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Engconsult wins Asian Development Bank (ADB) project in Tajikistan December 17, 2004

Engconsult Ltd., Canada signed a US\$458,000 technical assistance (TA) project contract with Asian Development Bank on December 17, 2004 for *Dushanbe-Kyrgyz Border Road Rehabilitation Project (Phase II)* in Tajikistan.

The TA will prepare a feasibility study and preliminary engineering design to rehabilitate the section of the road from Km 140 (between Nurobod and the Tavildara Junction) to Nimich (Km 217, the Tajikabad Junction), a total distance of approximately 77 km, and selected rural roads totaling about 100 km. The Consulting services totaling about 11.25 person-months of international and 50 person-months of domestic consulting services will be required, with expertise in (i) transport economics, including related financial management; (ii) economic evaluation of road projects; (iii) highway engineering, including mountainous topography, bridges, and drainage structures; (iv) road maintenance and road safety; and (v) environmental, social, and poverty impact assessments.

Engconsult is responsible for:

- Updating the transport sector profile for Tajikistan, including financial status, road safety, road maintenance, and traffic management;
- Reviewing of the status of institutional development and policy reforms in the road subsector initiated under previous projects;
- The selection criteria and prioritized rankings, based on poverty and other indicators, for rural roads and bridges to be included in the Project;
- The cost estimates and the technical and economic feasibility study for the main road and rural roads comprising the Project, including an examination of the appropriate use of labor-intensive techniques for construction and maintenance;
- Preparing an environmental impact assessment;
- Undertaking social impact analysis including any involuntary resettlement effects attributable to the Project;
- Performing poverty impact analysis; and
- Analyzing the need for further advisory TA for institutional strengthening of MOT.