

4. Comments on the IR

- The IR is well elaborated, well written and easy to understand. The Mauritanian situation is also well described. The Strategic Plan for the Development of Mineral Resources (SPDMR) itself is both, well adjusted and organizationally finely set up by taking into account the current situation Mauritania's.
- Steering Committee's members will carefully read the IR and studiously present their respective comments during the following Steering Committee's Meeting scheduled on 23rd of June.
- The result of 18 months of work is more than apparent. The staff of Jica-experts continues working consciously in order to put in place measures for the promotion of exploration and development.

5. Miscellaneous

1. Suggestions by the Jica Staff of experts

- Foreign entrepreneurs do have both, problems as well as diverse obligations regarding exploration and development. To that end, government's organizations will organize a Round Table to which foreign entrepreneurs will be invited to exchange their respective opinions which shall be taken into account during the management of the environment of investment. In this respect, it is preferable that the First Round Table be initiated and effectively be organized in the forthcoming month of November. The Round Table experience, as such, shall be organized and be convened periodically.
- The English language is dominant in the world of mining activities; this fact, as such, necessitates a training of English for local actors. As conceived, this training of the English language is realizable within the framework of the ongoing Jica-project by using Jica counterpart's funds.
- The Jica-Staff of experts would be able to undertake the publication of a Guide for the Promotion of Investment with

the collaboration of PRISM. This shall contribute to the improvement of the quality of the publication. However, Jica-Team needs to get permission from Jica-Headquarters as PRISM will also get similar permission from the World Bank.

2. Comments by the Steering Committee on the above suggestion

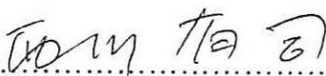
- The DMG had already a meeting with foreign companies on the issue of environment. Further, one would like to know the place for the exchange of views with foreign operators in the mining sector. Exchanging different opinions is, indeed, an important exercise.
- One would like to put in place the English training program.
- It is, further, preferable, for the Jica-Study Team of Experts to work in collaboration with PRISM on the publication of the Guide as both projects are complementary.

Date:.....

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SESSION B

**The Study on the Strategic Plan of Mineral Resources Development in the Islamic
Republic of Mauritania**

1. Place, date, time

Mauritanian Office of Geological Research, known as OMRG, Conference room
June 23th, 2005 from 10:00 to 11:30 pm.

2. Participants

(1) Mauritanian side

OMRG

Djimera Oumar, Director General & Chairman of the Steering
Committee

DMG

Wane Ibrahima Lamine, Director

MMI

Dia Souleye Aly, Technical Advisor

PRISM

Abdarrahmane Ould Daddah, Deputy Director

(2) Japanese side

Yuji Nishikawa, Team Leader/Mineral Resources Evaluation

Richard T. Thompson, Promotion of Investment

Kazushige Wada, GIS Database Design

Kenichi Shibata, Remote Sensing

Atsushi Ito, Japanese/French Translator

Masaharu Marutani, Senior-Geologist-A

Toshio Inoue, Coordinator & Geologist

3. Agenda

- (1) Chairman's greeting & opening remarks.....Djimera Oumar
- (2) Comments on the Interim Report by Mauritanian members of the
Steering Committee
- (3) Miscellaneous

3.1. Chairman's greeting & opening remarks.....Djimera

- During the session A of the Steering Committee last Monday, June 20th, The Staff of Jica-experts submitted and presented us the Project's Interim Report (IR) it has established. It went further providing thorough explanation for the benefit of the Mauritanian side.
- In light of this presentation, the Mauritanian side will provide some comments concerning the IR in this session of the Committee meeting . Thus, the two parties will have discussion and exchanging their opinions in order to improve the content of the final report (FR).

4. Comments made by the Mauritanian side

- The Mauritanian side emphasized the fact that the IR satisfactorily covered all relevant problems encountered in the Mauritanian mining sector. The Mauritanian side went further demanding that the Japanese side invest itself even more in studying these problems as indicated in the IR and to come up with appropriate solutions to be submitted in the final report (FR).
- The Mauritanian side requested additionally from the Japanese party practical recommendations likely to be useful in such a way that the Sector of Mauritanian Geology may end up having a global form locally as well as internationally.
- The Mauritanian side requested further from the Japanese side that both, information and all geological data obtained through the Supplementary Geological Study(SGS) be fixed together with related projects which, in the future, will enable Mauritanians to carry out by themselves geological studies.
- The Mauritanian side indicated that the IR was well articulated on the ground of the current Mauritanian mining sector and that modeling of deposits included in the given report were both adequate and useful. The Mauritanian side requested, thus, from the Japanese side a provision of concrete solutions in light of problems to be solved.
- The Mauritanian side requested, in addition, from the Japanese

party, supplementary efforts to improve both content and syntax of French version of documents prepared by the Jica-team of Experts, in general, and especially as far as the IR and FR are concerned.

- As the Mauritanian Government is, presently, studying action plans for 2006 to 2010 within the framework of the Strategy for the Reduction of Poverty, the Mauritanian side requested from the Japanese side -1/ to conceive projects (Action Plans) for the First Step of the Strategic Plan for the Development of Mineral Resources in such a way they can positively respond to the "Strategic Framework for the Reduction of Poverty" and, -2/ to even more provide costs estimates for approximately each of the conceived Project-Action Plan

4. Conclusions by the Mauritanian Side

- The Mauritanian side approved the IR.
- The Mauritanian side also requested from the Japanese party to take following items into consideration for the Draft of the FR of the project, namely:
 - #- Conceive and provide concrete and realistic solutions;
 - #-Conceive action plans (AP) which will surely respond practically to the Strategic Framework for the Reduction of Poverty
 - #- Establish and articulate the project of the Draft of the FR based on comments submitted by the Mauritanian party;
 - #- Articulate and finalize the French Version of the IR by using a correctly written French language.

5. Miscellaneous

- (1) Organization of the Round Table in the presence of foreign companies
 - ** The Round Table shall be conveying just little bit after Ramadan in November at the initiative of the MMI.
 - ** The content of the Round Table shall be implemented concretely with the active collaboration of the Jica Study-Team of Experts.
- (2) AMA Seminar on Investment

** The AMA Seminar is planned to take place on November, around the 21st, 2005.

** The Jica-Study-Team of Experts shall coordinate preparations for the Seminar.

Date ; 27 June 2005

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