

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.

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6. Photos of the Meetings and Office Works



1. Meeting with OMRG



2. The first Steering Committee Session



3. The Second Steering Committee Session



4. The Second Steering Committee Session



5. The JICA Study Team Office



6. Discussing Remote Sensing Imagery

8. Equipment Provided to the Mauritanian side

(1) 1st Fiscal Year (2003)

ITEMS	SPECIFICATIONS	UNIT
PC	Desktop Computer HP, Pentium IV, 2 GMB DELL GX270, 100Gb HD, 1Gb Memory CD-RW, LG Monitor 17"	1
PC	Laptop Computer, DELL Latitude D600, Pentium IV, 1.4 Ghz, 512Mb Memory 40 Gb HD	2
PRINTER	HP Monochrome Printer, HP Q41860A, LaserJet 5100	1
PRINTER	HP Color, DeskJet 1220 Color Printer A3	1
DIGITIZER	KW5100, AO-size	1
SCANNER	CS1100EV, A1 Scanner, 800dpi, HP Design Jet Scanner 4200	1
SOFTWARE	Microsoft Office English version	3
GIS Software	ArcView Basic module	1
Additional GIS software	ArcView, Spatial Analyst	1
Additional GIS software	ArcView, 3D Analyst	1
Additional GIS software	ArcView, Geostatistical Analyst	1
GIS Manual	Documentation	1

(2) 2nd Fiscal Year (2004)

ITEMS	SPECIFICATIONS	UNIT
External Hard Disk	HD 120GB	1
Plotter	HP Plotter 500 A0	1
Projector	Data Show Ask (Infocus Corporation) with screen	1
UPS	APC, Back UPS CS 500	2
SOFTWARE	ER Mapper, Remote Sensing Processing	1
GPS DATA Software	FUGAWI	2
GIS Software	ArcView 9.0 Basic module	1
Additional GIS software	ArcView, Spatial Analyst	1
Additional GIS software	ArcView, 3D Analyst	1

6. Minutes of the Fifth Steering Committee Meeting
The Study on the Strategic Plan of Mineral Resources Development in the Islamic
Republic of Mauritania

1. **Place, date, time**

Novotel Tfeila, Mauritania, Mezzanine – Conference room
November 17th, 2005 at 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

2. **Participants**

(1) Mauritania side

OMRG

. Djimera Oumar, Director General, Chairman of The Steering Committee Meeting

. **PRISM**

. Samory Ould Souedat, Director

DMG

. Wane Ibrahima Lamine, Director

MMI

. Dia Souleye Aly, Technical Advisor

(2) Japanese side

. Yuji Nishikawa, Team Leader/Mineral Resources Evaluation

Gen Kojima, Tasks Manager

Dr. Yasushi Watanabe, Mining Promotion

. Richard T. Thompson, Promotion of Investment

. Masaharu Marutani, Geology

. Kazuki Shingu, Environmental Consideration

. Kazushige Wada, GIS Database Design

. Atsushi Ito, Japanese/French Translator

. Toshio Inoue, Coordinator

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3. **Agenda**

(1) Chairman's address.....by Djimera Oumar

(2) Comments from Steering Committee Members

(3) Comments from Surveys Team Members

(4) Request from Steering Committee Members and JICA's Comments

(5) Conclusion

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4. Chairman Address.....by Djimera Oum

- Strategic Development Plan is on the stage of the Draft Final Report(DFR) prepared, edited and presented by the JICA Team of Experts
- The DFReport is composed of the results of the Surveys of the Strategic Development Plan, the Draft of Mining Policy as well as of the Deposit model and Metallogenic Provinces etc...
- The content of the DFR was presented at the JICA organized Seminar on November 17th,"05
- In this Steering Committee Meeting we are gathered as we would like to have comments from each Committee" s member

5. Comments from Steering Committee Members

- The Draft Final Report is excellently presented both in format and in contents. There is, thus, no relevant problem concerning its contents for its finalization
- The target of the Strategic Development Plan is shown as GDP share of the Mining Sector. If it is possible, it could be improved by showing a more detailed breakdown target; thus, provide a better understanding.
- Ore deposit model and the metallogenic provinces, which is one of the pillars of the Report as realized through active Cooperation between JICA and OMRG etc., is relevant and effective to say the least for future promotion of needed exploration programs

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6. Comments from Surveys Team Members

- It is in fact possible to break down targets as requested. Already in the report, concretely presented plan for archiving targets is shown as appropriate
- JICA team members will improve the forthcoming Report to acquire more accuracy
- We would like, therefore, to ask each Steering Committee Member to initiate and thoroughly check the DFR and give us their respective comments in two weeks. We shall then finalize the Report based on the Steering Committee" s comments.

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7. Request from Steering Committee Members and JICA"s Comment

- (1) Request from Steering Committee Members

- Continuingly, we Mauritanian members operating in the Mining Sector want to see flourish in our country and receive more projects from JICA
- Already, Mauritania Government sent some Request letters to JICA such as on the necessity to sent Experts in geophysics, in geochemistry, in geology of the platinum group and on initiating an Environmental Protection Plan Project etc. Indeed, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania wants to see all these kinds of projects being realized with the assistance of JICA

(2) JICA Comments

- Projects requested by RIM Government have been examined by JICA . However, the examination has been delayed for their respective recognition by the Japanese Government due essentially by the situation of the new political regime
- If you have some projects and appropriate Request Letters to be submitted to the Japanese Government, before initiating the respective request, it is wise to firstly discuss them with the MEAD (Ministry of Economic Affairs and Development)

8. Conclusion

- Steering Committee Meeting accepts the Draft Final Report. Furthermore, it recommends the JICA team of Experts to move forward on effectively finalizing the Final Report based on comments of Steering Committee Members
- It is further accepted that if Committee members have comments, they should send them within two weeks time to the JICA Team Leader.

Date... 21 Nov. 2005

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