



Date: April 8, 2009

His Excellency Raed Abu Soud  
Minister of Water and Irrigation  
P.O. Box 2412  
Amman, Jordan 11183

Dear Mr. Minister:

The Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) is proposing to issue financing to Disi Water PSC in support of their plan to develop a water conveyance system from Disi-Mudawarra to Amman in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. OPIC is an agency of the United States Government with a mandate to encourage and support U.S. private sector investments in developing countries and emerging economies. All OPIC-supported projects must be economically and environmentally sound.

I understand that you and your Ministry staff have been working in close cooperation with OPIC in the development of this project. However, OPIC is required by U.S. law to issue this formal notification to appropriate government authorities of investments under consideration for OPIC assistance that have the potential to pose significant consequences for the environment. The project that is the subject of this notification is the Disi-Mudawarra to Amman water conveyance system.

OPIC also is required by U.S. law to provide your government with information about standards and guidelines that have been developed by international organizations and by federal environmental regulatory authorities of the United States and that are applicable to such investments. OPIC applies guidelines and standards established by the World Bank Group and other similar international organizations. OPIC has enclosed these guidelines.

According to the documentation submitted by the project company, the key areas of concern are related to (1) temporary physical and/or economic displacement as a result of construction activities and (2) water quality. We understand that the project alignment was selected to avoid impact on residential properties wherever possible, and that the Government of Jordan will be responsible for payment of compensation for any physical

and economic displacement. We also understand that the Government of Jordan will also be responsible for the ultimate quality of the water delivered to the residents of Amman. Based on the information provided by the project company and your Ministry this project does not appear to pose significant hazards to the environment, public health or safety.

We understand, of course, that the project will be subject to the laws of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan with regard to protection of the environment, public health and safety.

If you have any questions about OPIC's environmental assessment of this project, you may contact OPIC's Director of Environmental Affairs at the above address. If you do not have any questions, there is no need to respond to this notification.

Respectfully yours,



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