

Appendices with the Advisory Review on the Reports of the Taparura
Project, Sfax, Tunisia

(Appendices 1 to 4)

APPENDIX 1

Letter with request for advice dated October 17, 2005

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Betreft: Taparura

Beste Petrie,

Zie bijgaand de documenten zoals we die nu tot onze beschikking hebben voor het Taparura project. Graag -met in achtneming van de Cie-m.e.r./FMO geheimhoudingsverklaring- jullie oordeel hierover, met in het bijzonder antwoord op de volgende vragen:

- 1) Geven deze documenten een adequate beschrijving van de mogelijke milieu & sociale gevolgen?
- 2) Zijn beschreven maatregelen voldoende om het project aan de van toepassing zijnde IFC/Wereldbank richtlijnen te laten voldoen?

Graag vernemen wij van jullie spoedig op welke wijze jullie dit kunnen beoordelen.

Verantwoordelijk ORET Investment Officer is Marleen Jansen. Tel. 070 - 314 9818, e-mail m.e.jansen@fmo.nl.

Zoals gezegd is er op 26 oktober 2005 een overleg over het project gepland. Het zou heel prettig zijn als degenen die het project ter hand neemt daar in ieder geval bij kan zijn. Dan hoeft er nog geen compleet advies te liggen, maar het zou goed zijn als er dan enig inzicht is in de compleetheid, zodat eventuele noodzakelijke aanvullende informatie ter sprake kan worden gebracht.

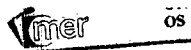
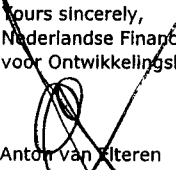
Met dank & vriendelijke groet,
Nederlandse Financierings-Maatschappij
voor Ontwikkelingslanden N.V.

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Withdrawal of request for advice dated April 12, 2006.

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| Netherlands Commission for EIA Attn. Ms Petrie van Gent / Ms Liduina Wildenburg P.O. Box 2345 3500 GH Utrecht | | |
| Subject: EIA Evaluation Taparura, TN | | |
| Dear Ms Van Gent, | | |
| This is to inform you that, with regret, FMO has halted the review of the ORET application of Boskalis for the Taparura project. Boskalis has withdrawn the application. As a consequence, the EIA evaluation for this project, now available as draft, will not need to be finalized. Nevertheless, we would like to thank the Commission for the review work done so far. | | |
| It has been agreed by all parties that an attempt will be made to make still good use of the work carried out by the Commission by investigating the possibilities to hand over the (draft) evaluation to the Government of Tunesia, so that they can use the (draft) evaluation for their benefit. To that end, FMO will send the draft evaluation to Boskalis in order to see that no essential Boskalis information will be unintentionally disclosed. We will keep you informed on this process. | | |
| We hope to have informed you duly. However, please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any further clarification. | | |
| Yours sincerely, Nederlandse Financierings-Maatschappij voor Ontwikkelingslanden N.V. | | |
|  Anton van Elteren Senior Environmental Specialist Investment & Mission Review | | |

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APPENDIX 2

Project information and composition of the Commission's working group

Proposed activity: A Netherlands dredging company applied for ORET subsidy for pollution removal and storage, sand mining and land reclamation in the framework of the Taparura Town Development Initiative in Sfax, Tunisia. This has been done at the request of the Tunisian authorities.

The final objective of the initiative aims at new social and economic activity in the city centre of Sfax, on an area of about 500 ha (in two phases, see map in appendix 3). The area is located in between the actual economic heart of the city, the harbour, the coastline and a waste area. Before new activities can be realised, the area has to be cleaned up. Waste from a now dismantled phosphate fertiliser factory is partly stored and partly covers the beach area over 300 ha. The polluted material has to be removed in a safe way and properly stored. The initiative proposes to concentrate all polluted material in a new storage at the same location. The new deposit will be covered to develop a city park. The beach area, from which the polluted material has been removed, will be raised with sand from the nearby Kerkennah channel (in total about 500 ha) for leisure activities (beach, open-sea), new economic activities and housing.

Categories: DAC/CRS codes: 43030 Urban development and management ; 21061 Storage ; 32268 Offshore minerals.

Project numbers: Netherlands Commission for Environmental Assessment (NCEA): 062

Procedural information:

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| Letter with Request for Advice | : October 17, 2005 |
| Email with Renewed Request for Advice | : January 9, 2006 |
| Submission of Draft Advisory Review | : March 8, 2006 |
| Withdrawal of the Request for Advice | : April 13, 2006 |
| Submission of Advice for the benefit of the Tunisian authorities | : July 13, 2006 |

Significant details: The Commission is of the opinion that a lot of information is available on the initiative, but the reports do not underpin the site selection of the deposit, nor the information on the basis of which other locations have been discarded. In view of the long term consequences of this deposit (land use limitations and surrounding city developments) the assessment of location alternatives is essential. Taking this into consideration, the Commission has reviewed the available assessments (appendix 4) and provided a number of recommendations which may lead to substantial environmental benefits or minimization of risks of the Taparura project. An overview of the recommendations can be found in chapter 2. There are more specified in chapter 3. Outside the scope of the review, but welcomed by FMO, the Commission gave some general observations regarding the future city development.

Composition of the working group of the Netherlands Commission for Environmental Assessment:

Mr Frank Wijnants
Mr Joop de Schutter
Mr Ronald van Oostrum

Chairman:

Mr Klaas Jan Beek

Technical secretary:

Ms Petrie van Gent

APPENDIX 4

List of Key Documents

1. Décret No. 2005 – 1991 du 11 juillet 2005, relative a l'étude d'impact sur l'environnement et fixant les catégories d'unités soumises à l'EIE et les catégories d'unités soumises aux cahiers des charges.
2. Projet de dépollution et de réhabilitation des cotes nord de la ville de Sfax EIE - Rapport général. SCET - Tunisie, Septembre 2002*.
3. Travaux de dépollution et de réhabilitation des cotes nord de la ville de Sfax - Dossier d'appel d'offres - Cahier des clauses techniques particulières. SCET Tunisie et NEDECO Amersfoort. Novembre 2004.
4. Cartes : Niveau actuel, surface intérieur de phosphogypse et surface inférieur d'excavation, and Total excavation layer thickness..
5. Etude d'identification de gîtes de remblais terrestres ; SCET, Novembre 2004.
6. Etude complémentaire à l'étude d'impact de l'emprunt de sable du Canal de Kerkennah sur les côtes de Sfax et des îles Kerkennah. GIE Villes Nouvelles de France, Avril 1999. (en Annexe: Etude d'impact de l'emprunt de sable du Canal de Kerkennah sur les côtes de Sfax et des îles de Kerkennah.)
7. Mode d'exécution pour les travaux de dépollution et de réhabilitation des côtes nord de la ville de Sfax. 17 Mai 2005.
8. Travaux de dépollution et de réhabilitation des côtes nord de la ville de Sfax. Method statement. 04 Mai 2005.
9. Plan d'Aménagement Taparura, Sfax EIE. Société d'Etudes et d'Aménagement des Cotes nord de la ville de Sfax, Janvier 2004.

* From this report, the following pages are missing :
110-111: Initial situation, marine flora and fauna ;
122-125: Socio-economic environment (transport, ecological requirements);
128-129: Impact of dredging activities;
142-147: Impact of sanitation activities;
164-165: Accompanying measures / Realisation