10 March 2015 The Examiner for the Guidelines Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

Results of Examination

1. Formal requirements of the Request

All necessary items are described in English.

- 2. Requirements to commence the Procedures
- (1) Requirements regarding the Requester

The Request has been submitted by more than two residents of the country in which the project is implemented.

(2) Project with respect to which the objections are submitted

After identifying the project from the request, it has been confirmed that JICA provides funding for the project. However, the facility (car shed) to which the Requester raises objections is not included in JICA's financing (Local Currency Procurement Portion of the Project).

(3) Period

The Request was submitted between the time at which JICA indicated its categorization of the project and the time of completion of the project.

(4) Actual damage incurred or likely to be incurred by the Requester as a result of JICA's non-compliance with the Guidelines

The Requester has claimed that actual damage will likely be incurred by the removal and transplanting of trees for the construction of a car shed. The Requester argues that this will lead to a loss of biodiversity, affecting the fauna of the region.

(5) Relevant provisions of the Guidelines considered to have been violated by JICA and the facts constituting JICA's non-compliance alleged by the Requester

The Requester has claimed and described that JICA violated and not complied with Clauses 2.1, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, and 2.6 of its Guidelines.

(6) Causal nexus between JICA's non-compliance with the Guidelines and the

substantial damage

The Requester has claimed and described the causal nexus between JICA's non-compliance with the Guidelines and the envisaged damage due to a lack of public participation in the process of the project.

(7) Facts concerning the Requester's consultation with the Project Proponent

The Requester has tried to engage in dialogues with the Project Proponent. However, the Requester complains that the Project Proponent is not showing good faith in communicating with the Requester. In fact, several meetings and consultations have been held, and such communications among stakeholders are still ongoing, while they are awaiting the result of the discussion by the Board of Tree Authority for tree felling in the area concerned.

(8) Facts concerning the Requester's consultation with JICA

The Requester has been in contact for communication with the JICA India office since December 2014, but no direct consultation has been made so far.

(9) Prevention of abuse

There is no concern that this Request would be determined to be an abuse of JICA's objection procedures.

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