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Section 1: Balykchy–Kochkor Road (km 0–km 43) and Section 2A: Kochkor–Epkin Road (km 64–km 89)

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ABBREVIATIONS

ADB	-	Asian Development Bank
CAREC	-	Organization of the Central Asian Regional Economic Cooperation
CSC	-	Construction Supervision Consultant
EMP	-	Environmental Management Plan
IPIG	-	Investment Projects Implementation Group
km	-	kilometer
KR	-	Kyrgyz Republic
MPC	-	Maximum Permissible Concentration
MPL	-	Maximum Permissible Level
MTOC	-	Ministry of Transport and Communication of KR
MEoF KR	-	Ministry of Economy and Finance of KR
SCEC	-	State Committee on Ecology and Climate
DDPSSES	-	Department of Disease Prevention and State Sanitary and Epidemiological Surveillance of the Ministry of Health of the Kyrgyz Republic
TOR	-	Terms of Reference
SSEMP	-	Site Specific Environment Management Plan
ACP	-	Asphalt Concrete Plant
SCP	-	Stone Crushing Plant
SCU	-	Solution Concrete Unit
MoCIT KR	-	Ministry of Culture, Information and Tourism of Kyrgyz Republic
OHCH	-	Objects of Historical and Cultural Heritage
IBAT	-	Integrated Biodiversity Assessment Tool
BCoR	-	Building Codes and Regulations of KR
MPC	-	Maximum permissible concentration

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Preamble

The Government of the Kyrgyz Republic (GoKRG) requested the Asian Development 1. Bank (ADB) to identify, design and prepare a follow-on loan and/or grant for the CAREC Corridors 1 and 3 Connectivity Improvement Project under Lot 1 "Balykchy km. 0 -km. 43" and Lot 2 "Kochkor – Epkin (km. 64 - km. 89)". The project will improve socio-economic indicators of the Kyrgyz Republic regions: (i) shortened travel time for movement of people and goods from the southern regions to Naryn and Issyk-Kul Oblasts; (ii) reduced transport costs due to reduced route and better road conditions; (iii) increased local and international traffic and movements; (iv) additional income generating opportunities for local residents; (v) creation of new jobs; (vi) good condition of vehicles and (vii) reduced transportation costs.



Figure 1. Schematic layout of Lot 1 (Balykchy km. 0 –43)

The Consultancy Company "Roughton International Ltd., and sub-consultants RAM 2. Engineering Associates LLC" is Construction Supervision Consultant. Company "Sinohydro-Powerchina Roadbridge JV" is General Contractor performing repair and construction works at project sections.

3. This is the **third** "semi-annual" environmental monitoring report covering period January - June 2021 under ongoing CAREC project connecting Corridors 1 and 3, Additional financing, Lot 1 "Balykchy km. 0 -km. 43", Lot 2 "Kochkor - Epkin (km. 64 - km. 89)". It presents environmental aspects, mitigation and monitoring activities undertaken by the Contractor and reviewed by the CSC Roughton International Ltd. and sub-consultant RAM Engineering Associates LLC.

4. This report contains the performed by contractor and CSC. The results are based on the information received from the Contractor for six months report period, as physically observed by

the National Environmental Specialist. International Environment Specialist has not contributed to this report.

5. CAREC Corridors 1 and 3 Connecting Road Project. Additional Financing *Balykchi km Lot 1. 0 -km. 43*", Lot 2 "*Kochkor - Epkin* (km 64 - km 89)" with a total length of 68 km. More detailed information on the sections is provided below.

6. Section – 1 "Balykchy km.0 – km.43" of the road is a 43 km, traversing from east to west. It begins at a traffic circle located at the entrance to the city of Balykchy. Five roads converge at this point, one of which is a section of the project road heading south – east. As a rule, this section follows the existing highway, right up to post km 43. A major part of this section, about 29 km, is located within Issyk-Kul Oblast. While the remaining 14 km are in Kochkor Rayon of Naryn Oblast.

7. According to zoning of "Issyk-Kul" biosphere territory, this section of the corridor "Balykchy km.0 - km.43" is located in the zone of "Rehabilitation Zone", i.e. in the zone that includes anthropogenic disturbed territories that require regeneration and re-cultivation measures (Regulation on the "Issyk-Kul" biosphere territory, approved by the Decree of the Government dated January 24, 2000 N 40). The territory of the project section of the road, since its construction in the 1970s, has been under anthropogenic impact for a long time. Separate cordons or observation stations in this section are not installed due to the lack of such necessity. Rare and endangered species included in the Integrated Biodiversity Assessment Tool (IBAT) system and occurring in the biosphere area1. In this area of the Balykchy section they do not occur, because they live in high mountainous areas. In this regard, rehabilitation work in this project section of the road will not have a potential negative impact on the existing biological resources of the biosphere area, including red-listed species, on species included in the IBAT system.



Figure 2. Layout of project Lot 1 "Balykchy km.0 - km.43"

8. Lot 2 "Kochkor – Epkin", project road is 25 km long, running from east to west. It begins at the junction of three roads. It crosses Village Kochkor, where the highway Bishkek-Naryn-Torugart serves as a detour for Kochkor Village and this road section. This section follows the existing highway to Epkin village (89 km). The entire Section is located in Naryn Oblast and crosses only one district, namely Kochkor District, Kochkor village being the center.



Figure 3. Layout of project Lot 2 "Kochkor - Epkin (km. 64 - km. 89)"

1.2 Headline Information

- 9. The important results of the reporting period are as follows:
 - Completion of installation and commissioning of crushing and screening plants at LOT 1 and LOT 2.
 - Completion of the installation of the asphalt plant and concrete mixing plant at LOT 1. Testing of the asphalt plant with the production of test asphalt.

10. Archaeological excavations at LOT 1 have been completed. During archaeological work, group of archaeologists led by archaeologist Kunbolot Akmatov, conducted excavations of 9 burial structures (mounds) located near Orto-Tokoi Reservoir on Balkchy-Kochkor road section between 32 and 36 km according to "OHCH Protection Zone Project". Human bones, horse bones, separate fragments of an earthen vessel were found. All finds were recorded, an inventory was made and sent to Laboratory of Archaeology and Ethnography of State Kyrgyz-Turkish University "Manas" to determine the age of excavated burials and restoration of ceramic.

11. In July 2021, archaeologist (K. Akmatov) will complete scientific report on archaeological investigations and excavations, which will be sent to the Ministry of Culture, Information, Sports and Youth Policy of KR (MCISYP KR) for review. After consideration and approval of archaeologist's report, a written permission from the KR MCISYP and a copy of scientific report will be submitted first half of August 2021 to KR MOTC and the Contractor. In the course of field

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work, the boundaries of archaeological monuments were drawn in situ and their fencing with the installation of information panels.

- 12. To conduct instrumental monitoring, Contractor engaged two laboratories:
 - State laboratory of Chui-Bishkek Territorial Office, State Agency for Environmental Protection and Forestry under Government of Kyrgyz Republic to conduct laboratory research on quality of environmental components (water, atmospheric air);
 - ProfiLab LLC laboratory to conduct instrumental measurements of vibration and noise levels in areas of high environmental sensitivity and socially sensitive recipients of impact, located along Project Road, as well as at quarries.

13. There was a problem with untimely instrumental monitoring, namely in the reporting period it was planned to conduct instrumental monitoring 2 times (March and June), but unfortunately it was conducted once in June. The reasons for not performing planned monitoring were COVID-19 epidemiological situation in country, reorganization and restructuring of state environmental authorities, as well as COVID-19 patients were identified among laboratory staff, which was notified to Contractor in writing (more details are described in section 4.1).

2 PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND CURRENT ACTIVITIES

2.1 **Project Description**

14. According to the classification of ADB Safeguard Policy Statement 2009 (SPS-2009), the project is classified as category B. Kyrgyzstan is a mountainous and landlocked country, where regional trade is heavily dependent on roads, which dominates Kyrgyzstan's transport system. There is no rail or water transport network, while air transport is not possible for mass transport and becomes expensive for any freight.

15. Implementation of this project will help to connect the southern districts of Osh, Batken and Jalalabad with the northern districts of Naryn, Issyk-Kul, Chui and Talas, which in-turn will be connecting all with regional road corridors that allows: (i) reduce cost of passenger and freight traffic between southern and northern regions by providing direct access; (ii) provide a more direct route between Republic of Kazakhstan and Republic of Tajikistan; (iii) promote trade.

16. The project envisages rehabilitation of the road with the total length of 68 km, of which 43 km are in the Lot 1 "Balykchy km.0 - km. 43" and 25 km on Lot 2 "Kochkor - Epkin (km. 64 - km. 89) ».

17. The entire road corridor lies within the Northern and Inner Tien Shan mountain ranges. The route passes through mountain and plain parts of the Issyk-Kul, Naryn regions at an altitude of 700 - 3,500 m above mean sea level, crossing Chu River valley. The entire road corridor belongs to the local steppe climate, which is described as continental with cold winters and hot summers.

18. According to the general characteristics of districts, in accordance with geo-botanical zoning, Tonsky District of Issyk-Kul Oblast (Lot 1) shall be referred to desert steppe with

fragments of forests and spruce woods. The flora of Issyk-Kul BR includes about 1,500 plant species, including about 30 species of very important wild medicinal plants. The road section "Balykchy km.0 - km.43" is located in the sanitation zone (i.e. the zone in the anthropogenic disturbed areas) and is characterized by absence of growth of forests, spruce trees and medicinal plants in this area. Project road section is located at 1,632 m (beginning of section) to 1,756 m (end of section) above sea level. Throughout the section elevating difference ranges from 1,610 to 1,820 meters.

19. The territory of Kochkor Rayon, Naryn Oblast (Lot 2) is a vast area of agricultural land occupied by crop and livestock production. The Kochkor Valley is bounded by the Kyzart mountain ridges in the north and Karagatty Kyzart in the south. The mountainous region has a very dissected relief with high slopes. The height difference in the valley varies from 1,700 - 2,400 meters, and the tract from 2,400 - 4,502 meters. The area is characterized as wavy and mountainous terrain, which is covered with highly palatable grasses, suitable for grazing. Project road section is located at 1845 m (beginning of section) to 2080 m (end of section) meters above sea level.

20. Reconstruction of road will be carried out in accordance with the Kyrgyz State Standard (SNIP 32-01:2004), with geometrical and structural requirements up to Technical Category II (strip width 3.5 - 3.75 m; width of carriageway 7.00 - 7.50 m; width of shoulder 3.25 - 3.75 m (of which 0.50 m - 0.75 m will be paved). In this way the total road width of 15 m will be achieved. Existing small bridges and culverts will be repaired and/or replaced, side drains and other drainage facilities will be constructed, retaining walls and, if necessary, measures to protect the river will be provided, proper road signs, markings will be provided, bus stops will be built, and one underground crosswalk will be constructed.

21. It is expected that majority of environmental impacts from the rehabilitation project will be directly from construction work and some impacts will occur during operation. These impacts are attributable to increased traffic and high vehicle speeds due to good road surface. In turn, it gives rise to increased gas emissions and noise generation, as well as potentially increased traffic accidents involving pedestrians and vehicles. In addition, there is an increased risk of accidents associated with possible spills of harmful substances. During the feasibility study of the project, following impacts were identified in the IEE study of 2018:

22. Noise, airborne pollutant emissions, as well as vibration, are of particular importance within communities near the project road and in places where sensitive receptors such as schools, hospitals, mosques, etc. are located;

- Impacts on watercourses/ rivers.
- Impacts resulting from quarrying.
- Impacts on soil and vegetation, including forced removal of trees near the project road
- due to site clearance activities.
- Impacts resulting from rehabilitation of bridges and drainage structures.
- Impacts from asphalt mixing, concrete batching plants and aggregates crushing plants.
- Impacts from contractor work camps.
- Impacts on historical and archaeological sites.

2.2 Project Contracts and Management

23. Key features of this contract and its management descriptions are being presented in the following matrix tables:

Project	Improvement of connecting road for Corridors 1 and 3 under CAREC. Additional funding.
Construction Supervision Consultant (CSC)	Roughton International Ltd., and sub- consultants RAM Engineering Associates LLC
Notification for CSC's commencement of work:	20/05/2020
Contractor	Sinohydro-Powerchina Roadbridge JV
Road Sections:	Total length of two road sections - 68 km
Lot 1	«Balykchy km. 0 –km. 43» - 43 km
Lot 2	«Kochkor – Epkin» - 25 km
Donor:	Asian Development Bank
Date of contract	14/02/2017
Executing Agency	Ministry of Transport and Roads Kyrgyz Republic
Issuance of Work Order	22/06/2020
Date of completion	22 June 2022
Time to finish - days	730 days
Extension - days	-
Warranty period - days	36 months
Contract Amount	
Lot 1 «Balykchy km.0-km.43»	USD 22,671,896.26
Lot 2 «Kochkor-Epkin»	US\$ 17,537,958.57

Table 1. Project contracts and management



Figure 4. Project organizational structure and management

International staff	
Resident Engineer-Team Leader	Mike Neilan
Contract Specialist	Ed Vowles
Social Development and Resettlement Specialist	Nurul Hogue
Environment Specialist	Ayaz Khan
PBM Engineer	Alexandra Spernol
Quality Assuarance Engineer	Donald Gater
Road Safety Engineer	Francisco Javier Lopez Delgado
Bridge/Structural Engineer	Andrzej Kozuch
Local staff	
Assistant Engineer -1	Mamatbek Mambetaliev
Assistant Engineer -2	Izat Toktomambetov
Coating and Materials Engineer - 1	Torobek Osmonov*
Coating and Materials Engineer - 2	Taalai Ermatov
Quality Engineer	Eldar Samarkulov*
Bridge Engineer	Victor Urlapov
Road Safety Engineer	Shyloobek Sadyraliev
Volume Engineer	Edil Shabdanov
Tracer by volume - 1	Emil Bayseitov
Tracer by volume - 2	Dastan Tashtanov
Translator - 1	Kanat Abaskanov
Translator - 2	Bakytbek uulu Bakai
Office manager - 1	Ruslan Boronov
Office manager - 2	Nursultan Ishenaliev
BCD Engineer	Nurbek Zhumaliyev
Archaeologist	Kubatbek Tabaldiev
Topographer -1	Rinat Zhumabekov
Topographer - 2	Mayrambek Sabyraliev
Topographer - 3	Dilshat Tajibayev
Site Inspector - 1	Nurbek Omorov
Site Inspector - 2	Emilbek Atambekov
Site Inspector - 3	Ravshan Seyitov
Site Inspector - 4	Erlan Berdibaev
Laboratory Technician - 1	Kanybek Korkombayev
Laboratory Technician - 2	Melis Ayazbekov
Laboratory Technician - 3	Kenzhebek Andakeev
Environmental Protection Specialist	Nasiba Akhmatova
Resettlement Specialist	Yuri Dolgov

Table 2. Consultant's staff list

Volume of work under contract

24. This road section was designed in accordance with the building codes and regulations of the Kyrgyz Republic BCoR KR 32-01:2004 "Highway design" according to standards of II-Technical Category (main streets of city importance). The general carriageway specification of the road is displayed as below:

- number of traffic lanes 2;
- traffic lane width -3.5 3.75 m;
- width of the carriageway 2x7,5;
- shoulder width 3,25 m-3,75 m (of which 0,50 m-0,75 m with covering);
- total width of the carriageway 15 m;
- design axle load 11,5 tons.

25. A two-layer asphalt-concrete pavement with thickness of 14 cm, top layer - 5 cm, bottom layer - 9 cm will be laid throughout the project area.

26. The width of the road right-of-way is 30-60 meters. The project envisages construction and repair of the following engineering structures and communications, as well as parameters of the scope of work.

- 27. Scopes of work on the laying of roadway are:
 - Top pavement layer 6cm 42505 m3;
 - Coarse-grained asphalt at junctions 5cm 682 m3;
 - Leveling layer 9cm 63633 m3;
 - Base thickness 20cm 152829 m3;
 - Underlay 25cm 345850 m3 thickness;
 - Asphalt concrete mixture on sidewalks 4cm 434 m3;

In addition, the project provides:

- Bridge repair with widening 5 pcs;
- Small artificial structures 113 pcs;
- Underground crosswalk 1 pc;
- There are 1726 trays for water drainage;
- Parking near markets 4 pcs;
- Automobile pavilions 15 pcs;

Elements of road safety:

• Parapet fencing (boots) - 2285 pcs;

Reconstruction of engineering communications

- HV-10kV 30 poles;
- HV 0.4 kV 7 poles;
- Communication line -14 poles;
- Lighting poles 530 pcs;
- PVC pipes 23114 r/m.

28. <u>*Tree Planting*</u>. The IEE study has reported standing live green trees on both sides of the road throughout the project sections. Prior to commencement of construction work, number of

trees has been determined to be forced cutting and removal is 68 pcs. (including 38 trees on Lot 1 and 30 trees on Lot 2), but in practice, exact number of trees can be determined after completing road "alignment" works, ie after completion of topographical work. In 2020 identified as forced cutting 1,909 trees (160 pieces Lot 1- and 1,749-pieces Lot 2). Tree cutting at Lot 1 in 2020 completed with actual number 122, on Lot 2 cut 1268 trees. As of June 30, 2021, there were 481 trees to be cut. As a compensatory measure, new tree seedlings will be planted at a ratio of 1:2 (two trees instead of one).

29. <u>Land acquisition and resettlement plan</u>. The project section is in close proximity to residential areas. At Lot 2 a bypass is under active consideration. If it gets finalized, the road will be traversing through agricultural lands and demolition of fences and the construction of new sidewalks. A Land Acquisition and Resettlement Plan (LARP) was developed, identifying 40 affected persons, who will be compensated by the project, including land owners and users.

Main organizations involved in the project

- 30. Relevant agencies working with project include:
 - Ministry of Economy and Finance of KR (MEoF)
 - Ministry of Transport and Communication of KR (MOTC)
 - Investment Project Implementation Group (IPIG) under MOTC,
 - State Committee on Ecology and Climate (SCEC),
 - Department of Disease Prevention and State Sanitary and Epidemiological Surveillance of the Ministry of Health of the Kyrgyz Republic (DDPSSES)
 - MOTC is responsible for development of transport sector and is the Executive Agency (EA) for the project. MOTC has overall responsibility for planning, design, implementing and monitoring of the project. IPIG operates under MOTC and performs tasks assigned from MOTC.
 - MEoF KR is authorized state body responsible for coordination with ADB and other donors regarding external assistance issues.
 - SCEC is leading government agency for environmental protection, which is responsible for government policy in this area and coordinates environmental protection with other government agencies. Its functions include:
 - development of environmental policy and its implementation;
 - conducting state environmental impact assessment;
 - issuance of environmental licenses;
 - environmental monitoring;
 - supervising environmental information service, environmental legislation, established rules, limits and norms of environmental management, norms of emissions and discharges of pollutants and waste disposal;
 - DDPSSES supervises sanitary and epidemiological well-being of population, safety of goods, products, environmental facilities and conditions, prevention of harmful impact of environmental factors on human health.

No	Organization	Project activity	Responsible for environmental protection	Contact information
1	ADB	Country Environment Focal	Ninette R. Pajarillaga	npajarillaga@adb.org
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5	Sinohydro- Powerchina Roadbridge JV.	Contractor's Local Environmental Protection Specialist	Beisheev Isake	isake.beysheev@bk.ru

Table 3. Main organizations involved in project and related to environmental protection

2.3 Project Activities During Current Reporting Period

31. On the project sites there are objects of historical and cultural heritage (OHCH) located along the road. By order of the Ministry of Transport and Roads of the Kyrgyz Republic, the Research Institute "Kyrgyzrestavratsia" prepared a project for the protection zones of the (OHCH), which was approved by the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Information of the Kyrgyz Republic. Copies of the plans of the (OHCH) protection zones were provided to the Construction Supervision Consultant and the Contractor for the study and organization of work on the marking of the protection zones, as well as for the excavation of (OHCH) located 50 meters away from the project road.

32. During the reporting period, the Contractor, on the basis of the "OHCH protection zones project", approved by the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Information of the Kyrgyz Republic, developed by the Research Institute "Kyrgyzrestavratsiya" in accordance with the Law of the Kyrgyz Republic "On the Protection and Use of Historical and Cultural Heritage" No. 91 dated July 26, 1999 and the Regulations "On the Archaeological Field Committee, the Procedure for Conducting Archaeological Field Research and Reporting Scientific Documentation of the NAS of the Kyrgyz Republic 2014", an archaeologist, candidate of historical sciences Kunbolot Akmatov was involved to conduct excavations of (OHCH). The archaeologist, in accordance with the legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic, received "Open sheet of form No. 4 - for the right to conduct emergency excavations of monuments in emergency condition or under threat of destruction in the course of economic development of territories or natural disasters."

33. At the end of April, the Consultant's archaeologist marked the burial sites of the 1st century BC, located in Orto-Tokoy reservoir area at the section Lot 1 "Balykchy-Kochkor" between 32 and 36 km, and subject to excavation.



Photo 1. Lot 1. Mounds of Orto-Tokoi burial place Photo 2. Mounds of "Orto-Tokoi" burial place located on RHS of the road at 32 km.



located on LHS of the road at 32 km.



Photo 3. At the burial site of Orto-Tokoi. The Archaeologist Consultant shared with the international environmental specialist information on burials.

34. Below on the plan, the red line marks the boundaries of the protection zones of Orto-Tokoi burial ground, included in the project of the (OHCH) protection zones approved by the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Information of the Kyrgyz Republic. Green circles mark the mounds located within 50 m from the edge of the road, red circles mark the mounds located outside 50 m from the edge of the road.

35. In May - June 2021, a group of archaeologists led by archaeologist Mr.Kunbolot Akmatov excavated 9 burial structures (burial mounds) located near the road in Orto-Tokoi reservoir area at the section of Balkchy-Kochkor road between 32 and 36 km. According to " Project of protection zones of OHCH". The bones of a person, a horse, and individual fragments of an earthen vessel were found in the mounds (photo 4-9). All finds were recorded, an inventory was conducted, then they will be sent to the laboratory of archeology and ethnography of the State Kyrgyz-Turkish University "Manas" to determine the age of the excavated burials and restore ceramic products.



Figure 5. Map of «Orto-Tokoi» OHCH location (Lot 1)

Photos of the progress of archaeological excavations Lot -1



Photo 4. Mound #6 before the start of excavations.



Photo 5. Progress of excavations at mound # 6.



Photo 6. Mound №1. Human skeleton, clay vessels.



Photo 7. Mound №3.



Photo 8. Mound №3. Horse bones.



Photo 9. Mound №5. Human skeleton, clay vessels.

36. In addition, according to the OHCH Protection Zones Project, archaeologists in the process of field work conducted work on the removal of the boundaries of archaeological sites in nature and their fencing with the establishment of information panels (photo 10-13).



Photo 10. Installation of an information panel on the Archaeological Monument "Sary-Bulun I" X-XII centuries. Iron ore processing workshop. Km 7 + 300 RHS of the road.



Photo 11. Archaeological monument "Sary-Bulun I" X-XII centuries. Workshop for the processing of iron ore. Km 7 + 300 RHS of the road.



Photo 12. Archaeological monument "Sary-Bulun II" X-XII century Settlement of metallurgists. Km 7 + 900 LHS of the road.



Photo 13. Informational panel Sary-Bulun II archaeological monument of the X-XII century. The settlement of metallurgists.

37. In July 2021, an archaeologist Mr.Akmatov.K will complete the preparation of a scientific report on the performed archaeological research and excavations, which will be sent to the Ministry of Culture, Information, Sports and Youth Policy of the Kyrgyz Republic for

consideration. After consideration and approval of the archaeologist's report, a written permission from the the Ministry of Culture, Information, Sports and Youth Policy of the Kyrgyz Republic and a copy of the scientific report will be submitted in the first half of August 2021 to the MOTC KR and the Contractor.

Road Construction Works

- 38. The following works were conducted at Lot 1 section:
 - Road widening. During road widening, the roadside was cleared and grubbed (photo 14). The volume of work performed during the reporting period is 9.1%, from the beginning of the Project implementation 19%.
 - Excavation of soil (photo 15). The volume of work performed during the reporting period is 16%, from the beginning of the Project implementation 34%.
 - Preparation of the existing road bed: loosening, removal of unusable soil, leveling and compaction with moisture (photo 16, 17). The volume of work performed during the reporting period is 23%, from the beginning of the Project implementation - 23%.
 - Embankment construction (photo 18). The volume of work performed during the reporting period is 11%, from the beginning of the Project implementation 11%.
 - Removal of the existing asphalt (photo 19, 20). The volume of work performed during the reporting period is 18%, from the beginning of the Project implementation - 18%.
 - Completed culvert construction work 1m dia 7 pcs. (Excavation of the pit, pouring the foundation, installing headwalls and culvert rings, waterproofing, backfilling (photo 21, 22). The volume of work performed during the reporting period is 10.1%, from the beginning of the Project implementation 18%.
 - New bridge construction work at km 12+063 (abutment №1 is filled).



Photo 14. Road widening at km 14+050 – 16+500: after clearing and grubbing.



Photo 15. Lot 1. Excavation at km 21+000.



Photo 16. Soil compaction at section km 13 + 280.



Photo 17. Removal of unusable material km.14 + 482.



Photo 18. Lot 1. Earthworks on the embankment at km 4 + 200.



Photo 19. Lot 1. Scarifying and removal of old asphalt concrete at km 7 + 560.



Photo 20. Lot 1. Removal and disposal of old asphalt concrete at km 4 +800.



Photo 21. Lot 1. Warning road safety signs at km 4 + 800.



Photo 22. Lot 1. Culvert construction work at km 8 + 159.



Photo 23. Culvert backfilling at km 18+585.

- 39. The following works were conducted at Lot 2 section
 - Road widening. During road widening the roadside was cleared and grubbed (photo 24). The volume of work performed during the reporting period is 6.4%, from the beginning of the Project implementation 17%.
 - Soil excavation. The volume of work performed during the reporting period is 38.58%, from the beginning of the Project implementation - 43%.
 - Preparation of the existing roadbed: loosening, leveling and compaction with moisture (photo 25, 26). The volume of work performed during the reporting period is 6%, from the beginning of the Project implementation - 6%.
 - Embankment construction (Photo 27). The volume of work performed during the reporting period is 24%, from the beginning of the Project implementation 24%.
 - Removal of existing asphalt (photo 28). The volume of work performed during the reporting period is 28%, from the beginning of the Project implementation 28%.
 - Construction work was conducted on culvert construction 1 m dia 3 pcs (excavation of the pit, pouring the foundation, installation of headwalls and pipe rings).



Photo 24. Road widening at km. 14 + 050 - 16 + 500: after clearing and grubbing.



Photo. 25. Km 74 + 100. Subgrade leveling.



Photo 26. Subgrade soil compaction with moistening at km 79 + 300.



Photo 27. Embankemnt construction at km 64+300.



Photo 28. Scarifying of asphalt concrete pavement at km. 74 + 550.

Territory of production site

40. An asphalt concrete plant and a crushing plant for Lot 1 are located at the section of the project site Balykchy km 0 - km 43 at 16 + 200 km RHS of road at 50m distance (Figure 6). All necessary permits / approvals from local authorities, and the approval of the State Committee for Ecology and Climate have been received.

Workers' accommodation camp.

41. <u>Contractor's camp for Lot 1</u>. The Contractor's camp for Lot 1 is located on the section of the project site Balykchy km.0 - km.43 at 16 + 100 km, RHS of the road 50m distance, with an area of 4.5 hectares. All necessary documents / approval from local authorities, and approval of the State Committee for Ecology and Climate have been received.

42. The workers' camp is designed for 45 people. On the territory of the camp there are: office, first-aid post, rooms for workers, place for namaz (namazkana), canteen. In April of the reporting period, camp construction and arrangement works were completed as well as communication to energy resources facilities (water, electricity).



Figure 6. Location of ACP and SCP production facilities



Photo 29. Location of camp road builders at km 16+100.

43. <u>Contractor's camp for Lot 2</u>. The contractor's camp for Lot 2 is located on the section of the project site 2A "Kochkor-Epkin" at 81 km, 250 meters from the project site, with an area of 4.5 hectares. All necessary documents / approval from local authorities, and approval of the State Committee for Ecology and Climate have been received. The territory of the camp is fenced and refined by planting trees. On the territory of the camp there are: an office, a first-aid post, rooms for workers, a parking lot for construction equipment, a dining room with a kitchen block. Each living room has a bathroom and shower.



Figure 7. Map of Contractor's camp location on Lot 2

Photos of Contractor's camp arrangement progress

Lot 1



Photos 30, 31. Lot 1. Camp area.





Photos 32, 33. Lot 1. Camp arrangement.



Photo 34. First aid post.



Photo 35. Office.



Photo 36. Room for living.







Photo 38. Shower room.



Photo 39. WC.



Photo 40. Laundry.



Photo 41. Room for namaz.



Photo 42. Dining room.



Photo 43, 44. Kitchen.

Lot 2



Photo 45. Contractor's camp location Lot 1.



Photos 46, 47. Lot 2. Contractor's camp area.



Photos 48, 49. Lot 2. Camp area is fenced.



Photos 50 and 51. Living rooms in the Contractor's camp.



Photo 52. WC.



Photos 53, 54. First aid post at Contractor's camp.

44. <u>Trees management</u>. In 2020, the Contractor jointly with Consultant, conducted work on setting out of road central lines and the boundaries of the roadbed (including the road slope) at place, the number of felling trees under the item "forced" was determined. Contractor received all the necessary permits from State Committee on Ecology and Climate (SCEC), State Inspectorate for Environmental and Technical Safety under Kyrgyz Republic Government (SIETS).

45. On the Lot 1 section, the number felling trees is 160 pcs. Trees felling was completed in 2020. The actual number of felled trees is 122pcs. The felled trees were handed over to local village administration (ayil okmotu), statement of release and acceptance was drafted.

46. On the Lot 2 section, the number of felling trees is 1064pcs, and 685pcs of shrubs. In 2020, 661pcs of trees were felled. No tree felling was conducted in the reporting period. According to local legislation requirements, compensation will be made instead of the felled trees in 1: 2 ratio (2 trees will be planted instead of one felled tree). Sites for planting new trees will be identified and confirmed with local village administration (aiyl okmotu) in the process of completing the main construction work on the project section.

47. <u>Staff information</u>. In the reporting period, Contractor mobilized 251 people, including 15 foreign personnel (management, engineer, office manager) and 236 local personnel, including the personnel of the contracted companies involved. Below is a breakdown by local personnel of the Contractor and subcontractor involved in the project section.

Personnel	Contractor SINOHYDRO	«Arek stroy» LLC	«Jagylmai» LLC
Engineer / Technician	18	16	5
Operators and drivers	13	45	14
Qualified labor	9	34	10
Unskilled labor	10	29	7
Others	5	18	3

2.4 Description of Any Changes to Project Design

48. No changes were made to the Project.

2.5 Description to Any Changes to Agreed Construction Methods

49. No changes were made in construction methods.

3 ENVIRONMENTAL SAFEGUARD ACTIVITIES

3.1 General Description of Environmental Safeguard Activities

50. Within the authority of the local environmental specialist of the Construction Supervision Consultant "Roughton International Ltd." and the sub-consultant "RAM Engineering Associates LLC" during the reporting period regularly monitored the implementation of the EMP and SSEMP requirements during construction works on sections of the Balykchy road km. 0 + 000-43 + 000 and Kochkor-Epkin. Participated in instrumental monitoring. Participated in and conducted trainings on SSEMP implementation. The specialist has visited the site more than 25 times. During site visits, special attention was paid to visual monitoring of environmental components condition (water, air, soil) and the implementation of mitigating measures for environmental impact during construction works, quarrying process and waste disposal in the environment.

51. Site inspection by a local environmental specialist was conducted jointly with Contractor's environmental specialist. During the reporting period, when environmental problems were identified, the Consultant warned the Contractor verbally or in written form regarding the necessity to eliminate violations within the specified terms, explanatory work was also conducted at places as well as trainings for employees who commit violations and those responsible for EMP and SSEMP implementation.

3.2 Site Audits

52. Visual monitoring of construction sites by Engineer's environmental specialist was conducted each month jointly with Contractor's environmental specialist: since February, the dates of site inspections are reflected in the table below. Monitoring site visits of Engineer's Environmental Specialist started in February because of weather and restricted travelling to regions and country's COVID-19 epidemiological situation and limited amount of work on Lot-1 and lack of construction work on Lot-2 in January 2021.

Nº	Date	Auditor name	Purpose of audit	Summary of any significant findings		
Febru	ary					
1	15.02.2021	Akhmatova N. Beisheev I.	Monitoring of construction sites for Lot 1 with the Contractor's environmental specialist	Visual monitoring of all construction sites, disposal of unusable soil, quarries and monitoring of the environmental		
2	16.02.2021	Akhmatova N. Beisheev I.	Monitoring of construction sites for Lot 2 with the Contractor's environmental	documentation of the Contractor. Collecting information for the monthly report.		

Table 4. Dates of conducted site inspection

			specialist				
Marc	March						
3	23- 26.03.2021	Akhmatova N. Beisheev I.	Monitoring of construction sites for Lot 1 and 2 with the Contractor's environmental specialist and participation in archaeologist training	Visual monitoring of all construction sites, dump sites, quarries and monitoring of the Contractor's environmental documentation. Collecting information for the monthly report.			
	26.04.2024	Alchmotovo	Introduction international	It was identified that ald caphalt			
4	20.04.2021	Ayaz Khan	specialist Ayaz Khan with the project road and the Builders' Camp on Lot 1 in Balykchy km. 0 - km 43	was stored at the site for spoil banks of unusable soil. According to verbal instructions, the Contractor, within two days, ensured the removal of waste of old asphalt to an authorized site for the disposal of waste of old asphalt concrete.			
5	27– 30.04.2021	Akhmatova N. Beisheev I. Ayaz Khan	Introduction to international specialist Ayaz Khan the project road for Lot 2, with the production bases for Lot 1 and 2.	The lack of personal protective equipment was noted for the Contractor's employees and the Consultant's employees, except vests.			
May	•						
6	07.05.2021 г.	Akhmatova N. Beisheev I.	Lot 1. Monitoring of construction sites and production base with the Contractor's environmental specialist	Visual monitoring of construction sites, production bases, quarries, spoil banks. Lack of personal protective equipment for workers at the sites.			
7	10 12.2021 г.	Akhmatova N.	Monitoring of construction sites, production bases, quarries, spoil banks.	Daily visual monitoring of all construction sites. Collecting materials for drafting monthly report.			
June	•			· · · · ·			
10	2.06.2021 Γ.	IPIG protective measures specialist Abdygulov A. ADB Local Office Safeguard Specialist Bakirov S. Akhmatova N. Beisheev I.	Monitoring of construction sites, production bases, quarries, spoil banks.	Visual monitoring of all construction facilities. The local consultant of ADB and the IPIG specialist issued recommendations for improving road watering: on Lot 1, all existing machines are provided with a gravity irrigation system, i.e., water is supplied for watering by gravity. The use of a pressure irrigation system significantly increases the efficiency of the irrigation machine, which makes it possible to reduce water consumption by 2 times and increase the intensity of watering. No personal protective equipment among workers at the production			

				base: helmets, special shoes, eye protector, noise protection equipment, respiratory protection. For lot 2: Dust control during crusher plant operation and vehicle traffic on technological earthen roads.
11	03- 04.06.2021	Akhmatova N. Beisheev I.	Monitoring of construction sites, production bases, quarries, spoil banks jointly with the Contractor's environmental specialist	Visual monitoring of all construction facilities. Checking elimination of violations identified before.
12	08- 11.06.2021	Akhmatova N.	Monitoring of construction sites, production bases, quarries, spoil banks	Monitoring of construction sites, production bases, quarries, spoil banks. Checking the elimination of violations identified before. Collecting of information for drafting a semi-annual report.

3.3 Issues Tracking (Based on Non-Compliance Notices)

53. During the reporting period, if environmental issues were identified, a verbal warning was initially given to the Contractor with a deadline. A letter was sent in case if Contractor did not eliminate the identified environmental issue.

54. Table 5 reflects isues and non-compliances that took place during the reporting period. In the reporting period, there were 14 non-compliances,12 of which were resolved during the reporting period, 2 were not fulfilled.

Nо п/п	Comments, non- compliances, recommendations	Corrective measures	Responsible Executor. Deadlines	Status of the previous Corrective measures execution Terms of non- compliance elimination
		For both sections	Lot 1 and Lot 2	
1	No Environmental passport of the company	Speed up the process of developing Environmental Passport.	Contractor "Sinohydro" Deadline March 2021	<u>Done</u> May 2021 The delay is due to the fact that it was under consideration in the territorial department of environmental protection for a long time
2	No Permit for emissions of pollutants (prohibited substances) into the atmosphere for 2021	Obtain a permit from the territorial department of environmental protection of the State Committee on Ecology and Climate (SCEC).	Contractor "Sinohydro" Deadline until March 15, 2021	<u>Done</u> Permit №034084

Table 5. Contractor's activites to eliminate EMP non-compliances

Nо п/п	Comments, non- compliances, recommendations	Corrective measures	Responsible Executor. Deadlines	Status of the previous Corrective measures execution Terms of non- compliance elimination
3	No Contract for the removal of wastewater from the temporary camp of builders and its' treatment	Conclude an agreement with a specialized organization for the removal of wastewater from the temporary camp of builders and its' treatment.	Contractor "Sinohydro" Deadline until March 15, 2021	<u>Done</u> March 2021 г.
4	No Agreement with an accredited laboratory for instrumental monitoring of the quality of environmental components: water, air; noise and vibration level	Conclude an Agreement and provide instrumental monitoring. Issued 18.02.2021 Second time on May 18, 2021	Contractor "Sinohydro" Deadline until March 1, 2021 Second time until May 30, 2021r.	<u>Done</u> Agreement is concluded. Instrumental monitoring was conducted in June 2021. The delay in monitoring is related to laboratory staff disease with COVID-19
5	Finding workers at construction sites without personal protective equipment (photos 55-56).	Provide all employees with personal protective equipment (special protective clothing, footwear, helmets, noise protection equipment, respiratory protection, etc.) according to work specifics	Contractor "Sinohydro" Urgently	<u>Done</u> Additional monitoring will be conducted on this issue.
		Lot ²	1	
6	On April 26, the storage of old asphalt was found on the area for a dump of unusable soil at km 12 + 000 LHS of the road at 100m distance (Photo 57)	According to verbal instructions, the Contractor, within three days, ensured the removal of the waste of old asphalt to an authorized site for the disposal of waste of old asphalt concrete.	Deadlines Until April 29, 2021	<u>Done</u> (photos 58, 59)
		Issued April 26, 2021r.		
		Submit to Engineer all permits from the relevant local self-government bodies, the territorial administration of the State Committee for Economics and Control. Develop a plan for the	Deadline until May 20, 2021	<u>Done</u>

Nо п/п	Comments, non- compliances, recommendations	Corrective measures	Responsible Executor. Deadlines	Status of the previous Corrective measures execution Terms of non- compliance elimination
		disposal of old asphalt, agreed with the territorial department of environmental protection.		
7	The area around the inspection pit of the vehicle is contaminated with oil products. Storage conditions for used oils do not meet environmental requirements (photo 60).	Ensure that the area is cleaned from pollution. In order to prevent soil pollution with oil products, ensure storage of containers with waste oils on an impenetrable protective surface under a canopy to protect against atmospheric precipitation and protect from direct sunlight to reduce emissions during natural evaporation of fuels and lubricants arising from daily air fluctuations.	Contractor "Sinohydro". Deadline until May 25, 2021	Partiallyexecuted(photo 61).The territory wascleaned. It is plannedto construct a specialconcreted area with acanopy for storingwaste oils.Concreting of site willbe done as soon asconcrete-mixing unitcompleted.Scheduledstart is August 15.Therefore, deadline forcorrective actionsextended to August 25,2021.
8	The conditions of storage and keeping materials and production wastes do not comply with environmental requirements (photos 62, 63).	Provide separate storage of materials from waste tires, waste oils.	Contractor "Sinohydro". Deadline until May 25, 2021	<u>Done</u> (photos 64, 65).
9	On Lot 1, watering of the roadway is carried out by sprinklers with gravity water supply (photo 66). The use of a gravity irrigation system is not effective enough, since it requires more water consumption and more time to watering the same distance of the road than when using a pressure irrigation	Recommended for the effectiveness of roadside watering: on water-washing machines with gravity irrigation, install pumps for spraying water. The use of a pressurized irrigation system significantly increases the efficiency of watering and the operation of a watering machine, which makes it possible to reduce water consumption by 2 times, and to increase	Contractor «Sinohydro». Deadline July 15 2021	Done One of the three sprinklers has a pump for spraying water (Photo 67). The rest of the machines will be pumped as soon as they arrive, which is expected by July 15th.

Nо п/п	Comments, non- compliances, recommendations	Corrective measures	Responsible Executor. Deadlines	Status of the previous Corrective measures execution Terms of non- compliance elimination
	system.	the intensity of watering.		
		Lot	2	•
10	On June 2, during the moni-toring of construction sites and facilities, dust formation was detected: during the operation of the crushing and screening plant located at the production base Lot 2 (photo 68) and the vehicles traffic on earthen road during materials transportation (photo 69). Letter No. KGZ 4267 210609 AH- BK079 dated 09.06.2021	Install watering facility at crushing and screening plant for dust control. Provide a high-quality hard surface of access, technolo-gical roads and the produc-tion site of the crushing and screening plant and watering them	Contractor «Sinohydro».	<u>Done</u> (photos 70–73)
11	The base of the gas station site is unpaved; during the process of refueling vehicles, diesel fuel leaks from the pistol, which leads to soil contamination.	Provide concreting of the base of gas station area	Contractor "Sinohydro". Deadline until May 25, 2021	<u>Done</u>
12	Storage conditions of containers with fuels and lubricants do not meet environmental requirements (photo 74)	In order to prevent soil contamination with oil products, ensure storage of containers with fuels and lubricants on a waterproof and oil-tight surface and under a canopy to protect against atmospheric precipitation	Contractor "Sinohydro". Deadline until May 25, 2021	Not executed (photo 75). Cleaning of the territory and temporary storage of containers with fuels and lubricants under a protective film until the completion of the construction of a covered warehouse for fuels and lubricants was ensured. Concreting of site will be done as soon as concrete-mixing unit completed. Scheduled

Nо п/п	Comments, non- compliances, recommendations	Corrective measures	Responsible Executor. Deadlines	Status of the previous Corrective measures execution Terms of non- compliance elimination
				start is August 15. Therefore, deadline for corrective actions extended to August 25, 2021.
13	The WC in one of the living rooms is adapted to a kitchen (photo 76).	To bring WC into compliance (as it should be by initial purpose)	Urgently	<u>Done</u> (photo 77).
14	The uprooted roots from the felled trees were not removed on the roadside at km 75. (Photo 78).	Ensure the removal of the uprooted roots of felled trees.	Until 25.05.2021.	<u>Done</u> (photo 79)

Summary	of non-com	pliances b	ased on	current	period	notifications
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Total Number of Issues for Project	14
Number of Open Issues	2
Number of Closed Issues	12
Percentage Closed	86%
Issues Opened This Reporting Period	2
Issues Closed This Reporting Period	12





Photo 55. Crushing and screening plant worker with no appropriate personal protective equipment.



Photo 56. Concrete plant worker with no personal protective equipment.





Photo 57. Lot 1. Stored old a asphalt concrete dump of unusable soil km 12 + 000.

Photo 58. Lot 1. Removal of waste of old asphalt on a concrete.



Photo 59. Lot 1. Work on the removal of waste from the old asphalt concrete from spoil bank at km. 12 + 000.



Photo 60 Before and after cleaning (photo 61).



Photos 62. and Photo 63. The conditions of storage and keeping of materials and production waste do not comply with environmental requirements.



Photo 64 and Photo 65. Lot 1 after cleaning and orderly storage of materials and waste oils and tires.



Photo 66. Gravity irrigation system.



Photo 67. Pressure irrigation system.





Photo 68. Lot 2.

Photo 69. Lot 2. Lack of watering earthen roads.



Photo 70, 71. Lot 2. Backfilled technological earthen road to the crusher plant.



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Photo 72. Lot 2. Work of crusher plant after the installation of the irrigation system with water: no dust.



Photo 73. State of the production site of the crusher plant after watering.



Photo 74. Lot 2. Storage conditions for fuels do not meet environmental requirements.



Photo 75. Lot 2. Cleaning of the territory and storage of containers with fuels under a protective film.



Photo 76. Lot 2. The bathroom transformed into kitchen.



Photo 77. The bathroom is brought into conformity with its purpose.



Photo 78. Lot 2. Uprooted roots.



Photo 79. The area after cleaning km 75.

3.4 Trends

55. During reporting period 14 non-compliances identified where 12 resolved during reporting period, 2 were not. Two non-compliances mean fuel and lubricants storage conditions do not meet environmental requirements, i.e. no measures to protect soil from contamination by oil products as a result of possible accidental leaks and spills. To eliminate inconsistencies, the Contractor was issued corrective actions for preventing soil contamination with petroleum products: to ensure storage of fuel and lubricant containers on a concrete surface and under a shelter to protect them from atmospheric precipitation. Since concrete-mixing unit is not operatoinal yet, timing of concreting the fuel and lubricant storage production sites postponed to next reporting period until August 25, 2021

56. Such factors as incomplete scale of physical works, late start dates, absence of nonconformities or their insignificant number in the previous reporting period do not allow to trace trends. In the next reporting period, trends in problems will be determined taking into account sufficient information of this reporting period.

3.5 Unanticipated Environmental Impacts or Risks

57. There were no unexpected environmental impacts or risks during the reporting period.

4 RESULTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING

4.1. Overview of Monitoring Conducted during Current Period

58. Because of current COVID-19 situation the construction works started only by end of October 2020. Contractor jointly with Consultant worked to engage a laboratory for environment quality instrumental monitoring. The nearest instrumental monitoring laboratory is located in Bishkek, however because of their scheduled workload and COVID-19 situation until end of 2020, engagement for services is denied in 2020 and until March 2021.

59. March 2021, Contractor submitted (Letter E10-03.kg March 17, 2021) to Engineer for

reviewing and approving lists of instrumental monitoring laboratories. Upon approval from Engineer (letter #KGZ4267 210503 AH-BK068 May 3, 2021), Contractor concluded Contracts with Chui-Bishkek Territorial Department of State Agency for Environmental Protection and Forestry under GKR for laboratory studies of quality of environmental components (water, atmospheric air) and with laboratory of ProfiLab LLC for instrumental measurements of vibration, noise in areas of high environmental and social sensitivity recipients along the project road and borrow pits.

60. As per Contracts, laboratory specialists were to come in May and to conduct measurements, but instrumental monitoring postponed until late June because among laboratory staff infected with COVID-19 found. Written note received by Contractor (letter dated 10.06.2021)

61. The start of baseline instrumental monitoring with 2 months repeating frequency during construction works is failed because of reasons mentioned above in paragraphs 57-59

62. During reporting period, the Instrumental Monitoring in accordance with SSEMP's Environmental Quality Monitoring Plan (water, air, noise, vibration) was conducted once in June 2021. The list of socially sensitive receptors and objects of increased environmental sensitivity is shown in the table below.

Lot 1:	Lot 2					
 Balykchy town. High road, beginning of the 	 Kok-Jar village at km 65+985 					
section km 0 + 000 - 0 + 300	 Chekildek village 70+003L 					
 Tash-Sarai village, km. 11+000 	 Epkin village, next to mosque km 86+540 					
 Chu river, Tash –Sarai village (bridge), km 	 Production base at km 81+500 					
11+500	 Joon-Aryk river km 65+410 					
 Irrigation ditch, km 12+055 	 Sazdyn Suusu river km 86+261 					
 Chu river, gauging station, bridge, km 	 Mukandyn suusu river km 68+044 					
42+600	 Kok-Jar river cemetery km 68+000 					
 Production base km 16+600 	 Cemetery Chekildek village km 69+800 					
	 Cemetery Cholpon village km 82+800 					

Sensitive recipients for each Lot

63. In June, the Contractor provided instrumental monitoring of the quality of the environmental components (water, air) and the levels of noise and vibration (Photos 80 and 81). The results of laboratory analyzes and instrumental measurements are shown in tables 6 and 7.





Photo 80. Measurement of the level of noise and vibration.

Photo 81. Air quality measurements.

64. Air quality was determined by the following indicators: sulfur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide and suspended solids. According to the test results, in the selected samples of atmospheric air, the excess of the maximum permissible concentration (MPC) for all determined ingredients was not found.

65. The water quality of surface water bodies flowing along and crossing the project road was determined by the following indicators: transparency, suspended solids, oil products, BOD₅. According to the results of chemical analyzes in water, the concentration of pollutants in all selected samples does not exceed the MPC established for reservoirs of the fish-economic and cultural-household category for all determined ingredients.

66. The level of noise and vibration. According to the results of instrumental measurements, the level of noise and vibration during the operation of the company's vehicles and equipment in quarries and at production bases, as well as the background level of noise and vibration from not yet developed quarries and traffic flow on the roads are within the established limits of the MPC.

Location, name of the monitoring site	Monitoring period	CO mg/m ³	NO ₂ mg/m ³	SO ₂ mg/m ³	Dust concentration, mg/m ³	Noise Ievel, dB	Vibratio n level
Regulatory maximum perm	issible concentration of	5	0.085	0.5	0.5	80	112
		L0	Г 1				
70. Balykchy town 0+000 км	December 2015 (baseline indicators)		0,022±0,004	0,05±0,006	0,29±0,07	43,1	92,4
Latitude 42°27′09 Longitude 76°09′37′′	June 2021 (baseline indicators)	0,4±0,08	0,082±0,021	0,008±0,002	0,073±0,015	68	96
0+300 km Latitude 42°27′09 Longitude 76°09′32′′						58	90
71. Tash-Sarai village 11+000 km	December 2015 (baseline indicators)		0,027±0,005	<0,05	<0,26	40,2	91,7
Latitude 42°22'14 Longitude 76°04'53''	June 2021 (baseline indicators)	0,2±0,08	0,025±0,006 3	0,004±0,001	0,4±0,08	57	87
72. Production base (Asphalt plant, crushing plant) Quarry km 16+600 Latitude 42°22'14 Longitude76°04'53''	June 2021 (baseline indicators)	0,7±0,14	0,033±0,008 3	0,006±0,0015	0,012±0,0024	62	93
Quarry km 7+100 Latitude 42°40′60 Longitude 76°09′32′′	June 2021 (baseline indicators)					58	90
Quarry 9+000	June 2021 (baseline indicators)					46	90
Latitude 42°38′89 Longitude 76°09′86′′							
Quarry km 26+800 Latitude 42°29′36	June 2021 (baseline indicators)					51	

Table 6. Results of instrumental monitoring: December 2015 (baseline indicators) - June 2021

Location, name of the monitoring site	Monitoring period	CO mg/m ³	NO ₂ mg/m ³	SO ₂ mg/m ³	Dust concentration, mg/m ³	Noise Ievel, dB	Vibratio n level
Regulatory maximum permi pollutants	ssible concentration of	5	0.085	0.5	0.5	80	112
Longitude 76°09'94''							
		LOT	Г 2				
73. Kok-Jar village km 65+985 Latitude 42°19′17 Longitude 75°65′33″	December 2015 (baseline indicators)		<0,02	<0,05	<0,26	57	90
	June 2021 (baseline indicators)	0,3±0,06	0,018±0,004 5	0,003±0,0008	0,012±0,0024	51	88
Kok-Jar village km 66+100 Latitude 42°19'17 Longitude 75°65'33''						54	88
74. Chekildek village km 70+003	December 2015 (baseline indicators)		0,023±0,004	<0,05	0,028±0,07	68,1	91,1
Latitude 42°19′44 Longitude 75°60′80′′	June 2021 (baseline indicators)	0,3±0,06	0,018±0,004 5	0,003±0,0008	0,103±0,021	56	85
75. Epkin village next to mosque km 86+540	December 2015 (baseline indicators)						
Latitude 42°17′36 Longitude 75°42′25″	June 2021 (baseline indicators)	0,3±0,06	0,013±0,003 3	0,003±0,0008	0,079±0,016	51	92
76. Production base Quarry 81+200	December 2015 (baseline indicators)						
Latitude 42°18′50 Longitude 75°47′84′′	June 2021 (baseline indicators)	0,5±0,1	0,016±0,004	0,004±0,001	0,109±0,022	83	98
Quarry 81+200 next to shop	June 2021 (baseline indicators)					51	88
Latitude 42°18′79 Longitude 75°47′52''							
Epkin village km 86+000 east side of the road	June 2021 (baseline indicators)					46	88

Location, name of the monitoring site	Monitoring period	CO mg/m ³	NO ₂ mg/m ³	SO ₂ mg/m ³	Dust concentration, mg/m ³	Noise level, dB	Vibratio n level
Regulatory maximum permis pollutants	sible concentration of	5	0.085	0.5	0.5	80	112
Latitude 42°10′24							
Longitude 75°25′21″							
Epkin village km. 86+000							
Latitudo 42°17/26						53	88
Longitude 75°42′25″							
Quarry km. 71 + 500 north							
side of the road							
						52	98
Latitude 42°18′83							
Longitude 75°58′95″							
Quarry 75 + 400 near the							
						55	
Latitude 42°19'27						00	
Longitude 75°54'45''							
Chekildek village, km 70 +							
000 north side of the road							
Latitude $42^{\circ}10/44$						51	85
Laulude 42 19 44							

Sampling	Selection	Transnaro	Petroleum	BOD 5	Weighted	Notes
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			0.0**	0.4**	ing / i	
MPC for reservo	irs household life	Not less	0,3**	2-4**	increase	
cate	egory	than 20			0,25/0,75	
			Lot 1			
	December 2015.	41	<0,05			Baseline
148. Chu river	(baseline)					measurements
	. ,					in 2015.
	June 2021.	24	0.012	1.3	3.2	Color exceeding
	(baseline)		- , -	7 -	- /	is not related to
	(the impact of
						construction
						work
140 Irrigation	lune 2021 г	26	0.02	2.5	3.0	Work
ditch	(haseline)	20	0,02	2,0	5,0	
150	December 2015	37	<0.05	0.3		Baseline
Chu rivor	(basolino)	57	<0,05	0,5		Daseillie
chu river,	(Daseline)				2.0	in 2015
gauging station	hun - 0004	00	0.047	4.4	3,0	11 2015
	June 2021	23	0,017	1,1	3,4	
reservoir	(baseline)					
KM. 42 + 600						
	T		Lot 2		1	
151.	December 2015	40	<0,05			Baseline
Joon-Aryk river	(baseline)					measurements
km.65 + 410						in 2015
	June 2021	>50	0,03	1,4	1,4	Color exceeding
	(baseline)					is not related to
						the impact of
						construction
						work
152.	June 2021.	39	0,026	0,3		Color exceeding
	(baseline)					is not related to
river Sazdvn-	· · · ·				3,0	the impact of
Suusu km. 86 +						construction
261						work
201						Non
153.	June 2021 г.	10	0,026	1,1	20	
Mukandyn-	(baseline)					
Suusu river	· · · · ·					
Km. 68 + 044						
154.	June 2021 г.	39	0.022	2.5	0.6	Color exceeding
Zhar-Korundu	(фон)		-,	_,-	-,-	is not related to
river	(+)					the impact of
						construction
						work
						WUIK

Table 7. Results of laboratory research of surface water quality

4.2. Trends

67. Given the difficult COVID-19 situation described above, instrumental environmental monitoring was delayed. Also, taking into account the incomplete scale and late start of physical activities during the reporting period, there is insufficient information to determine a tendency.

4.3. Summary of Monitoring Outcomes

68. During the reporting period, no construction work was conducted in areas of high environmental sensitivity and socially sensitive receptors along the Project Road. At these sites,

baseline monitoring of the quality of environmental components (atmospheric air, water), noise and vibration levels was conducted. Instrumental measurements of noise and vibration levels were made at all quarry areas. During the construction period in the second half of 2021, it is planned to monitor the quality of atmospheric air, water, noise impact and vibration in the areas where construction work will take place. It is recommended to monitor the air quality indicators during quarryings close to settlements at km. 9 + 000, km 71 + 500, km. 75 + 400, also provide instrumental measurements of the concentration of CO (carbon monoxide) contained in emissions from vehicles and construction equipment of the Contractor. There is no need in additional monitoring not envisaged by SSEMP.

4.4. Material Resources Utilization

4.4.1. Current Period

69. In the reporting period, water was used for watering during earthworks, quarrying and dust conrol in all areas subject to dust formation in Lot 1 and Lot 2.

4.4.2. Cumulative Resource Utilization

70. As of June 30, 2021, the Contractor has 16 quarries at its disposal for the extraction of construction material. The contractor has received all the necessary documents / approval from the local authorities, and the State Committee on Ecology and Climate of the Kyrgyz Republic for the development of these quarries. Table 8 shows the main characteristics of the quarries.

Nº	Quarry	Reserves	Area (Га)	Distance from	Quarrying			
		(m°)		road	conducted yes/no			
Lot 1								
Nº1	km. 5+500	600 000	5,09	430 м.	Yes			
Nº2	km. 7+100	164 000	4,1	122 м.	Yes			
Nº3	km. 7+200	195 200	4,88	122 м	No			
Nº4	km. 9+000	380 000	7,6	25 м.	No			
Nº5	km. 11+300	76 000	1,9	50 м	No			
Nº6	km.16+600	1 744 000	43,6	42 м	Yes			
Nº7	km. 16+600	51 000	12,84	42 м	-			
Nº8	km. 19+360	66 500	22,16					
Nº9	km. 20+600	65 600	1,64	120 м	No			
Nº10	km. 22+700	380 000	9,5	37 м	No			
Nº11	km. 26+800	488 000	12,2	80 м	No			
Nº12	km. 33+000	609 000	20,3	25 м.	No			
			Lot 2					
Nº13	km. 71+500	-	5,2	5 м.	Yes			
Nº14	km. 75+400	108 000	2,7	30 м.	Yes			
Nº15	km.81+200	-	5,6	50 м	Yes			
Nº16	km. 86+000	85 000	2,0	20 м	No			

 Table 8. Characteristics of quarries

71. The Contractor has agreed with the local authorities on the sources (points) for water intake for the implementation of dust control:

- Letter of consent of the Kok-Jar village administration No. 319 dated July 21, 2020
- Letter of consent of the Cholpon village administration No. 405 dated June 20, 2020

N⁰	Water source	GPS coordinates		
1	Orto-Tokoi reservoir	N 42* 12.765	E 075* 30.966	
2	Orto-Tokoi reservoir	N 42* 18.315	E 075* 54.123	
3	Orto-Tokoi reservoir	N 42* 17.739	E 075* 55.975	
4	River Chu	N 42* 21.882	E 076* 03.894	
5	River Chu	N 42* 22.324	E 076* 04.886	
6	River Chu	N 42* 23.207	E 076* 05.868	
7	River Chu	N 42* 23.831	E 076* 05.939	

Table 9. Sources for water intake Section 1 "Balykchy - km.43"

Table 10. Sources for water intake Section 2 "Kochkor-Epkin"

N⁰	The name of the reservoir	GPS coordinates
1	Joon-Aryk	N 42* 10.394 E 075* 25.194
2	Mukandyn Suusu	N 42* 10.394 E 075* 39.708
3	Chekildektin Suusu	N 42* 11.852 E 075* 37.128
4	Sazdyn Suusu	N42*09.753 E075*23.393
5	Sazdyn Suusu	N42*09.798 E075*23.576
6	Tarmal Saz	N42*11.266 E075*34.744

4.5. Waste Management

72. In the process of the main and auxiliary economic activities for the road reconstruction, the following waste is generated:

- unsuitable soil;
- removed old asphalt concrete pavement;
- wastewater and solid household waste generated during the life of personnel in the construction camp.

73. The Contractor has all the necessary permits from the relevant state bodies (village administration, territorial bodies for environmental protection) for the placement of unsuitable soil dumps in the environment. In the reporting period, the Contractor received the necessary permits from the relevant state bodies (ayil okmotu, territorial environmental authorities) for additional dumps of unusable soil in the environment at km 40 + 360, 71 + 640, 71 + 860 (Table 11) and for disposal of waste of old asphalt concrete in old quarries (table 12) in accordance with the disposal plan:

<u>Lot 1</u>. km. 12 + 000 (letter of consent of Kok-Moynok village administration No. 465 of 10.16.2020. Permit of the Issyk-Kul territorial administration of the State Agency for Environmental Protection and Forestry for disposal of waste in the environment No. 005952 dated 19.10.2020, No. 005967 dated 20.05.2021) ...

<u>Lot 2.</u> km. 80 + 900 and km 89 + 090 (Permit of the Naryn Territorial Department of Environmental Protection No. 02-4 / 682 dated 03.11.2020, Letter of consent of Cholpon village administration No. 662 dated 29.10.2020, Permit of Kochkor Forestry Development Department Forest ecosystems No. 02-2 / 71 dated 27.04.2021).

N⁰	Spoil bank	Area, m ²	Distance from the road
1	km 12+000	12500	100m LHS
2	km 40+360	10645	30m LHS
3	km 71+640	3850	12 LHS
4	km 71+860	2069	12 LHS
5	km 80+900	4200	70 m LHS
6	km 89+090	12000	60m RHS

Table 11. Unsuitable soil spoil bank

Table 12. S	poil bank of	old asphalt	concrete

Nº	Spoil bank	Area, m ²	Distance from the road
1	Km 7+000	1,04	50m RHS
2	Km 20+100	18,3	50m RHS
3	Km 21+260	4,87	50m RHS
4	Km 32+720	0,41	150m LHS
5	Km 38+660	2,61	100m LHS
6	Km 40+200	3,99	100m LHS
7	Km 40+360	10,64	LHS
8	Km 70+180	1,88	400 RHS

74. The old asphalt removed on Lot 1 was taken out for burial at the old quarry at km 7 + 100 (photo 84). The contractor has developed a Plan for the disposal of old asphalt, agreed with the territorial department of environmental protection of the State Committee for Environmental Protection of the Kyrgyz Republic.



Photo 82. Spoil bank of old asphalt concrete at km. 7 + 100LHS before disposal, on the right during disposal.

75. The old asphalt, in volume of 5843 m3, removed from Lot 2 was used for the development of internal roads in Cholpon village and volume of 612 m^3 laid on technological road to SCU.

76. Solid household waste is disposed of at the municipal landfill of Balykchy and Cholpon village. Wastewater discharged to the treatment plant in Balykchy in accordance with the concluded Agreement with the municipal enterprise of Balykchy - Gorvodokanal.

4.5.1. Current Period

77. In the reporting period, soil waste was formed on the Lot 1 section when the road was widened. Unsuitable soil was taken out to the spoil bank at km 12 + 000 and km. 40 + 360. Unsuitable soil hazard class - V. The volume of unusable soil waste in the reporting period was 2322 m3. Unsuitable soil from sections is removed and stored in special places, allocated by local administration and obtained permission from environmental authorities.

78. In the reporting period, soil waste was formed on the Lot 2 section when the road was widened. Unsuitable soil was taken to the spoil bank at km. 71 + 640 and km 71 + 860. Unsuitable soil hazard class - V. The volume of unusable soil waste in the reporting period was 7089 m3.

79. Solid waste was generated when the camp was set up for the workers. MSW belongs to the IV class of hazard and is disposed of at the municipal landfill in Balykchy. Solid waste at Lot 2 is transported from the construction camp to the Cholpon village administration municipal landfill. The volume of solid wastes in reporting period is 2215 m3.

4.5.2. Cumulative Waste Generation

80. During the reporting period, the following wastes were generated under the Project:

- Waste of unusable soil on Lot 1 was taken to the agreed areas of the spoil bank;
- Solid household waste on Lot 1 and Lot 2 were taken to the sanctioned solid waste landfill in Balykchy city of the "Improvement and sanitary cleaning". Municipal enterprise

4.6. Health and Safety

4.6.1. Public Health and Safety

81. During the reporting period, there were no incidents or road traffic accidents related to construction activities that could lead to problems for public health and safety. Warning signs and information boards have been installed at the construction sites. To improve/improve road safety, Contractor has been instructed to increase number of temporary speed limit signs in sections with works is being done, especially in Lot 1.

82. During the inspection, it was discovered that the Contractor for Lot 2, as a result of excavation work at the Kochkor-Epkin section, violated the entrance to the house of a resident Mr.Shakiev Azamat.

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83. During the discussion of this situation with the owner of the house, he informed that he has no claims against the Contractor, since he agreed to partial demolition of the entrance to the house and agrees, for the benefit of the road construction, to temporary inconveniences until the completion of the road construction, since he has an entrance to the house from the other side.

84. In accordance with the verbal instruction, the Contractor promptly provided safe passage / passage to the house.



Photo 83. Violated passage to the house.



Photo 84. Reconstructed passage to the house.

4.6.2. Health and Safety of Workers

85. During the reporting period, there were no accidents or illness among the Contractor's working personnel. The workers' housing camps on Lot 1 and Lot 2 are kept in good condition and comply with hygienic and sanitary standards. Good living conditions have been created for the employees (photo 32, 33, 35-44, 50-52). The contractor provided workers with disinfectants, antiseptics and personal protective equipment (masks, respirators, gloves), disinfectants and antiseptics were installed in all public places (photos 85 and 86).



Photos 85 and 86. Lot 1. Disinfectants and antiseptics.

86. In the Camp for Lot 1 and Lot 2, conditions for personal hygiene have been created: there is a bathroom with a shower, personal hygiene products. A room for a medical center was equipped (photos 34, 53, 54): "entrance" and daily temperature control with registration in registe book was organized. With hospitals in Balykchy and Kochkor signed a contract for the provision of medical services. The Contractor is in compliance with the COVID-19 Response and Prevention Plan.

87. The Contractor provided training on labor protection and safety with a record in instruction poster. That poster later was posted on Contractor's camp for Lot 1 and Lot 2:

- the structure of the organization of safety management. Responsible persons and their contact details.
- information posters on protective measures against COVID-19, safety, first aid (photo 87-90).



- Fire shields and fire extinguishers have been installed (photos 91-92).

Photos 87 and 88. Lot 1. Contractor's Camp. Information posters on safety and first aid.



Photos 89 and 90. Lot 2 A. Contractor's Camp. Information posters on COVID-19 protective measures and hygiene.



Photo 91. Lot 1 Shield with fire-fighting equipment.



Photo 92. Lot 2. Fire extinguishers.

4.7. Training

During the reporting period, the following trainings were conducted:

88. Information and educational training. The archaeologist of the consulting company, on the recommendation of IPIG, in March 2021 made a presentation on the results of archaeological research conducted in November and December 2020 at Kochkor-Epkin site, on the finds and their significance for science, as well as training the personnel of contractors and subcontractors on the protocol / project procedures applicable national regulations related to accidental finds and physical cultural resources. (photo 93-95). Representatives of village administration and local people were invited to the presentation.



Photos 93 and 94. Presentation of the results of archaeological excavations and training.

89. Educational training. On May 10, 2021, the Contractor conducted training on environmental and social protection during Project implementation; measures to prevent / mitigate the negative impact of the work conducted within the Project on the environment,

provided for in the Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan for specific work sites (EMMP). Possible risks were discussed in case of non-compliance with the requirements for environmental safety, labor safety, road safety, health protection, sanitation and hygiene, adverse effects on human health and safety and the environment. The heads of local village administrations, located near the villages of the project road, were invited to the training.



Photo 95. The nurse informs about the measures to prevent, prevent and protect the health of staff and workers in relation to COVID, infectious diseases, including sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) and HIV / AIDS.

90. On April 30, 2021, the Local Environmental Specialist of the Construction Supervision Consultant, based on the results of the violation of the disposal of old asphalt on Lot 1 by the Subcontractor on April 26, 2021, conducted a training (photo 96) for the managers and specialists of the Contractor and the Subcontractor on Lot 1 responsible for the implementation of SSEMP. At which the issues of industrial waste management, requirements for the disposal of industrial waste in the environment, responsibility for violation of the provisions of the SSEMP and the environmental legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic, on the requirements for working in water protection zones were highlighted.



Photo 96. Training in the office for Lot 1.

- 91. It is necessary in reporting period:
 - Contractor shall organize and conduct safety and PPE training for its and Subcontractor's personnel on both Lots in August and September;
 - The Consultant shall conduct training on environmental issues for local and foreign personnel of the Contractor and Subcontractor to provide knowledge and clarification on the importance of environmental aspects and the need to implement mitigation/preventive measures for the environmental impact of construction activities.

5 FUNCTIONING OF THE SSEMP

5.1 SSEMP Review

92. The SSEMP prepared by the Contractor for both sites was approved by the MoTC KR for Lot 1 in October 2020 and for Lot 2 in November 2020. The SSEMP according to the requirement of (IEE) includes 14 separate annexes:

- 1. Emergency Management Plan;
- 2. Grievance consideration mechanism;
- 3. Occupational safety, health and hygiene plan;
- 4. Construction camp management plan;
- 5. Construction waste management plan;
- 6. Noise management plan;
- 7. Water quality management plan;
- 8. Air quality management plan;
- 9. Tree management plan;
- 10. Dust control plan;
- 11. Land Protection Management Plan;

12. Plan of environmental protection during the construction and reconstruction of bridges;

13. Quarry Management Plan;

14. Plan for the prevention and control of COVID-19.

A plan to prevent the spread of COVID-19 was developed additionally taking into account the epidemiological situation.

93. During construction work, the Contractor ensured the implementation of mitigating measures for the impact of construction work on the environment in accordance with the EMP:

- Removal of the soil-vegetation layer and its storage in a cavalier;
- Removal of unsuitable soil from excavations to the dump, ensuring storage and leveling of the soil in specially designated and agreed places. All the necessary permits for the disposal of dumps from the Contractor have been received.
- A plan for the disposal of old asphalt concrete has been developed in accordance with environmental requirements.
- To prevent dust formation during construction work, extraction of material in quarries during vehicles traffic on unpaved roads, watering was conducted on unpaved sections of the roadbed, rock mass during quarrying. Backfilling of technological earthen roads. (photo 97). During ensuring of proper watering, visually no dust emission is observed (photo 98-100).
- To improve dust suppression in the reporting period, the Contractor activated three more watering machines, thus the number of machines became 7, 4 machines for Lot 1 (DONGFENG with a volume of 8 m3 3 pcs. And Kamaz, V = 16 m3 1 pc.) and 3 machines for Lot 2 (DONGFENG with a volume of 8 m3 2 pcs and HOVO V = 20 m3 1 pcs).
- The sanitary condition of the territory of the production base is satisfactory, all containers are marked (photo 101-104)
- At all quarries, before the start of their development, the vegetation soil layer was removed, the boundaries of the quarries were lined out and marked (photo 105).



Photo 97 Lot 2. Poured technological earthen road to crusher plant Km 81 + 200.



Photo 98. Lot 2. Loading material at the quarry.



Photo 99. Lot 2. Loading of material at the quarry km. 75 + 400.



Photo 100. Lot 1. During the operation of crusher plant, dust emission is observed. Hydraulic irrigation system provided at crusher plant.



Photo 101. Lot 2. Hydraulic irrigation of the roadbed.



Photo 102. Marking of containers at the concrete plant.



Photo 103-104. The state of the territory after the completion of the arrangement of the concrete plant.



Photo 105. Lot 1. Quarry km. 9 + 000. The soil and vegetation layer were removed, and the boundaries of the quarry territory were marked by installing white racks with flags.

6 GOOD PRACTICE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR IMPROVEMENT

94. Based on the experience of other alternative projects and ongoing projects in the Kyrgyz Republic, for the successful completion of construction work, one of the important aspects is to ensure communication with the local population and representatives of village administrations. Taking this into account, the Contractor's personnel, jointly with the Engineer, need to work more closely with the local population to resolve quickly any emerging issues.

6.1 Good Practice

95. Conducting archaeological excavations at Lot 1 site made it possible to exclude further impact on these objects, to obtain useful information for the scientific community of specialists. Archaeologists have performed activities such as:

- determination of the boundaries of archaeological sites, which made it possible to provide a visual marking of the boundaries of OHCH object, for the safety of these objects in the future;
- information panels were installed that in the future will affect the tourist attraction, as well as the awareness of the local population about the objects of historical and cultural heritage located in the area and subsequently will affect the local population in terms of respect and preservation of these objects.

6.2 **Opportunities for Improvement**

96. The contractor should take a more responsible attitude to the issues of environmental protection, labor protection, safety, provision of personal protective equipment. To carry out timely and in sufficient quantity hydro-irrigation of the soil surface of the roadbed, in the places of construction work, as well as at the crushing and screening plant.

7 SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 Summary

97. In general, according to the results of the monthly inspections and monitoring of construction sites, it should be noted the positive work of the Contractor in terms of the implementation of measures to mitigate and prevent the negative impact of the work on the environment. Most of the violations and non-compliances identified by the Contractor were eliminated within the specified timeframe: out of the 14 identified non-compliances, 12 were eliminated. But at the same time, there are shortcomings such as the delay and postponement of the instrumental monitoring of the environment, which was connected with the COVID disease of the laboratory employees (about which the Contractor was notified in written form by the Laboratory), the untimely provision of workers with personal protective equipment.

7.2 Recommendations

98. The contractor must provide workers with personal protective equipment in a timely manner. Do not allow workers without Personal protective equipment to access their workplaces (helmets, special footwear, eye protector, respiratory and hearing protection).

99. After receiving approval for the archaeologist's report, the Consultant will organize an informational training for the Contractor and Subcontractor staff, which will provide information on the results of the work conducted at the sites of historical and cultural heritage (OHCH) located next to the project road. This will provide a "minimum" of knowledge / information on objects of historical and cultural heritage, as well as increase the level of knowledge in terms of the issue of the ancient history of the Kyrgyz Republic.

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