

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) PROCESS

In accordance with the Cambodian Laws and Regulations on Environment, all projects that have a potential impact on environment shall conduct an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) prior to their implementation. Companies shall first contact the EIA Department at the Ministry of Environment for the project screening.

The EIA process will be developed in two different phases:

I. Phase 1

- Project Screening
 - ✓ Full Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (FESIA) or Initial Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (IESIA)
- Scoping of the project regarding environmental and site concerns
 - ✓ Collect information from the Master Plan of the developed project
 - ✓ Determine parameters to be studied in the EIA
 - ✓ Scope of technical and social studies to be implemented during EIA process
 - ✓ Stakeholders to be consulted during EIA
 - ✓ Methodology for public consultation and study methods
 - ✓ Impacts to be studied
 - ✓ Establishment of the Terms of Reference (ToRs) of the EIA
- Submission of ToRs to the Ministry of Environment (MoE) and presentation in front of the EIA Committee
- Additional comments from the MoE
- Validation of the ToRs by the MoE – Final ToRs

II. Phase 2

- Approval letter from the MoE to conduct the EIA
- Implementation of the FESIA or IESIA based on the validated ToRs which includes:
 - ✓ Project overview
 - ✓ Summary of the relevant legal framework
 - ✓ Full project description and action plan
 - ✓ Description of existing environmental resources
 - Physical, ecological and socio-environmental resources
 - ✓ Detailed information on the results of public consultation
 - Meeting with relevant authorities (at a provincial and national level) and MoE departments
 - Focus Group Discussion (FGD) with population impacted by the project
 - ✓ Environmental impact mitigation measures
 - ✓ Environmental Management Plan (EMP)
 - ✓ Conclusion and recommendations
- Submission of the final report to the MoE and presentation in front of the EIA Committee
- Additional comments from the MoE
- Validation of the FESIA or IESIA
- The MoE will issue an approval letter for the FESIA or IESIA