

**Republic of the Union of Myanmar**  
**Committee to implement the recommendations**  
**of the report of Letpadaungtaung Investigation**  
**Commission**

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1. The committee to implement the recommendations of the report of Letpadaungtaung Investigation Commission is taking measures to continue the mining project by drawing plans to make sure the State, local people and the younger generations receive real benefits from Letpadaungtaung Copper Mining Project, according to the recommendations of the Letpadaungtaung Investigation Commission. The committee has formed four working groups to make sure the project causes no impact on environment, ecosystem, biodiversity, the quality of above-and underground resources, the quality of air and earth, and socio-economic life and traditions and customs. The committee to implement the recommendations of the Letpadaungtaung Investigation Commission here makes public its actions so far.
2. The committee has had the land confiscated for Letpadaungtaung copper mine measured in detail and returned a total area of 283.69 acres that are not required for the project to farmers and has issued farmland operation certificates for 244.21 out of 283.69 acres returned. It is working on issuing farmland operation certificates for the remaining farmlands.
3. The committee provided the compensation of K 405,492 million for farmland and crops for the first time in April, 2011 and has re-compensated for farmland, perennial crops and wells according to the report of the investigation commission beginning March, 2013. It awarded K 345,527.4 million for 3348.60 acres of farmland, K 18,465.1 million for perennial crops and K 2646.2 million for wells, totaling K 366,638.7 million in the second time compensation. The compensation given to farmers in the first and second times is K 772,130.7 million in total.
4. 4. Lands are also being reclaimed and a total of 35 acres out of 145-acre vacant land in Bokesu Village in Salingyi Township could have been reclaimed and perennial crops have been planted on 16 acres of those lands.
5. Farmland Dispute Investigation Commission was formed as there were farmland disputes and complaints about compensation awarding when farmland compensations are provided to land owners. Compensations are being given to those whose cases have been settled.
6. Knight Pie'sold Consulting Co and Myanmar-Wenbao Co Ltd have signed for implementation of environmental and social impact assessment (ESIA) and Environmental Management Plan (EMP) in line with international norms. The working committee has already received ESIA report drawn up by Knight Pie'sold Pty Ltd. Experts from Knight Pie'sold Pty Ltd have submitted the construction environmental and social management system (CESMS) and a 14-member independent monitoring team (IMT) has been formed with experts from Pie'sold Pty Ltd, representatives from departments/organizations concerned, and representatives from local villages to monitor whether the works stick to the requirements in the CESMS.
7. Eucalyptus and other kinds of shady trees are being grown in three different zones for greening of the environment and to maintain the aesthetic value of the area. 32.09 acres of land has been designated as gold deer reserve with pools and trees.
8. Corporate social responsibility fund of USD 1.68 million has been set up for job creation for locals, education, health care, electricity supply, potable water supply and

smooth transportation during the construction period and community society development plan is being carried out to ensure the effectiveness of welfare provisions. To improve the educational standards, schools were built and repaired in Kankon, Taungpalu, Htandawgyi and Kyaw villages and preprimary schools were built in Wethmay-Kantaw and Sete-Zitaw villages. Libraries were set up in surrounding villages and publications and furnishing provided, and scholarships awarded at the expense of K 28,868 million, K 24,021million was spent on health care, K 425 million on construction of a station hospital and hospital equipment, K 31,167.1 million on electrification of such villages surrounding the project as Watan, Leti, Tebinkan, Kyaukphyutaing, Shwehlay, Taungpalu, Palaung and Kutokon villages, K 9993 million on supply of potable water to Moegyobyin (south, middle, north) villages and Kyaw Village, repair of rural orads in Watan, Tebinkan, Moegyobyin (north), Shwepankhaing, Thaedaygyi, Leti and Kyaw villages.

9. Job opportunities were also created for local people and a total of 1360 people have been employed for the construction works of the project. It is planned to employ 1900 persons within a year from the start of the project and 350 local graduates out of them are being provided with training.
10. The working committee to implement the recommendations of the report of Letpadaungtaung Investigation Commission is taking systematic measures step by step to make sure local suffer no losses. Therefore, local people are urged to solve any problem regarding their wishes and will within the legal framework for the sake of the rule of law and regional peace and stability.

**Committee for Implementation of Latpadaungtaung  
Mining Project Investigation Commission's Report**

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