Report of Stakeholder Meeting of Safe Drinking Water Supply Project in the Rural Area of Senegal

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1. Registration

The meeting was held at 1:30p.m. on 05/Mar/2017 in Louga City. President Salle, several ministers of the Senegal government, Chinese Ambassador Zhang Xun and Counsellor Lu Yifeng attended the meeting. People from all walks of life, chiefs of villages and many villagers attended the meeting.



2. Opening of the meeting

In the meeting, after welcoming the participants, all authorized people who were present for the meeting introduced themselves respectively. Then the chairman from OFFICE DES FORAGES RURAUX (OFOR) announced the stakeholder meeting of Safe Drinking Water Supply Project in the Rural Area of Senegal was open.

3. Explanation of the project (in non-technical terms)

The explanation of the project was done by chairman using the non-technical summary which was translated into French. Every participant received the softcopy and so it was easy to follow all explanations in relation to the project. The explanation was focusing on the meaning and maintenance of the water supply system to enable rural people of Senegal have access to save money, energy and to protect environment by reducing wood fuel consumption needed to boiling water.

The chairman introduced that the project will be undertaken by Sinopec Nova Petroleum Corporation's subsidiary CGCOC.

Senegal, close to the Sahara Desert, has a long dry season. The central and eastern parts of the country are mostly semi-desert regions. During the dry season, the temperatures could soar to almost 45 degrees Celsius. In such harsh conditions, local water supply equipment is easily dilapidated. In villages far from cities, residents often cannot get easy access to clean and safe water.

The project will cover 12 of the 14 regions of Senegal, and each water supply system of the project consists of wells, water towers, pipes and distribution facilities with a maximum daily supply capacity of 80,000 cubic meters. The project also created jobs for more than 3,000 local people.





4. Question and answer session about the project

The presentation was followed by a Q&A session about the project. The Q&A are shown as follows:

Question 1: How many water supply systems will be constructed? How far will we to fetch the water?

Answer: The project involves 12 of the 14 regions in Senegal, building and rebuilding 261 wells for rural areas, building 181 water towers, laying 1,800 kilometers of water supply pipelines, and supporting 270 drinking water troughs for livestock. We believe it will significantly reduce the time people spending on fetching water.

Question 2: Who will in charge of the daily operation of wells?

Answer: Every well will be maintained by a worker. The worker will be hired locally. The project will create more than 3,000 jobs for local people in construction, transportation and maintaining etc.

5. Discussion on Continuous Input/Grievance Mechanism

In this session the participants discussed how to keep contact between the users of water supply system and OFOR. They opted for two ways. The first way is to use the phone (+221) 33 827 57 38 or 800 80 30 30 and the second way is to use the E-mail forages@forages-ruraux.sn. The representatives of OFOR will check the e-mail every day to see the problems reported and find solutions with users.

6. Closure of the meeting

At the end of the meeting chairman ended the meeting by thanking all the participants and wishing everybody a good journey to home. The meeting was closed at 16:30p.m.

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