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Dear Sir:

**RE: Environmental, Risks and Resource Management Services
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Happy New Year. Please find enclosed our ninth Monthly Progress Report under Component 4 of SIAM -2: Environmental, Risks and Resource Management Services Project. This report describes events that occurred during the month of December 2005 and provides an indication of anticipated activities over the next two months.

Yours faithfully



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Coastal inspection at A'ufuga

1. Project Activities Last Month

1.1 Work Stream 2 (WS1): EIA Regulations/ Codes of Environmental Practice

David Hill prepared a brief paper on EIA regulations under the PUMA act. It was released early this month.

1.2 Work Stream 2 (WS2): CIM Plans/Strategy, Sustainable Management

The first full draft CIM Plan (for Si'umu) was completed and copies given to PUMA and MNREM for distribution to appropriate departments and NGO's for their comments. Draft CIM Plans for six other districts, namely Alataua West, Vaisigano II, Lepa, Lotofaga, Aleipata i Lalo and Aleipata I Luga are now in preparation. Initial preparations for village and District workshops in Fa'aselele'aga II, III and IV, and Gagaemauga I are also underway.

The search for a suitably qualified person to undertake the effectiveness survey is underway. It is anticipated that preparation of the survey will begin in January. The draft final revision for the National CIM Strategy is now anticipated in February.

1.3 Work Stream 3 (WS3): Natural Resources: GIS/aggregates

Two resource management applications have been endorsed by MNREM/PUMA counterpart staff for implementation in early 2006 if approved by the ministries concerned.

1.4 Work Stream 4 (WS4): Emergency/Disaster Management

A third simulation was undertaken during the first week of December. This simulation focussed on a cyclone scenario and DAC / NDC interactions in the immediate response phase after a cyclone has struck.

Sections of the draft National Disaster Management Plan were discussed at the December DAC meeting.

The legislative drafting committee continued to work on the draft legislation.

One-on-one meetings were held with key response agencies (particularly those that have missed some of the previous workshops) and ministries or agencies with specific input into parts of the NDMP (e.g. Ministry of Finance and Red Cross).

2. Project Activities Next Month

2.1 Workstream 1 (WS1): EIA Regulations/ Codes of Environmental Practice

Review of EIA Legislation will continue, and a new schedule for producing Regulations will be prepared shortly to reflect slippage in this activity.

2.2 Work Stream 2 (WS2): CIM Plans/Strategy, Sustainable Management

The CIM Plans for western Savaii Districts of Vaisigano II and Alataua West are anticipated to be completed by the end of January.

The next CIM Plan village workshops in Eastern Savaii are now scheduled for the February 6th through the 22nd February.

2.3 Work Stream 3 (WS3): Natural Resources: GIS/aggregates

No GIS resource management activities are planned until Feb 2006

Draft reports on Aggregates and landslip hazards are now anticipated in early February.

2.4 Work Stream 4 (WS4): Emergency/Disaster Management

Work continues on drafting of the NDMP and draft legislation. A second draft of the NDMP is anticipated in February.

Work has commenced on pulling together many of the outputs completed to date (job descriptions, professional development plan etc) into a Business Plan for the NDMO. An outline of the Business Plan will be available mid January.

3. Local and Overseas Staff Immediate Commitments in Samoa

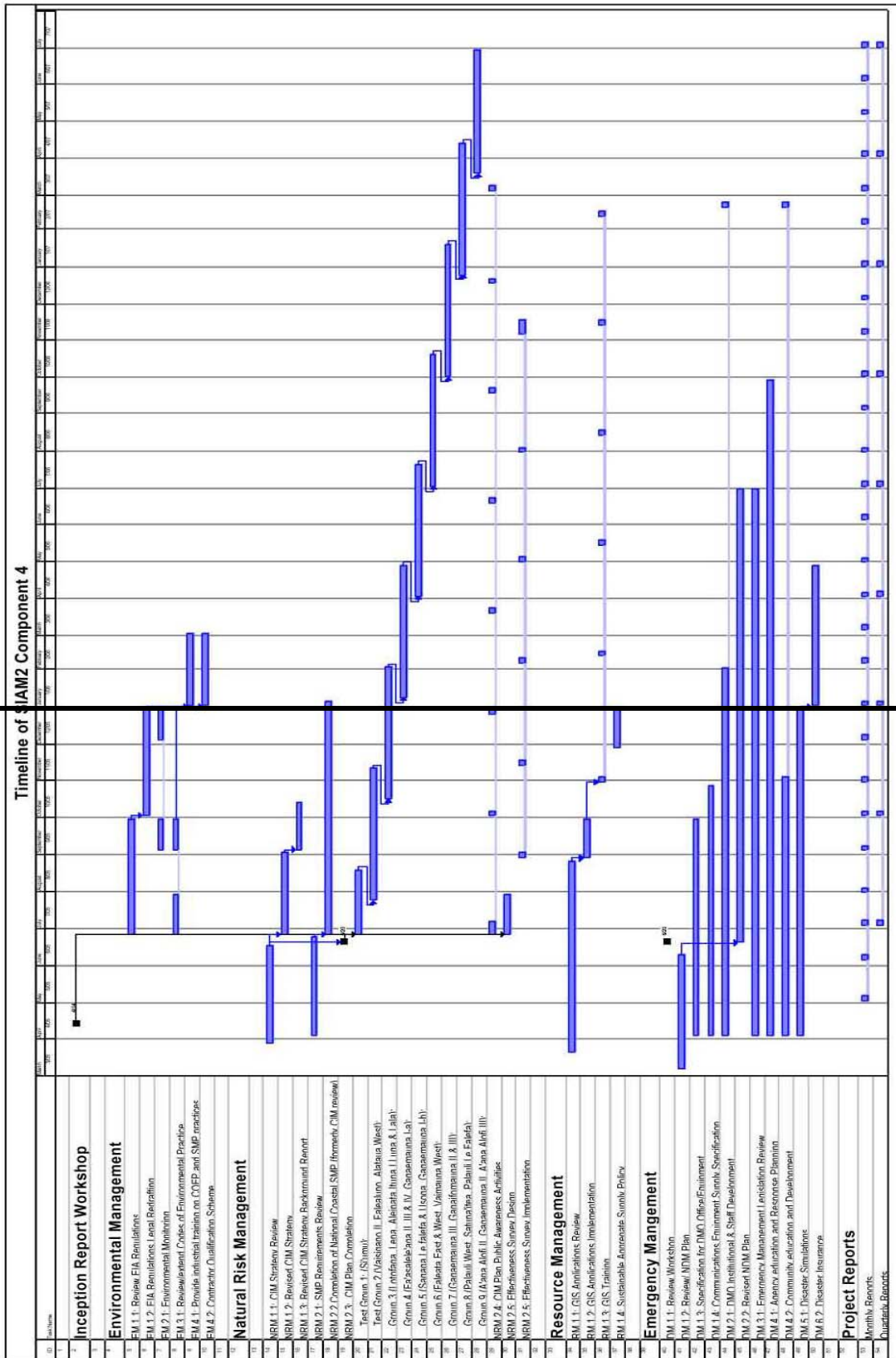
Siam-2, C-4 Samoa On-Site Staff Project Commitments			
Project Staff	Responsibilities during Report Period	In-Country project time this month	Anticipated In-Country time next month(s)
Graeme Roberts	Project Director, Government Liaison		
Ted Wells	On-Site Project Manager	full time on site	full time on site
Samuela Sesega	Leader CIM Plan Team	on site	on site
Cedric Schuster	Leader CIM Plan Team	on site	on site
Joe Reti	Leader CIM Plan Team	on site	on site
Debbie Cunningham	Leader professional development	3 Dec - 9 Dec	
Karen Stephens	Leader Simulations	3 Dec - 9 Dec	



Team members relaxing after 3 intensive weeks of Village and District Workshops

4. Project Time Line

End December Report Date



5. Assessment of Progress to Date, Discussion of any new Issue Arising

5.1 Workstream 1 (WS1): EIA Regulations/ Codes of Environmental Practice

An initial discussion document on the EIA regulations has been prepared but completion of the work before was not possible. A new work schedule for this component is being prepared for discussion.

5.2 Work Stream 2 (WS2): (CIM Plans/Strategy, Sustainable Management

Preparation of CIM Plans is now largely back on schedule with the completion of the third group of village workshops last month.

The National CIM Strategy Review progresses slowly, partly due to the lack of input from any Government Department or NGO. A full revised draft of the CIM Strategy is now anticipated in February.

The question of whether CIM plans in rural areas will be converted to SMPs has been partially resolved with a directive that states:

“The process of turning CIM [plans] to SMP [Plans] in the rural villages should be implemented on an “advisory capacity” instead of regulations”.

To this end PUMA has drafted a discussion document on the benefits and drawbacks of both types of plans for translation into Samoan to be given to villages to seek their preference, and BECA has drafted a questionnaire. Both documents are being reviewed.

5.3 Work Stream 3 (WS3): (Natural Resources: GIS/aggregates

The next phase of the GIS Natural Resources work awaits MNREM and PUMA endorsement of the proposed collaborative projects and allocating and scheduling resources. The consultant team is able to mobilise for this work in early February 2006 if the work is approved by MNREM/PUMA.

5.4 Work Stream 4 (WS4): Emergency/Disaster Management

This workstream is proceeding as planned (Inception Report timelines). A number of elements (e.g. communications specification; community awareness strategy; simulations; DMO fitout recommendations) have now been completed. Remaining work for 2006 will focus on the National Disaster Management Plan, legislation, agency response planning, and ongoing support for the NDMO including the development of a Business Plan.