

**Progress Report  
on**

**Ozone Project**

**Submitted by  
Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment and  
Meteorology**

**for  
Cabinet Development Committee**

## **1. Purpose of Submission**

The purpose of this submission is to provide CDC members with an update on the ozone project.

The project objectives are:

To fulfill Samoa's commitments under the Montreal Protocol through:

- Planning, managing, coordinating and monitoring the implementation of ozone depleting substances (ODS) policies and programmes to achieve total phase out of all ODS in the country as Samoa's obligations under the Montreal Protocol

## **2. Executing Agency**

The Executing Agency for this project is the Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment and Meteorology (MNREM). Day-to-day coordination of the project is the responsibility of the National Ozone Unit under the Climate Services Section of the Meteorology Division.

## **3. Implementing Agency**

The Implementing Agency for this project is United Nations Environment Programme.

## **4. Background on Project**

Samoa became a signatory to the Montreal Protocol in the year 1992 together with its amendments that followed: The London, Copenhagen and Montreal amendments in 2001 and Beijing amendment in 2002. The main obligations for Samoa under this Protocol is to phase out all ozone depleting substances in Samoa and in turn prepare and submit regular reports on progress made with implementation of the Protocol, the amendments to the Protocol that followed entailed Samoa to introduce a licensing system, which required a legal mechanism i.e. Regulations. The Regulation on the Protection of the Ozone Layer was approved and endorsed by the Cabinet earlier on this year in March 2006.

The focus of this project focuses on institutional strengthening, prioritizing the licensing system to prevent oversupply and dumping of ozone depleting substances, thus monitoring and regulating this trade.

## **5. Funding Sources and Conditions**

The total cost of this project is US\$60,000, which is fully funded by the Multilateral Fund. The Government of Samoa provides in-kind support through the provision of office space, amenities and administrative support.

This is a three year project, which began in January 2006 and will finish in December 2008.

## **6. Current Financial and Implementation Status**

As of the end of June 2006, approximately US\$16,000 of project funds had been spent.

A brief implementation summary is provided below.

- *Activity 1: Legislation and Regulation to ensure on going compliance with the Montreal Protocol Regulations*
  - The Regulations has been formulated with the assistance of the Attorney General's Office and the National Ozone Committee
  - Consultations have been complete in its process of approval and endorsement by the Cabinet

- Has been passed by the Cabinet earlier on this year
- Code of practice which is a requirement under the Regulations has been drafted and is yet to be consulted upon

*Licensing System:*

- Procedures of the licensing system are now in place i.e. institutional arrangements, templates – applications and licenses, pamphlets and background information is provided to the relevant stakeholders to assist with the registration procedures, the procedures taken to consider an applications, conditions required, minimum requirements as well as a copy of the Regulations
- Training on how to fill in the forms is required to be implemented
- *Activities 2: Reporting*
  - A survey is conducted yearly for the amount of ODS within Samoa; a report of this is to be sent to the Ozone Secretariat.
  - The survey has been completed
- *Activities 5: Public Awareness and Education*
  - Creating awareness to phase out ODS is of paramount importance, this strategy is continuous – Awareness day as well as a Quiz competition has just been completed
- *Activities 6: Training, Licensing Programs and Workshops*
  - 4 main areas – Training of Refrigeration technicians, training of NOU staff, Training of Custom officers and Training of technicians before issuing licenses or permits – this has been completed in the previous years, however another workshop is required.

## **7. Outstanding Issues**

There are no outstanding issues relating to this project.

## **8. Statement of Support**

This project is viewed as an important project, not only to assist Samoa to fulfill its international obligations, but also to build national capacity to deal with the ozone depletion issue. The project has been well integrated into the other functions of the MNREM, as well other government agencies.

## **9. Possible Implications of Project**

This project will build capacity in Samoa to deal with the ozone depletion issue. The project will help promote the using of ozone friendly substances and low Ozone Depleting Potential refrigerants in Samoa, thus lowering reliance on imported ozone depleting substances. The increased use of these substances shows the country's level of awareness of the danger that can result with continued use ozone depleting substances.

## **10. Summary of Issues**

This report is intended to provide an update on this project to CDC members. This project is going well and there are no major issues to report.

## **11. Recommendations for Consideration**

It is recommended that CDC:

- Accept this report as an update on the Ozone project; and

- Support the continued implementation of this project by the Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment and Meteorology.

**12. Signature of Executing Agency**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tu'u'u".

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**13. Date:**            **11 August 2006**