev, Kazhymukan resident**

- My plot will be completely destroyed. I took part in the public hearing organised by the Public Monitoring Group, in particular by Mr B. Isaliev, on 29 June of this year. I did not receive an answer to my question, 'Why will the Temirlan village bypass go through the village of Kazhymukan? Is there no free land in the district?' Personally, I am not psychologically ready for the demolition. I have been forced to stop repairs on my house. I do not need land on high ground and I want land of equivalent value.

**12. N. Omirbaev**

- Does such land exist?

**13, 14. I. Daneev, P. Kokymbaev**

- We believe that suitable land is available. I would like to acquire a plot next to the road to open my own roadside business.

**15. H. Omirbaev**

- The *Akimat* [municipality] is responsible for deciding these questions. There will be opportunities for those who wish to enter into roadside service businesses. However, you need to remember that there cannot be any buildings inside the interchange.

**16. V. Gerdt, property owner:**

- I personally support the revised design with a sufficient number of cattle crossings and overpasses. In addition, I would also like to request that land be allocated for new homes to be built before autumn 2010, so that the foundations can be laid. These plots must be connected to all the utilities. I know that none of you whose interests are affected by the project have gone to court. We understand perfectly that this road will bring only benefits.

**Residents also received exhaustive answers to the questions:**

- Will the road embankment itself be elevated?
- Can residents be resettled if they wish?
- What will be inside the interchange, etc.

**Chair of the Meeting** [original stamped and signed]

**Secretary:** **Zh. Kozhakhmetova**