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Signing of Agreement On

“The Project for Effective Implementation of EIA and Pollution Control through the Capacity Development of MOE”

Phnom Penh, Cambodia (March 6, 2017) – The Royal Government of Cambodia through the Ministry of Environment (MOE) and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Cambodia Office has signed today an Agreement on ***“The Project for Effective Implementation of Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) and Pollution Control through the Capacity Development of MoE”*** aiming at enhancing the effectiveness of the implementation of environment impact assessment and pollution control in Cambodia.

This technical cooperation project is jointly developed by MoE and JICA for addressing, over the next three and half years, the institutional and technical capacity needs of MoE in order to effectively and efficiently implement the mission of ensuring environmental protection and natural resources management. The project is expected to (i) enhance the capacity of the General Directorate of Environmental Protection (GDEP) of MoE to achieve its mandate and to (ii) produce, revise, and share to stakeholders the legal documents, technical issues and procedures related to EIA and pollution control.

The Royal Government of Cambodia has made substantive reform within the environment and natural resource sectors towards achieving strategic goals of environmental protection, natural resources management, biodiversity conservation and sustainable development in Cambodia as well as responding to the sustainable development goals of the United Nations. The institutional reform together with extensive review of laws and regulations are showing the RGC’s strong commitment in this important sector that leads to the identification of new challenges and opportunities and the formulation of this JICA’s supported project.

This project is expected to officially start from the middle of this year and it is reflecting the commitment of the RGC and the Government of Japan in deepening and widening mutual cooperation for promoting the environment protection and natural resources management through effective implementation of EIA and pollution control in Cambodia.

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