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20th July 2022

Managing Director
Gambia Ports Authority
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Dear Sir,

APPROVAL FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE AND PUBLISHING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL & SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT (ESIA) ON THE 4th PORT EXPANSION PROJECT

The Agency acknowledges receipt of your letter dated 28th June, 2022, submitting a draft ESIA in relation to the above captioned subject matter and requesting validation and national disclosure of same in line with statutory requirements and complimentary AFDB and EIB Operational Policies.

The said document has been subjected to a national validation by the members of the EIA working Group on 14th July, 2022 with comments and observations received thereof collated for onward transmission for incorporation by your consultant.

In conformity with disclosure requirements, final copies of the clean report shall be made available to all the possible avenues for public viewing including notably, NEA Documentation Center and website, and GPA's library and website. An advertisement to notify the public of this document being available at these named sites shall be put in public media namely, any two radio stations of wider coverage and any two print media of wide circulation, for a period of one (1) month, during which time interested parties are expected to file in their comments/observations on the report.

Having been certified with the content of draft document, and in accordance with *regulation 20(2) of EIA Regulations 2014*, the ESIA for **the 4th PORT EXPANSION PROJECT** is hereby granted approval for full public disclosure and the bank's publication.

GPA's Management shall provide final 3 copies of the ESIA to the Agency for endorsement and issuance of a final environmental approval.

We count on your corporation to ensure that safeguards measures outlined in the EISA are duly complied with during project implementation.

Thank you!


Dr. Dawda Badjie
Executive Director

Cc:

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