

JOINT STATEMENT
Tripartite Council of Khanbogd Soum

Khanbogd Soum
Umnugovi Aimag

February 15-16, 2017

The Tripartite Council (TPC) of Khanbogd soum held a meeting on February 15-16, 2017 at the Community Development Center of Khanbogd Soum. The meeting was joined in by TPC members, facilitators of Compliance Advisor Ombudsman (CAO), national and international consultants of herder representatives, and community relations and legal staff of OT LLC.

At this meeting, the Parties discussed options to implement the socio-economic study of Khanbogd soum herder households and the Phase 2 study of impact of the Undai River diversion that was conducted by MDT and IEP. The socio-economic study was aimed at making an independent assessment and conclusions of the changes in herder households' livelihood and socio-economic conditions in Khanbogd soum over the last decade, the impact of OT operations thereon, and the suitability of the OT compensation program; the latter study focused on the cumulative impacts on regional water and pasture resources from the Undai and Khaliv Dugat River diversions.

As a result of two days of negotiation, the Parties unanimously agreed to implement 18 of the 28 recommendations as proposed. This includes the following agreements on compensation which is the issue of most concern for Khanbogd herders. It was agreed that herders entitled to make claims to the claim committee as per the criteria can be retrospectively considered for the 2004 resettlement agreement and the 2011 compensation agreement. A mandate for the claim committee to consider herder claims submitted according to the agreed criteria will be discussed at the next TPC meeting. Moreover, it was agreed in principle that projects beneficial to all Khanbogd herders be implemented as part of communal compensation on a long and short term basis.

A next meeting is scheduled for the 22nd of March, 2017 to continue the negotiation.

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About the Tripartite Council

The TPC (The Tripartite Council), composed of representatives from Khanbogd soum local government, herders' representation and Oyu Tolgoi company, was officially established on June 8, 2015 as per the Memorandum of Understanding signed with the purpose of resolving complaints among the Parties. The Compliance Advisor Ombudsman (CAO) facilitates the TPC.

The CAO is the independent recourse mechanism for the International Finance Corporation, the World Bank Group.