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Case 2017/07

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Effective 1 July 2020, the Project Complaint Mechanism was replaced with the [Independent Project Accountability Mechanism](#), brought into effect through the [2019 Project Accountability Policy](#). Under the Policy's provisions for case transition, monitoring of the Lukoil Shah Deniz Stage II Management Action Plan from the date above is undertaken in alignment with the requirements of the [2019 Project Accountability Policy](#).

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Unless otherwise indicated capitalised terms used in this report are those as set forth in the 2019 Project Accountability Policy.

List of Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Long Form
ESD	Environment and Sustainability Department
GN	Guidance Note
GR	General recommendation
IPAM	Independent Project Accountability Mechanism
MA	Management Action
MAP	Management Action Plan
PCM	Project Complaint Mechanism
PIP	Public Information Policy
PSR	Project specific recommendation

1 Introduction

This Monitoring Report provides an update on progress made in the implementation of the Management Action Plan related to Case 2017/07 Lukoil Shah Deniz Stage II. Whenever status of pending actions has not changed during the monitoring period reported, this document only includes the table with pending actions and their status to date.

2 Monitoring Update

2.1 Monitoring Activities during the period January 2021 — June 2021

IPAM tracks progress on MAP implementation until it has determined that all Actions have been completed as agreed; or whenever conditions for completing pending actions no longer exist.

In preparation of this Monitoring Report, IPAM requested written confirmation from Bank Management on its MAP progress.

2.2 Monitoring Findings

In the last [Monitoring Report covering August 2020 – December 2020](#), IPAM closed the period with three actions still outstanding: Actions 1, 2 and 3, which include the production of two guidance notes.

Actions 1 and 2 envisage the production of a guidance note on PR10. Management reported that work on the Guidance Notes is ongoing. A consultant has been engaged to assist on the PR10 Guidance Note (GN) and a kick off meeting undertaken in May 2021. Management expects the PR10 GN to be ready by end of 2021.

Action 3 relates to the production of a guidance note on PR4. A consultant has been engaged and a draft version is expected during Q3 2021. Management also expects that this GN will be completed by end of December 2021.

Table 1 provides details on pending actions, Management response and IPAM's conclusions.

2.3 Table 1: MAP Implementation Progress

Management Action Plan Commitment approved by EBRD Board of Directors	EBRD Management implementation update (Jun 2021)	Status of Management Action Plan Commitment	IPAM Feedback
Procedural / Systemic Management Actions			
Management Action 1: Assess and consider PCM Expert recommendations as part of the broader review of the ESP Guidance Notes, following the approval of the 2019 ESP. PCM Expert recommendations relate to accessible, culturally-appropriate information disclosure; meaningful engagement; requirements for Public Consultation and Disclosure Plans; and the development and implementation of Stakeholder Engagement Plans in line with good international practice. The development of a new Guidance Note on the implementation of PR10 - which considers the concept of meaningful consultation is planned.	Update on PR 10 GN. Consultant contracted. Kick off meeting in late May. Anticipated 12 weeks for assignment. Expect final GN by end December 2021.	Incomplete - continued monitoring required.	PR 10 GN: Noted that consultant on board and kick-off meeting completed in May 2021. Estimated completion date Q4-2021.
Management Action 2: Assess and consider PCM Expert recommendations relating to vulnerable peoples as part of the broader review of the ESP Guidance Notes for each ESP Performance Requirement, following the approval of the 2019 ESP.	Update on PR 10 GN. Consultant contracted. Kick off meeting in late May. Anticipated 12 weeks for assignment. Expect final GN by end December 2021.	Incomplete - continued monitoring required.	PR 10 GN: Noted that consultant is on board and kick-off meeting completed in May 2021. Estimated completion date Q4-2021.
Management Action 3: Assess the need for further guidance on Project-level grievance mechanisms, which considers the PCM Expert's recommendations, in the context of the broader review of ESP Guidance Notes for each ESP Performance Requirement, following the approval of the 2019 ESP.	Update on PR 4 GN. Consultant contracted. Background review document submitted. Expect draft document in Q3 and final GN by end December 2021. Update on PR 10 GN. Consultant contracted. Kick off meeting in late May. Anticipated 12 weeks for assignment. Expect final GN by end December 2021.	Incomplete - continued monitoring required.	PR 4 GN: Noted that consultant is on board. Estimated completion date Q4 2021. PR 10 GN: Noted that consultant is on board and kick-off meeting completed in May 2021. Estimated completion date Q4-2021.

2.3 Monitoring Conclusions

During this period, Management Action 1, 2 and 3 remain outstanding. It is the expectation of IPAM that these actions be completed by the end of 2021, thus allowing for the closing of the monitoring stage.

IPAM shall continue to monitor the implementation of all 3 action items and update on progress in the fourth monitoring report scheduled for January 2022.