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Engconsult wins Asian Development Bank (ADB) project in Azerbaijan September 13, 2004

Engconsult Ltd., Canada signed a contract with Asian Development Bank in September 2004 for *Preparing the Yevlax-Ganja Road Rehabilitation Project* in Azerbaijan.

The objective of the technical assistance project is to help the Government prepare the Yevlax-Ganja road rehabilitation project suitable for ADB financing. The Project aims to foster regional cooperation and sustainable economic growth in Azerbaijan by increasing the efficiency and safety of transport between Yevlax and Ganja on the east-west road corridor linking Baku to the Georgian border. The TA will comprise the following components: (i) review and revise, if necessary, the preliminary design; (ii) prepare the scope and implementation arrangements of the Project; (iii) update cost estimates (iv) undertake an economic analysis; (v) conduct a social and poverty analysis, and prepare the summary poverty reduction and social strategy; (vi) prepare an initial environmental examination or an environmental impact assessment, if necessary; and (vii) review road sector reforms and identify sector issues to be addressed under the Project.

Engconsult is responsible for:

- ↗ Review the environmental assessment prepared by the TACIS-funded consultants, and prepare an initial environmental examination (IEE) and a summary IEE report according to ADB's guidelines and procedures;
- ↗ Prepare the measures to mitigate possible negative environmental impacts during the design, rehabilitation, and operation of the Project; Prepare cost estimates for the environmental mitigation measures and an implementation schedule. Assist in incorporating appropriate mitigating measures into the project design. The IEE report should include an environmental management and monitoring plan;
- ↗ Prepare contractor specifications for environmental management and monitoring;
- ↗ Solicit and incorporate comments on the draft IEE and summary IEE reports from ADB, the Government, NGOs, civil society, and other stakeholders;
- ↗ Contribute to preparing the project framework and project performance management system by providing respective inputs to the Team Leader.