

**Energy Conservation Projects for Non-Government Organizations Funding Scheme
of the Environment and Conservation Fund**

Purpose

This paper seeks Members' consideration of –

- (a) the variation requests for 16 approved Energy Improvement Works (EIW) projects; and
- (b) the proposal for allowing one recipient organization to terminate its approved Energy-cum-carbon Audits (ECA) project

under the Energy Conservation Projects for Non-Government Organizations (ECPNGO) funding scheme of the Environment and Conservation Fund (ECF).

Project variation requests

2. From time to time, recipient organizations may need to make variations to their projects due to unforeseen circumstances. At the Energy Conservation Projects Vetting Subcommittee (ECPVSC) meeting on 3 May 2010, it was agreed that the Secretariat should be delegated with the authority to approve minor budget variations not exceeding 20% of the approved budget of an individual item and not involving changes to the total approved budget, as a means to expedite processing work and relieve the ECPVSC of the workload in handling such variations. For any other changes to the project details, prior approval should continue to be approved by the ECPVSC. At the ECPVSC meeting on 23 September 2013, Members agreed that requests for additional funding for project variations would not be accepted while project variation requests which did not require additional funding from the ECF would be considered on a case-by-case basis.

3. The Secretariat recently received 16 requests for project variations from recipient organizations. Details and assessment on these projects are set out in the attached Table and Annexes 1 to 16 for Members' consideration.

Proposal for termination of project

4. The Secretariat was informed by a recipient organization that they were unable to proceed further with an approved ECA project after completion of the first energy-cum-carbon audit. We recommended that the recipient organization be allowed to terminate the project. Details and assessment on this ECA project are set out in Annex 17 for Members' consideration.

Advice Sought

5. Members are invited to consider whether (a) the variation requests for 16 approved EIW projects and (b) the proposal for allowing one recipient organization to terminate its approved ECA project as set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 respectively should be approved.

ECPVSC Secretariat
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