

November 27, 2012

Mr. S.A. Tsyplenkov  
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Dear Mr. Tsyplenkov,

Thank you for the letter dated November 22, 2012 to me and other World Bank staff about two project proposals (Shuren Hydropower and Orkhon Gobi) being considered for further study as part of the World Bank's Mining Infrastructure Investment Support (MINIS) project for Mongolia. We value your observations in regard to the environmental and social issues related to these proposals very much.

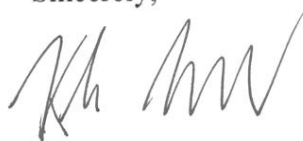
By way of background let me explain that the MINIS project provides financing to help the Government of Mongolia prepare studies for potential infrastructure projects that would support the development of mining in Mongolia in a way that is economically, socially, and environmentally responsible. MINIS is entirely limited to provide support for studies and will not finance the investment costs of any of these assessed infrastructure projects.

MINIS is initially supporting the screening of background reports consolidating available information and data on priority projects identified by the Mongolian Project Steering Committee. This would include studies to determine the scientific, economic, environmental rationale of each proposal. As of now the Government has put forward six projects for detailed study, including the Shuren Hydropower Dam and the Orkhon Gobi Water Diversion Project. The Bank will be screening the proposed priority projects in terms of compliance with the Bank's environmental and social safeguards and other eligibility criteria under MINIS before making a decision whether MINIS can support the preparation of pre-feasibility and feasibility studies.

We sincerely welcome the opportunity to learn more from you and to review any detailed documents you may have about the concerns you raised. We have also forwarded your comments to the Project Management Unit for the project. If you or your team would like to discuss the technical dimensions of the projects and share more details about possible analysis on the environmental impacts, you may want to contact: Mr. Rikard Liden, Senior Hydropower Specialist, World Bank Washington Office ([rliden@worldbank.org](mailto:rliden@worldbank.org); 202-473-9254), Mr. Marcus Wijnen, Senior Water Resources Management Specialist, World Bank Washington Office ([mwijnen@worldbank.org](mailto:mwijnen@worldbank.org); 202-473-3614) or Mr. Gerald Ollivier, Senior Infrastructure Specialist and Team Leader, World Bank Beijing Office ([gollivier@worldbank.org](mailto:gollivier@worldbank.org); 86-10-5861-7680).

Once again, thank you for your letter. We look forward to engaging with you and your organization during the development of the background studies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Klaus Rohland', written in a cursive style.

Klaus Rohland  
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