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Engconsult wins Asian Development Bank (ADB) project in Cambodia November 25, 2005

Japan Railway Technical Service (JARTS), Nippon Koei, **and Engconsult Ltd., Canada** signed a US\$430,000 technical assistance (TA) project contract with Asian Development Bank on November 25, 2005 for *GMS Rehabilitation of the Railway* in Cambodia.

The objective of the TA is to advise and assist the Government with all aspects of rehabilitation and reconstruction of the infrastructure of the two existing railway lines from Phnom Penh to Poipet and from Phnom Penh to Sihanoukville. The total length of the railway is about 650 km of which about 600 km is existing track that needs rehabilitation, about 48 km is reconstruction in an existing alignment, and about 2 km is new construction. The Consulting services include a total of 15 person-months of international consulting services, and 6 person-months of domestic consultant input.

Engconsult is responsible for:

- Plan detailed desk survey of the railway project area, to ascertain the proximity of the railway alignment to protected areas.
- Prepare an initial environmental examination (IEE) and a summary IEE.
- Conduct and document public information and consultation meetings for local government and civil society as part of the IEE process.
- Prepare a resettlement plan based on preliminary engineering alignments and a full census and inventory of lost assets of affected people inclusive of the non-titled.
- Prepare a public consultation and disclosure plan to ensure that all affected people have been consulted by the executing agency on their views about the project and resettlement effects.
- Assist the executing agency in timely disclosure of the resettlement plan.
- Assess the capacity of the responsible institutions at central and provincial levels to plan, manage, implement, finance and monitor the resettlement plan and identify any capacity building measures that need to be included in the project.
- Prepare sample based socio-economic profiles identified in the inventory of affected people highlighting minority and gender disaggregated data and impacts.
- Identify any needs for minority specific action in connection with resettlement and for actions to minimize the risks of spreading STD during implementation.
- Prepare TOR for a resettlement specialist to be engaged as part of the supervision team.
- Carry out resettlement training workshops for the stakeholders in the project affected area.