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Dear Sir:

**RE: Environmental, Risks and Resource Management Services
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Please find enclosed our Fourteenth 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 May 2006 and provides an indication of anticipated activities over the next few months.

Yours faithfully



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Malie Village CIM Plan Workshop

1. Project Activities Last Month

1.1 Work Stream 1 (WS1): EIA Regulations/ Codes of Environmental Practice

Suggested "Priority 1" Codes of environmental practice were begun during May following PUMA's concurrence with the suggested priorities (with the addition of one additional COEP covering GSM [communication] towers.) On May 25th, nearly 50 people from government departments, NGO's, consultants, contractors and members of the public attended a workshop run by David Hill to go through the new draft EIA regulations in order to obtain comment from those potentially affected by them. He is expected back in Mid June to finalize alterations to the draft regulations to take into account comments received and to discuss Environmental Monitoring options.

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

Production of draft CIM Plans for Lotofaga, Falealupo, Fa'asaelele'aga II, III and IV and Gagaemauga I District, is lagging slightly behind schedule. They are now anticipated to be given to PUMA for comment in June.

Group 5 CIM Plan village workshops for north-eastern Upolu were successfully completed between May 8th and May 19th. Also draft CIM plans were returned to the districts of Si'umu, Alataua Sisifo and Vaisigano II at the same time. Comments from these districts are anticipated back in a month.

The National CIM Strategy was finalized and translated during May and a cabinet paper has also been written and translated for the CIM Strategy in anticipation of it being delivered to Parliament in June. The Effectiveness Survey ran into difficulty obtaining an accurate sample from the villages and is now expected to be completed mid June.

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

The GIS team sent up to Samoa GIS data and layers as part of their training program, but they are not anticipated to return in person for the second half of their GIS training mission until June.

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

There were no visits to Samoa by the disaster management team in May, although there were behind the scenes efforts to secure funding for the disaster office communications and other equipment.

The Disaster Management Office further developed the draft Business Plan and followed up on outstanding agency response plans.

2. Project Activities Next Month

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

The remainder of “Priority 1” COEP options will be drafted during June and July. David Hill will be back in mid-June to hold a third workshop to go through the new draft EIA regulations and what he has done to take into consideration comments received at the May workshop. He will also open for discussion during this workshop his suggestions on Environmental Monitoring.

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

The next set of CIM Plan village workshops (Group 6) for the urban area of Apia are scheduled for all of August. This will be the most intensive set of workshops undertaken yet as nearly 40 villages will be involved all together.

The National CIM Strategy is expected to be finalized and published in Samoan during June, and the Effectiveness Survey is expected to be completed before the end of the Month.

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

The final map layers for potential aggregate resources, inland flooding and inland land slippage are expected to be produced mid June. Also the GIS team will return for two weeks in mid June to complete the second half of their GIS staff training exercise.

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

The insurance review component of the project is expected to start in early June with the visit by David Middleton head of NZ Earthquake Commission and Richard Sharp, an earthquake engineering specialist. This component is still expected to be completed around the end of August.

Development of the draft Business Plan continues and preparations will be made for a visit by the consultant team in July.

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3. Local and Overseas Staff Immediate Commitments in Samoa

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		4 Days
Ted Wells	On-Site Project Manager	full time on site	full time on site
Catriona McLean	BICL Team	1 week	
Namo Poutasi	BICL Team	2 weeks	
Samuela Sesega	Leader CIM Plan Team	on site	
Cedric Schuster	Leader CIM Plan Team	on site	
Joe Reti	Leader CIM Plan Team	on site	
Teresa Ngau Chun	CIM workshop coordinator	14 days	
Peter Newsome	Gis specialist		10 days
Andrea Hughes	Gis specialist		10 days
Matt Elgin	Gis specialist		5 days
David Middleton	Disaster Management specialist		4 days
Richard Sharp	Earthquake specialist		4 days
David Hill	EIA Regulations	5 days	4 days
Keith Frenz	CIM Specialist		5 days



Sagaga Le Falefa District meeting in Apia 3

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

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

Both the review and update of the Codes of Environmental Practice, and the review and redrafting of the EIA regulations are proceeding according to the revised programme and are now scheduled to be completed by the end of July.

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

The National CIM Strategy Review begun last July has been completed and is now being translated into Samoan.

The remainder of this work stream is progressing largely on schedule although there has been some slippage in the drafting of the Group 4 CIM Plans (Eastern Savaii).

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

This work stream was progressing slightly behind the original schedule, but under the revised work plan is on schedule.

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

Most of the elements of this workstream are either completed or are still on schedule.

The Insurance Review will be completed by the end of August as per the revised schedule.



IEA regulations 1st workshop