



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) CERTIFICATE

N°: RDB/EIA/1665/01/20

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This is to certify that the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was received from MINEDUC

Project title: **Construction of Classrooms and Latrines under Rwanda QBEHCD Project in all Districts of Eastern Province in Kayonza, Bugesera, Gatsibo, Kirehe, Nyagatare, Rwamagana, Ngoma**

Project objective:

To improve teacher competency and students retention and learning in basic education.

Location: **Kayonza, Bugesera, Gatsibo, Kirehe, Nyagatare, Rwamagana, Ngoma Districts.**

The EIS has been submitted in accordance with the Laws and Regulations relating to the requirements & procedures for Environmental Impact Assessment in Rwanda and has been reviewed and found to have sufficient and relevant mitigation measures to the identified likely impacts of the project on the environment.

It was therefore approved subject to fulfilment of the conditions attached to this certificate.

Clare AKAMANZI

Chief Executive Officer

Fred FUGERA



Copies to: **RHA, REMA, Kayonza, Bugesera, Gatsibo, Kirehe, Nyagatare, Rwamagana, Ngoma District**

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

- In addition to school building construction standard requirements to conform to minimum basic safety, health, operational and environmental protection, MINEDUC agrees to comply with the following conditions:
 - ♣ This certificate of approval loses its validity if a period of 3 years elapses before the commencement of the project. Otherwise, it is valid for the whole lifecycle of this specific project unless henceforth revoked or suspended.
 - ♣ Observe all relevant international, regional and national policies, standards/regulation and legislation that guide this specific project throughout its life cycle;
 - ♣ Obtain all other necessary approvals/permits from other relevant institutions as required before construction and operation. This certificate does not replace other required approvals/permits;
 - ♣ Ensure that self-environmental audit for the current ongoing school activities is planned and conducted to verify compliance, propose needed corrective measures which shall integrate the new undertaking and the existing in one integral fully complying environmental management system to be attained within a reasonable time.
- ☞ The construction site should be fenced during all the construction works to be isolated from normal and ongoing school activities;
- ☞ Construction works that produce excessive noise and vibrations shall be carried out during day hours in order to avoid disturbance to the local people;
- ☞ All workers should have and bear Personal Protective Equipment all the time at work;
- ☞ No construction works should be placed in high risk zones, wetlands and their buffer zones;
- ☞ All construction practices should observe Rwanda Building Code and the provisions of the Presidential Order N° 48/01 of 10/08/2009 establishing quality standards in education for nursery, primary and secondary schools;
- ☞ Avoid the emission of dust emanating from earth works on site or transportation to or from the construction site;
- ☞ Construction materials should be sourced from approved sites in conformity with regulations in place, and should be kept within the project plot boundaries. Those that are to be imported should meet required standards;
- ☞ Fix road sign posts at the proximity of the plot to warn of the ongoing construction activities, and set and enforce driving speed limits to avoid accidents;
- ☞ All equipment and machinery should be in good working conditions to avoid excessive noise production, exhaust emissions and spillage of oils in soil on the construction site;
- ☞ Ensure that access to construction sites is controlled to prevent the entry of the students and thereby avoid possible accidents;
- ☞ Properly plan to avoid hindrance to normal school activities due to construction works;
- ☞ Rain water shall be harvested for use, overflow and runoff properly channeled to nearby receiving environment;



- ☞ Solid wastes shall be collected and sorted at their production point according to their types (biodegradable and non-biodegradable) and each type of waste shall be disposed of in appropriate and District approved site. Hazardous and E-wastes shall equally be handled and managed in ways that meet applicable standards;
 - ☞ No wastewater from the project should be released into the environment if not treated to acceptable standard. Toilets shall be emptied and the waste shall be managed in the District approved sites. Measures to prevent bad smell should be envisaged and applied;
 - ☞ Create environmental clubs within the schools, to enhance measures aiming at environmental protection, conservation and promotion and perfect hygienic conditions within the premises as well as application and monitoring of the occupational health and safety measures;
 - ☞ Regular sensitization sessions on the prevention measures for accidents and HIV/AIDS contamination shall be organized on the construction sites;
 - ☞ Envisage all necessary and possible measures for disaster preparedness and quick intervention in case of emergencies;
 - ☞ School compound fencing and entry control should be planned in the near future. The area should evenly landscaped, preferably greened and embankments stabilized to avoid landslides and erosion;
 - ☞ Access roads will be created where they are not, and improved wherever needed;
 - ☞ These conditions of approval concern schools as listed in the ESMPs for the Districts of the Eastern Province (Nyagatare, Gatsibo, Kayanza, Rwamagana, Ngoma, Kirehe and Bugesera), and shall be applied depending on their relevancy at site.
- ☞ The ESMPs are thus approved subject to the fulfillment of the conditions described above together with all mitigation measures proposed in the reports.

N.B. Note that in case of non-compliance with the conditions described above, RDB reserves the right to withdraw the certificate.

Signed by


Clare AKAMANZI
Chief Executive Officer
RDB




Samuel MULINDWA
Permanent Secretary
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