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Industry Update

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UN development assistance framework signed

The UN Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) for the period 2018-2022 was signed by Alexander Avanesov, the resident representative of the UN in Kyrgyzstan and Sooronbai Jeenbekov, the Prime Minister of Kyrgyzstan and will serve as the framework that will guide the UN system in Kyrgyzstan in delivering assistance in line with national priorities.

The following priority areas of the current UNDAF have been identified:

- Sustainable and inclusive economic growth, industrial, rural and agricultural development, food security and nutrition;
- Good Governance, the rule of law, human rights and gender;
- Environment, climate change, and disaster risk management;
- Social protection, health and education.

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May 2, 2017

Experts discuss draft long-term development strategy of Kyrgyzstan until 2040

On May 1 and 2, experts discussed the preparation of a draft long-term development strategy of the Kyrgyz Republic until 2040. This was reported by the Information Policy Department of the President's Executive Office.

In his opening speech at the conference in the Ala-Archa state residence, Farid Niyazov, the advisor to the

Legal Update

July 3, 2017

Law ratifying Islamic Development Bank loan under Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Improvement Project

President Almazbek Atambayev signed the Law of the Kyrgyz Republic "On Ratification of the Loan Agreement between the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic and the Islamic Development Bank under Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Improvement Project in the Kyrgyz Republic signed on December 27, 2016 in Bishkek".

The law was enacted by the Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic on May 25, 2017.

The purpose of the above Agreement is to assist the Kyrgyz Republic to improve:

- access and quality of water supply in the selected rural communities;
- sanitation services in selected villages;
- institutional capacity in water supply and sanitation sector.

The Islamic Development Bank's loan will be used to finance improvements in 24 selected villages of the Jalal-Abad region.

The loan agreement addresses priority tasks for further development of rural water supply and sanitation systems and positively affects the development of the water sector in the republic.

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May 03, 2017

President, the head of the Coordinating Group for drafting the long-term development strategy conveyed the President's greetings and noted that the conference was a follow-up to the meetings and discussions related to the future strategy. At the same time, he noted that such a wide discussion was held for the first time and was attended by 57 experts and government officials.

At the conference, presentations were made on sustainable development goals and global development trends (including in the areas of ecology, economy, climate, population, development of technologies, markets, humans and society). Further discussions were divided into sections such as economy, development environment, social development, culture, public administration. After the discussion, relevant presentations and recommendations were made.

The conference was organized in partnership with the Executive Office of the President of the Kyrgyz Republic, the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic and the UNDP Permanent Mission to the Kyrgyz Republic.

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April 4, 2017

Assessment of environmental impacts of construction projects

The seminar on "Environmental impact assessment in a transboundary context: improving cooperation among Central Asian countries" was held in Bishkek on April 5, 2017. At the seminar, the government officials and the experts from Central Asian countries and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) assessed the environmental impact of the projects for construction of highways, chemical plants, dams and other industrial facilities in Central Asia.

The Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) was adopted in 1991 in Espoo (Finland), and entered into force in 1997. The Convention sets out the rights and obligations of countries in cases where the environmental impact of the proposed activity is assumed to be of a transboundary nature.

Kyrgyzstan joined the Espoo Convention on January 12, 2001. According to the UNECE information, since that time its provisions have been applied in practice to three projects planned in the KR: Taldy-Bulak, Levoberezhny, Andash and Jerooy mines.

It was reported that the first edition of the manual for the Central Asia countries was developed in 2005. However, all countries in the region believe that more precise guidance is needed. Therefore, since February 2017, the representatives of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, with the assistance of the UNECE experts, have been actively working on its updating and finalization.

Amendments to Law on Technical Regulations on Safe Drinking Water

President Almazbek Atambayev signed the Law of the Kyrgyz Republic on Amendments to the Law of the Kyrgyz Republic on Technical Regulations on Safe Drinking Water.

The law was enacted by the Jogorku Kenesh on March 30, 2017.

The purpose of the Law is to improve the regulatory legal framework in the field of drinking water supply to ensure its compliance with international requirements for safe drinking water in the process of production, transportation, storage, and sale.

As a result of amendments, a maximum permissible concentration of uranium in drinking water was changed from 0.015 to 0.03 mg/l and maximum permissible concentration of radiation (total alpha activity) was changed from 0.1 to 0.5 Bq/l.

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April 17, 2017

SAEPF announces public discussion of draft Environmental Code and Government resolution approving it

The proposed draft was developed by a working group formed by the order of the State Agency for Environmental Protection and Forestry under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic dated September 2, 2016 No. 01-9/237 on the instruction of M.D. Abulgaziev, the First Deputy Prime Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic, with the involvement of independent experts and representatives of the civil sector, NGOs and interested government authorities.

Despite a large number of environmental laws and regulations, there are still gaps in the regulation of environmental protection and environmental safety issues. Moreover, the large number of laws and regulations governing the same issues causes duplication and collision.

In addition, the growth of environmental impact factors such as industrial, scientific, and technological development, demand for natural resources, economic relations of regional and global communities, etc., requires the development of new regulations in the field of environmental legal relations and environmental protection taking into account the modern challenges.

In accordance with the requirements of the Methodology for analyzing the regulatory impact on the activities of business entities, the draft Environmental Code of the Kyrgyz Republic was reviewed in terms of its regulatory impact. The review shows that the adoption of this code will be economically sound and will not increase the

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February 25, 2017

Kyrgyzstan to receive \$300 K from Green Climate Fund

Askar Beshimov, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Kyrgyzstan to Korea met with Howard Bamsey, the Executive Director of the Green Climate Fund to discuss the \$ 300K grant to the State Agency for Environmental Protection and Forestry of the Kyrgyz Republic as the national authority dealing with the Fund.

In March, the Fund will send international experts to Bishkek to assess and prepare an action plan as part of this grant.

The parties also discussed the issues of cooperation and participation of the KR in the Fund's climate change adaptation programmes.

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number of controlling authorities or budget expenditures.

The implementation of the Environmental Code will not entail additional financial costs for business entities or create any negative consequences in terms of corrupt practices, social, legal, human rights, gender or environmental regulation.

The adoption of this code will enable the use of economic mechanisms encouraging business entities to meet environmental requirements.

The proposed draft code complies with the Constitution and legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic, eliminates duplication and legal gaps, removes contradictions with existing national and international legislation, and improves environmental legislation.

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Government Resolution No.102 of February 13, 2017 approving methodology for setting standards of maximum permissible discharges of pollutants into water bodies

The Government of the Kyrgyz Republic approved the Methodology for Establishing Standards of Maximum Permissible Discharges of Pollutants into Water Bodies in order to establish maximum permissible discharges of pollutants into water bodies, in accordance with the Water Code of the Kyrgyz Republic, laws of the Kyrgyz Republic "On Environmental Protection", "On Water", Articles 10 and 17 of the Constitutional Law of the Kyrgyz Republic "On the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic".

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