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ABBREVIATIONS

ADB	-	Asian Development Bank
EMP	-	Environmental Management Plan
IEE	-	Initial Environmental Examination
MSW	-	Municipal Solid Waste
PAM		Project Administration Manual
PMC	-	Project Management Consultant
PMU	-	Project Management Unit
PPP	-	Public-private partnership
RASSCE	-	The Republican Association of Specialized Sanitary Cleaning Enterprises
SAEMR	-	Semi-annual environmental monitoring report
SCEEP	-	State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Ecology and Environmental Protection
SSEMPs	-	Site Specific EMPs
SW	-	Solid Waste
SWC	-	Solid Waste Collection
SWM	-	Solid Waste Management
VMSCs	-	Vehicle Maintenance Service Centers

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¹ [Currency official exchange rates of Central Bank of Uzbekistan \(https://cbu.uz/en/arkhiv-kursov-valyut/\)](https://cbu.uz/en/arkhiv-kursov-valyut/)

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Preamble

1. This is the fourth semi-annual environmental monitoring report (SAEMR) of the Sustainable Solid Waste Management Project (SSWMP - the Project) for the period from 1st of July 2024 to 31st of December 2024.
2. To finance the implementation of a reform initiative in the SWM sector the Government of Uzbekistan (GoU) received from ADB Loan No. 3903-UZB for implementation of the Project. The Loan Agreement was signed between the Government and ADB on 21 December 2020 and became effective on 28 January 2021. The Loan Closing Date is 30 June 2025. According to request of the Ministry of Economy and Finance from 20 November 2024 the loan sent to ADB the loan period shall be extended until 31 December 2025 in order to procure the remaining goods properly.
3. The resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Uzbekistan No.748 about implementation of the Project was adopted on 25 November 2020. The implementation period of the Project was 5 years (2020-2024) as well as the grace period of the Project. According to instruction of the Prime Minister of Uzbekistan from 6 August 2024 based on proposal of the Minister of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change of Uzbekistan the project implementation period was extended until the end of 2025.
4. The overall cost of the Project is equivalent \$112.0 million, of which \$60.0 million is ADB loan funds and \$44.01 million is exemption from tax and customs duties payments of the GoU and \$7.99 million is monetary contribution of the Ministry of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change of Uzbekistan – MEEPCC (*formerly the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Ecology and Environmental Protection - SCEEP*).
5. The Government through MEEPCC as its Executive Agency (EA) and the Republican Center for Organization of Sanitation Cleaning Works – RCOSCW (*formerly the Republican Association of Specialized Enterprise of Sanitary Cleaning*) as its Implementing Agency (IA), utilizes the loan proceeds towards the cost of the Project. A Project Management Unit (PMU) was established under the IA in carrying out the Project.
6. Through letter MOEF from 20 November 2024 ADB was informed about establishment of the State Agency for Waste Management and Circular Economy Development (the Agency) on the basis of RCOSCW. The Agency is designated as legal successor of the Center and additionally all sanitary cleaning enterprises and Waste Landfill Directorate of the MEEPCC were transferred to the Agency's jurisdiction. ADB currently conducts the additional due diligence exercise for the new entity and the report is expected in February 2025.

1.2 Headline Information

7. Three consultancy service contracts for Project Management Consultant – PMC (CS1); Solid Waste Management Sector Regulatory Framework Enhancement Consultant (CS2) and Toza Hudud Capacity Strengthening Consultant (CS3) have been signed for the total amount of **\$2.47 million**. During the reporting period only PMC has provided services to PMU. The services under the CS2 and CS3 consulting contracts have been suspended since November 2022 and November 2023 upon request of the Client.
8. Eight contracts for supply of goods have been signed for the total amount of **\$30.45 million**, of which 6 supply contracts have been completed, because all goods delivered and accepted by the Purchaser. The contract for supply of 1100 liter waste collection bins (G3) for the amount of \$2.574.000 was not completed on time and currently the delivery of further goods is suspended due to non-acceptance of the fifth batch bins (1.728 pcs). There is a dispute between the Purchaser and the Supplier about quality of the delivered bins and their compliance with the specifications of the contract. The contract for supply of vehicles for PMU needs for the amount of \$73.000 was awarded on 13 June 2024 and delivery of vehicles has been completed in Q4-2024.
9. According to decision of MEEPCC reasoned by outsourcing the waste collection services of the Regional Toza Hududs to private service providers based on PPP agreements initiated by the

Government resolution, three works and design/supervision service contracts (total amount of \$16.04) for construction of vehicle maintenance service centers in the regions of Uzbekistan have been cancelled. In addition, MEEPCC has decided to cancel one goods contract for supply of service vehicles (multivan) for 13 Toza Hududs (\$910 thousand), three service contracts for environmental monitoring support package capacity building and Toza Hudud audit (\$1.2 million). Thus, the total amount of the cancelled contracts is **\$18.15 million**.

10. The Procurement Plan of the Project has been updated taking into account the above mentioned status of supply contracts and changes proposed by MEEPCC (Update No. 8 from 15.07.2024). The total amount of non-awarded contracts is **\$22.69 million**, which includes 6 supply contracts (\$22.64 million) and 1 service contract (\$50 thousand). MEEPCC has proposed 4 totally new contracts for procurement of waste collection/transportation trucks, landfill equipment and other urban maintenance equipment and machinery.

11. On 10-18 June 2024 the Loan Midterm Review Mission of ADB was carried out. The mission met with the Ministry of Economy and Finance (MOEF), Ministry of Investment, Industry and Trade (MIIT), MEEPCC, RCOSCW, and other relevant project stakeholders. During this mission the ADB made safeguard compliance review, in particular the field visits conducted, discussions/coaching session with safeguard and other profile specialists, and agreements about re-categorizing the Project from B to C have been made due to cancellation of all civil works packages in the Project.

12. The previous SAEMR for January – June 2024 has been approved by ADB and disclosed at the Banks' site: <https://www.adb.org/projects/documents/uzb-51034-002-emr-2>.

2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND CURRENT ACTIVITIES

2.1 Project Description

13. The project will assist the Government to: (i) update the regulatory framework in the SWM sector by developing specific regulations; (ii) build institutional capacity and enhance the sustainability of the RCOSCW and Toza Hudud; (iii) develop and implement environmental education, awareness and dissemination of information; (iv) strengthen the assets base of waste collection companies and improve garbage collection services by providing waste collection trucks, equipment and other assets; (v) improve the capacity of the MEEPCC and the RCOSCW in the field of environmental monitoring and analysis. The Project area, which covers whole Uzbekistan, is shown in **Figure 1** below.



Figure 1: Project Area

2.2 Project Impact

14. As specifically requested by the Government, the Project will provide assistance to improve and expand MSW collection and transfer systems, while the government will maintain responsibility for and continue to improve the nation's MSW disposal sites. Government's disposal initiatives currently include (i) closure of unregistered open dumpsites, (ii) closure of over half of the existing 221 registered dumpsites, (iii) rehabilitation of approximately 100 dumpsites to upgrade them to controlled dumpsites, and (iv) commencement of a program to develop sanitary landfills nationwide through the assistance of the ADB, AFD, EBRD and other resources.

15. The project will result in an additional 2,500 tons per day of MSW being collected from small urban areas, peri-urban and rural areas nationwide, to be transferred to existing disposal sites for disposal. The project is therefore considered to have a net positive environmental impact as, without the project, 2,500 tons of MSW per day would continue to be self-dumped, burned or buried throughout communities across the nation, causing environmental impacts.

16. The project aligns with the following impact: environment, health, and living conditions improved.

2.3 Project Outcome

17. The project will have the following outcome: improving and expanding reliable and sustainable solid waste disposal services in urban centers, suburban and rural areas throughout the country.

2.4 Project Output

18. The project aims to achieve the following outputs:

Output 1: Solid-waste management subsector regulatory framework enhanced by assisting government to formulate specific regulatory directives, as identified in the strategy. These will (i) enhance SWM operations by establishing waste assessment protocols, and strengthening waste transportation and disposal site regulations and compliance; (ii) improve public accountability and tariff setting methodologies; (iii) promote a PPP enabling environment by defining the responsibility between the government and service providers; (iv) promote waste segregation practices, and (v) establish a performance management framework (including key performance indicators) for SWM operations.

Output 2: Republican Association of Specialized Enterprise of Sanitary Cleaning and Toza Hudud capacity strengthened by (i) formulating a toza hudud business restructure plan to transform these entities into asset managers and demarcating the service zones for provincial SWM operations; (ii) transforming the Association into a technical nexus for public and private SWM operators; (iii) instituting performance-based management, including key performance indicators, and performance benchmarking for SWM operations; (iv) upgrading management information systems for asset management, billing, customer relations and public reporting; (v) strengthening sustainable SWM service delivery through the professional accreditation of key Toza Hudud personnel in SWM utility management, financial management and operation and maintenance (O&M) efficiency improvement; (vi) optimizing PPP practices by developing standard tender procedures and service contracts; and (vii) promoting public awareness and behavioral change campaigns in the '3R's' principles nationwide.

Output 3: Environmental monitoring capabilities of the SCEEP improved which includes (i) provision of laboratory equipment for SCEEP's provincial laboratories for the on-site testing of disposal sites and other SWM facilities, (ii) provision of six vehicle-based mobile laboratories and related equipment for on-site air, soils, surface water, groundwater, landfill gas and leachate sampling and testing, and (iii) operational training for laboratory personnel.

Output 4: Solid-waste management collection and interim disposal services in small urban centers and peri-urban and rural areas improved nationwide by (i) building up the functional asset bases of the Toza Hudud by providing 300 collection vehicles (12m³ capacity), 6,000 waste disposal

bins (1.1m3 capacity), 13 excavators, 13 semi-trailer trucks with flatbed trailers, and 13 mobile service vehicles; and (ii) constructing 13 provincial vehicle maintenance service centers (service centers) for sustainable O&M of vehicle and equipment.

2.5 Project Contracts

19. The Project will be executed through implementation of the following contracts respective to each output of the project (in accordance with the updated Procurement Plan, version 8 from 11.12.2024):

Table 1: List of the contracts of the project

No	Contract Name	Relevant Output	Company Name	Contract Signature Date
Service Contracts				
CS1	Project Management Consultant	Output 1-4	JV EPTISA SERVICIOSDE INGENIERIA S.L. and Eptisa Muhendislik Ltd. (Spain/Turkey)	25.04.2022
CS2	SWM Sector Regulatory Framework Enhancement Consultant	Output 1	JV SEURECA-Global Business Services Ltd. (France/Uzbekistan)	29.03.2022
CS3	Toza Hudud Capacity Strengthening	Output 2	JV EPTISA SERVICIOSDE INGENIERIA S.L. and Eptisa Muhendislik Ltd. (Spain/Turkey)	17.06.2022
FA1	Financial Audit (FY2021 – 2023)	Output 1-4	Grant Thornton LLC (Uzbekistan)	31.05.2022
FA2	Financial Audit (FY2024 - 2026)	Output 1-4	Request for Quotation scheduled for Q1-2025	
Goods Contracts				
G1	Lot 1: Supply of 12 m3 SW Collection Trucks – phase I (144units)	Output 4	JV Samarkand Automobile Factory LLC (Uzbekistan)	24.03.2022
	Lot 1: Supply of 12 m3 SW Collection Trucks – phase II (156units)		JV Samarkand Automobile Factory LLC (Uzbekistan)	30.08.2022
G2	Supply of 1100 liter SW disposal bins	Output 4	JV Raf-Ojakh LLC-Zhejiang Elec barrel Co.Ltd (Armenia/PRC)	08.07.2022
G3	Lot 1: Supply of Operational Equipment - 13 Excavators for dump sites	Output 4	Shandong Lingong Construction MachineryCo. Ltd. (PRC)	04.10.2022
	Lot 2: Supply of Operational Equipment – 13 Semi-trailer trucks with flatbed trailers		Mega Tech Solutions LLC (Uzbekistan)	21.09.2022
G4	Supply of mobile transfer station for solid waste 18 tons (100 units) and transfer trucks 25 tons (20 units)	Output 4	IFB scheduled for Q1-2025	
G5	Environmental monitoring support package equipment (mobile environmental laboratory - 2 sets)	Output 4	IFB scheduled for Q1-2025	
G6	Office Equipment for PMU office	Output 4	Various suppliers	Various dates
G7R	Vehicles for Project Management Unit (2 units)	Output 4	General Solutions LLC (Uzbekistan)	13.06.2024
G8	Air conditioner for PMU office (3 units)	Output 4	Perfect Service Solutions (Uzbekistan)	01.12.2022

No	Contract Name	Relevant Output	Company Name	Contract Signature Date
G9	Landfill equipment and machinery Lot 1: Bulldozer (10 pcs) Lot 2: Wheel Loader 3 m3 (10 pcs) Lot 3: Crawler-mounted excavators (10 pcs)	Output 4	IFB scheduled for Q1-2025	
G10	Supply of electrical SW collection trucks Lot 1: Garbage collection trucks 12 tons (30 pcs) Lot 2: Garbage collection trucks 18 tons (30 pcs)	Output 4	IFB scheduled for Q1-2025	
G11	Motor scooters for transportation of municipal solid waste (800 pcs)	Output 4	IFB scheduled for Q2-2025	
G12	Supply of equipment for urban maintenance Lot 1: Urban-Sweeper 0.8 m3 (10 pcs) Lot 2: Multifunctional urban-sweeper 10 tons (10 pcs) Lot 3: Sewage Truck 3-10 m3 (20 pcs)	Output 4	IFB scheduled for Q2-2025	
Works Contracts (proposed to be cancelled)				

2.6 Project Management Arrangements

20. Through letter from 26 October 2023 the Ministry of Economy and Finance (MOEF) has informed the Asian Development Bank about implementation of administrative reforms in accordance with the President Decree No. 269 from 21.12.2022, in particular on reorganization of the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Ecology and Environmental Protection (SCEEP) into the Ministry of Natural Resources of the Republic of Uzbekistan. Furthermore, the MOEF has noted that pursuant to the President Decree No. 81 from 31.05.2023 the Ministry Natural Resources was renamed as the Ministry of Ecology, Environmental Protection, and Climate Change of the Republic of Uzbekistan (MEEPCC). The MEEPCC has been designated as the responsible Executing Agency (EA) for the SSWMP.

21. Moreover, the MOEF has informed the ADB about termination of the Republican Association of Specialized Enterprise of Sanitary Cleaning and establishment of the Republican Center for Organization of Sanitation Cleaning Works (RCOSCW) in its place as part of the Development Strategy of the New Uzbekistan in line with the President Resolution No. 349 from 11.10.2022. The RCOSCW has been designated as the responsible Implementing Agency (IA) for the SSWMP.

22. Through letter from 3 May 2024 the ADB has informed the MOEF about completion of due diligence exercise for the renamed executing agency and the new implementing agency and advises the Bank's no objection to the said administrative changes. An amendment to the loan agreement will be sent to MOEF in this regard.

23. MEEPCC as the EA set up an Interagency Council chaired by the Minister of MEEPCC, with the representatives from the MOEF, and Ministry of Investments, Industry and Trade. The Interagency Council will provide policy direction and strategic oversight on project-related matters, including responsibilities on: (i) advise on key sector reform milestones; (ii) review annual and quarterly performance reports on the sector roadmap reform and implementation progress of the project; and (iii) advise on or make policy-level decisions required to facilitate timely project SAEMR for July – December 2024 (Version 2.0)

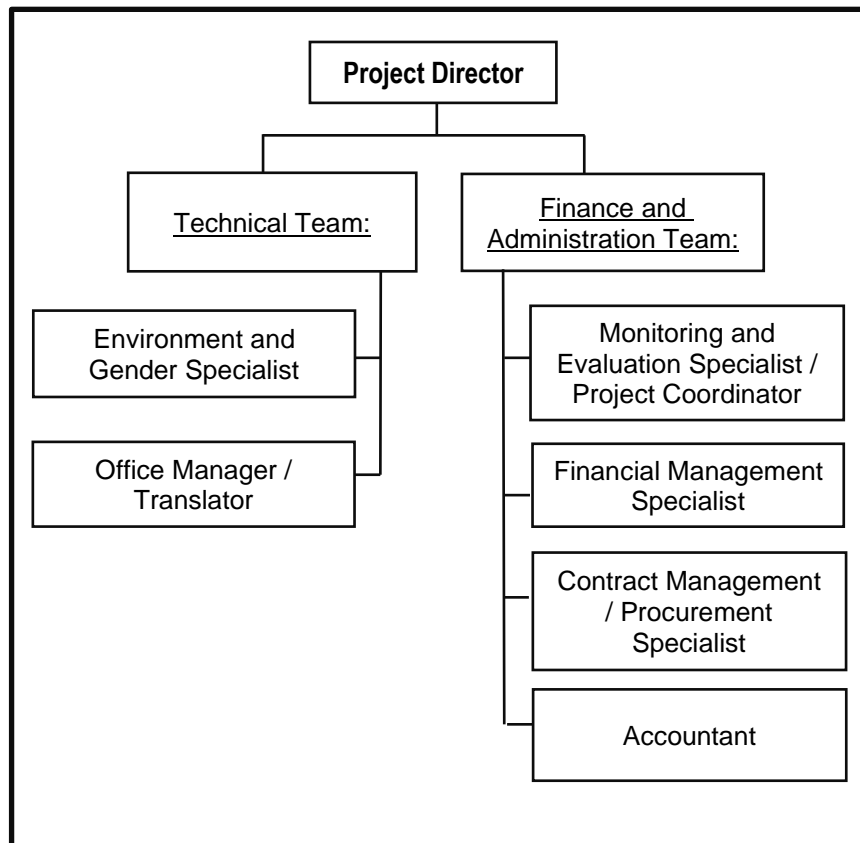
execution. A Tender Committee was established in accordance with the Resolution of the President of Uzbekistan No. 3857 from 16.07.2018 and revised in accordance with the Minutes of Meeting from 21.08.2023 of the Governmental Commission for Foreign Trade and Investments, to review and approve selection of consultants and procurement of goods and civil works. It consists of representatives from EA, IA and relevant government ministries.

24. The MEEPCC has established a PMU and recruited a team of Project Management Consultant (PMC) to support the PMU. Reporting directly to the MEEPCC, the PMU’s responsibilities include procurement, contract and financial management, project administration, and safeguards compliance and reporting. The PMU is headed by a PMU Director who is recruited by the EA in accordance with the procedures described in the President Resolution No. 3857 acceptable by ADB. The PMC comprises of specialists in procurement, contract management, safeguards, gender, accounting, monitoring and evaluation. Where necessary, ADB will support the government to facilitate the recruitment of PMU staff. The PMU Director ensures that the implementation of the project is consistent with the environmental and social safeguards frameworks and plans of ADB as stipulated in the loan agreement. PMU Director also ensures that implementation of the project is consistent with ADB’s Procurement Guidelines, Disbursement Handbook, and ADB’s Anticorruption Policy.

25. The RCOSCW as the IA is responsible for project and safeguard compliance coordination. The IA coordinates with the EA and relevant government agencies on the project’s compliance with the safeguard requirements (environment, land acquisition and resettlement) of the Government and ADB. The Director of the RCOSCW oversees the day-to-day project implementation with the support of PMU. The IA, with support from PMU, serves as the focal for the Grievance Redress Systems in the regional branches of the RCOSCW, and resolves any potential complaints in the field.

26. The below organizational structure of the PMU is effective since 1 July 2024 after approval by the Deputy Prime-Minister of Uzbekistan Mr. J. Khodjaev on 14 June 2024.

Figure 2: Organizational Structure of PMU



27. The current staff of PMU (address: 7-A, Bunyodkor avenue, Tashkent city, Uzbekistan) as per end of the reporting period is presented in Table 2 below.

Table 2: PMU current staff

Name of staff
Name Surname: vacant Position: Project Director / Head of PMU Phone: +998903527567
Name Surname: Mr. Akmal Hikmatullayev Position: Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist / Project Coordinator (Acting Head of PMU) Phone: +998998555540
Name Surname: Mr. Akmal Hikmatullayev (0,5 time) Position: Financial Management Specialist Phone: +998998555540
Name Surname: Mr. Sardorbek Rikhsitillayev Position: Contract Management / Procurement Specialist Phone.: +998903584434
Name Surname: Mr. Abdukhamid Ravshanov Position: Accountant Phone: +998971300147
Name Surname: Mr. Shuhrat Akramov Position: Environmental and Gender Specialist Phone: +998974142472
Name Surname: Mr. Shahzod Bozorov Position: Office Manager / Translator Phone: +998997805909

28. The RCOSCW as the Implementing Agency is responsible for coordinating the project and complying with the safeguard requirements. The RCOSCW coordinates with the relevant institutions to ensure compliance within the project with the loan covenants and safeguard requirements of Uzbekistan and ADB in particular: environmental protection, land allocation, resettlement, GAP, EMP and RP. The Director of the RCOSCW oversees the daily implementation of the project with the support of the PMU. The RCOSCW, with the support of the PMU, will act as the focal point of the project level-GRM/complaints mechanism and will resolve all potential complaints on the ground.

29. Following the initial Project Administration Manual (PAM)¹, the PMC has to mobilize one International Environmental Specialist (with 2 PM) and three National Environmental Specialists (with 18 PM). The International Environmental Specialist Ms. Pınar Süren was mobilized in June 2022 with 2 person-months to be deployed over the contract period.

30. The National Environmental Specialists, Mr. Shavkat Tursunov, Mr. Kudiyar Kamalov, and Mr. Sergey Karandayev will be mobilized upon demand of the Project. Since May 2024 Mr. Kudiyar Kamalov was mobilized for participation in discussions/coaching session arranged during the ADB safeguard mission at the end of May 2024. In the reporting period Mr. Kamalov was engaged for preparation and revision of the SAEMR for January – June 2024.

31. Personnel involved in implementation of the project and engaged in the environmental safeguards, is presented in Table 3 below.

¹ ADB Loan 3903-UZB: Sustainable Solid Waste Management Project Sustainable (Project No. 51034-002)
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Table 3: Personnel Relevant to Environmental Safeguards

Entity	Organization's Name	Job Title	Name	Email address
Executing Agency	MEEPCC	Deputy Minister	Mr. KazbekovJusipbek	info@uznature.uz
Implementing Agency	RCOSCW / PMU	Director / Project Director	Mr. Sharifbek Hasanov	sh.hasanov@sanitation.uz
		Environment and Gender Specialist (37.3 PMs)	Mr. Shuhrat Akramov	sswm@sanitation.uz
Project Management Consultant	EPTISA	International Team Leader (5.0 PMs)	Mr. Bernhard Schenk	bernhard.schenk@schenk-engineering.de
		National Deputy Team Leader (20.0 PMs)	Mr. Dilshod Mavlyan-Kariev	dilshod75@mail.ru
		International Environmental Specialist (2.0 PMs)	Ms. Pınar Süren	psuren@eptisa.com
		National Environmental Specialists (18 PMs)	Mr. Shavkat Tursunov Mr. Kudiyar Kamalov, Mr. Sergey Karandayev	shavkat.dolievich@gmail.com kamalov.kudoiyar@mail.ru karan.serg@rambler.ru

PM = person-months

2.7 Project activities during the reporting period

32. The EA, the IA and PMU with support of PMC have prepared all documents and information required for the due diligence exercise of ADB due to renaming the executing agency and establishment of the new implementing agency. As result, on 3 May 2024 the Bank has confirmed the EA and MOEF about successful completion of the due diligence and provided its no-objection for the performed changes on the institutional level of the Project.

33. On 20 November 2024 the MOEF informed ADB about further administrative reforms to create an efficient and transparent public waste management system and to ensure improvement in the field of ecology and environmental protection. According to this notice the Republican Center for Organizing Sanitary Cleaning Works (the IA) has been reorganized into the State Agency for Waste Management and Circular Economy Development (the Agency). By the Decree of Uzbek President No. PD-149 from 26 September 2024 the Agency was designated as the legal successor of the Center and also the Directorate for Waste Landfill Management, state unitary enterprises Toza Hudud and Maxsustrans were transferred to the Agency's jurisdiction.

34. The legal and financial documents of Toza Hududs (former beneficiary of the Project) have been collected and submitted to ADB for review and records. With assistance of PMC a draft Financial Management Action Plan (FMAP) and the Project's Financial Management Manual (FMM) have been prepared and submitted to ADB's financial specialists for finalization and approval. In addition, PMU and PMC have reviewed the draft Financial Management Assessment Report prepared by the ADB's financial consultant Mr. Ulugbek Rakhmatuallev.

35. Project implementation scheme (organigram of the Project, relations between RCOSCW and PMU, the new tasks of RCOSCW etc.) was revised and submitted to ADB during the said due diligence. Resolutions/decrees specifying the RCOSCW's functions in PPP projects (PPP procedures, tender requirements, sample of PPP agreement etc.) as well as current information about private companies providing the SW collection services in the regions of Uzbekistan based on PPP agreements have been submitted to ADB team.

36. The Procurement Plan of the Project was updated considering the changes proposed by the EA and the IA (version 8 from 15.12.2024), in particular, the packages for the amount of \$18.15 million were proposed for cancel, the total amount of non-awarded packages totaled \$22.69 million, which includes 6 supply contracts (\$22.64 million) and 1 service contract (\$50 thousand).

37. The total amount of contracts excl. Interest/Commitment charges and Re-current costs since the Project start was **\$32.96 million** or 54.93% of the loan amount as of 31 December 2024. The total amount of disbursements excl. Interest/Commitment charges and Re-current costs since the Project start amounted to **\$28.43 million** which breakdown is provided in the table below. As per 31 December 2024, the total disbursements meet 86.26% of the total amount of the awarded contracts and 47.38% of the total loan amount.

Table 4: The Project disbursements (USD)

No.	Contracts	Name of Supplier	Contract value	Disbursed as of 31.12.2024
G1-1	SW collection trucks (144 pcs)	JV "Samarkand avtomobil zavodi" LLC	12.295.872,00	12.292.277,76
G1-2	SW collection trucks (156 pcs)	JV "Samarkand avtomobil zavodi" LLC	12.637.357,20	12.617.888,40
G2	SW disposal bins (6.000 pcs)	Raf Ojakh LLC	2.574.000,00	257.400,00
G3-1	Excavators for dump sites (13 pcs)	Shandong Lingong Construction Machinery Co. Ltd.	1.523.386,21	1.371.031,39
G3-2	Semi-trailer trucks with flatbed trailers (13 pcs)	Mega Tech Solutions LLC	1.326.078,00	1.326.078,00
CS1	Project Management Consultant	JV of EPTISA SERVICIOS DE INGENIERIA S.L. and EPTISA MUHENDISLIK	769.400,00	220.977,28
CS2	Solid Waste Management Sector Regulatory Framework Enhancement Consultant	JV of SEURECA and GBS	734.527,94	210.461,81
CS3	Republican Association of Specialized Enterprises of Sanitary Cleaning & Toza Hudud Capacity Strengthening Consultant	JV of EPTISA SERVICIOS DE INGENIERIA S.L. and EPTISA MUHENDISLIK	963.400,00	-
FA1	Financial Audit (FY2021-2023)	Grant Thornton LLC	40.500,00	40.374,07
G6	PMU Equipment	Future Request LLC	19.472,78	19.472,78
G7-R	PMU Vehicles	General Solution LLC	73.000,00	73.000,00
G8	PMU Air conditioner	Perfect Service Solutions LLC	2 926,26	2 926,26
TOTAL			32.959.920,19	28.431.887,75
	<i>PMU current costs</i>	<i>MEEPCC</i>	<i>604.939,95</i>	<i>220.846,20</i>
	<i>Interest and commitment charges</i>	<i>Ministry of Economy and Finance of Uzbekistan</i>	<i>3.720.000,00</i>	<i>3.496.079,96</i>

2.8 Description of Any Changes to Project Design/Scope

38. Output 4 includes SWM collection and interim disposal services in the project areas improved nationwide by constructing 13 provincial vehicle maintenance service centers to provide for sustainable vehicle and equipment O&M. During the Loan review mission 29 November – 5 December 2023 the IA (the Center) proposed to reallocate these funds to the purchase of other equipment and vehicles for collection, transportation and disposal of solid waste. As discussed during the Midterm review 10-19 June 2024, the EA in line with the Presidential Resolution implements the Government's program on step-by-step transferring the O&M responsibilities from THs to private operators in districts and towns of 13 regions of Uzbekistan. Actually, it is an outsourcing the waste collection and transfer services from public entities to private companies based on PPP. Considering the above mentioned institutional changes in SWM sector, the EA and the IA have proposed the indicator in Output 4 related to the construction of 3 service centers for maintenance of waste collection vehicles to replace with purchase of additional goods and equipment like garbage trucks, landfill equipment and other machinery required for cleaning services.

39. Due to the project's proposed changes in the initially planned output of constructing 3

provincial service centers, which will be repurposed for the purchase of additional solid waste trucks, landfill equipment and other equipment, there will therefore be no works to be carried out. The safeguard categorization of the Project will change from B to C and, the following due diligence tasks will have to be completed: (i) prepare and submit a revised REA Checklist to confirm safeguards category C by **August 2024** (see Annex 1); (ii) prepare an Environmental Due Diligence Report (EDDR) with an environmental code of practice for health and safety management by **March 2025**; and (iii) provide an approved revised scope of the borrower confirming no civil works – by **November 2024** (see Annex 2).

2.9 Description of Any Changes to Agreed Construction Methods

40. No changes have been made to the agreed construction methods, instead, the civil works package is being cancelled.

3. ENVIRONMENTAL SAFEGUARD ACTIVITIES

3.1 General description of environmental safeguard activities

41. The project is classified as **Category B** in environment. Originally, when the Project foreseen to finance the construction of vehicle maintenance and service centers in some regions of Uzbekistan, it was expected that the project will have temporary impacts like dust, noise, vibration and waste generation and may cause inconvenience to the local population. However, all anticipated impacts should be properly mitigated through implementation of the EMP developed within the existing IEE.

42. ADB safeguard review mission was held in the last week of May 2024. During this mission a coaching session about environmental monitoring and reporting (prior construction, during construction and pots construction periods) was conducted in the PIU office of Maxsustrans on 30 May 2024. PMU and PMC staff have participated in this session and clarified all issues relating to this subject.

43. During ADB loan midterm review mission (10-18 June 2024) the stakeholders have discussed staffing and responsibilities of PMU in terms of safeguard monitoring and reporting, timely and qualitatively preparation and submission of the semi-annual environmental monitoring reports in a due format and context, as well as the following required tasks to re-categorize the Project from Cat B to Cat C: Project will provide an (i) approved revised scope confirming no civil works, and (ii) revised REA checklist confirming cat C to ADB. An Environmental Due Diligence Report (EDDR) with Environmental Code of Practice will have to be prepared.

44. In this reporting period, PMC's environmental specialist have revised the semi-annual environmental monitoring report for January-June 2024 upon request and comments of the ADB's environmental specialists.

3.2 Site audits

45. Not applicable, as construction works are excluded from this project.

3.3 Unanticipated Environmental Impact or Risks

46. Not applicable, as construction works are excluded from this project.

4. STATUS OF COMPLIANCE WITH COVENANTS

47. Table 5 below shows the status of compliance with ADB's loan covenants² relating to environment, health and safety during the monitoring period until 31 December 2024.

² Loan Agreement (Ordinary Operations) for Loan 3903-UZB: Sustainable Solid-Waste Management Project | Asian Development Bank (adb.org): <https://www.adb.org/projects/documents/uzb-51034-002-lna-0>
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Table 5: Status of Compliance with Covenants

Covenant	Reference in Loan/Grant agreement	Status of Compliance (as of 31 December 2024)
<p>Procurement The Borrower shall not award any Works or Non-consulting Services contracts until:</p> <p>(a) the relevant environmental authority of the Borrower has granted the final approval of the IEE; and</p> <p>(b) the Borrower has incorporated the relevant provisions from the EMP into the Works Contract.</p>	Schedule 4, para 3	<p><u>Not applicable</u> All Works contracts are cancelled in this Project.</p>
<p>Environment The Borrower shall ensure or cause SCEEP to ensure that the preparation, design, construction, implementation, operation and decommissioning of the Project and all Project facilities comply with</p> <p>(a) all applicable laws and regulations of the Borrower relating to environment, health and safety;</p> <p>(b) the Environmental Safeguards; and</p> <p>(c) all measures and requirements set forth in the IEE, the EMP, and any corrective or preventative actions set forth in a Safeguards Monitoring Report.</p>	Schedule 4, para 4	<p><u>Not applicable</u> All design preparation and construction supervision contracts are cancelled in this Project.</p>
<p>Human and Financial Resources to Implement Safeguards Requirements The Borrower shall make available or cause SCEEP to make available necessary budgetary and human resources to fully implement the EMP.</p>	Schedule 4, para 6	<p><u>Complied</u> Mr. Shuhrat Akramov working as environmental and gender specialist of PMU since 16 October 2024.</p> <p>The following safeguard specialist of Project Management Consultant are mobilized for the Project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Environmental Specialist Ms. Pınar Süren • National Environmental Specialist Mr. Kudiyar Kamalov.
<p>Safeguards-Related Provisions in Bidding Documents and Works Contracts The Borrower shall ensure or cause SCEEP to ensure that all bidding documents and contracts for Works contain provisions that require contractors to:</p> <p>(a) comply with the measures relevant to the contractor set forth in the IEE, the EMP (to the extent they concern impacts on affected people during construction), and any corrective or preventative actions set forth in a Safeguards Monitoring Report;</p> <p>(b) make available a budget for all such environmental and social</p>	Schedule 4, para 7	<p><u>Not applicable</u> All Works contracts are cancelled in this Project.</p>

Covenant	Reference in Loan/Grant agreement	Status of Compliance (as of 31 December 2024)
<p>measures; and</p> <p>(c) provide the Borrower with a written notice of any unanticipated environmental, resettlement or indigenous peoples risks or impacts that arise during construction, implementation or operation of the Project that were not considered in the IEE or the EMP.</p>		
<p><u>Safeguards Monitoring and Reporting</u> The Borrower shall do the following or cause SCEEP to do the following:</p> <p>(a) submit semi-annual Safeguards Monitoring Reports to ADB and disclose relevant information from such reports to affected persons promptly upon submission;</p> <p>(b) if any unanticipated environmental risks and impacts arise during construction, implementation or operation of the Project that were not considered in the IEE and the EMP, promptly inform ADB of the occurrence of such risks or impacts, with detailed description of the event and proposed corrective action plan; and</p> <p>(c) report any actual or potential breach of compliance with the measures and requirements set forth in the EMP promptly after becoming aware of the breach.</p>	Schedule 4, para 8	<p><u>Complied (ongoing)</u></p> <p>(a) The following SAEMRs have been submitted and disclosed so far:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For January – December 2021 disclosed on ADB website in May 2022 - For January – June 2022 disclosed on ADB website in November 2022 - For July – December 2023 disclosed on ADB website in July 2024 - For January – June 2024 disclosed on ADB website in December 2024 <p>(b) Not applicable, because of missing any construction works in the Project</p> <p>(c) Complied (ongoing)</p>
<p><u>Prohibited List of Investments</u> The Borrower shall ensure that no proceeds of the Loan are used to finance any activity included in the list of prohibited investment activities provided in Appendix 5 of the SPS.</p>	Schedule 4, para 9	<u>Complied</u>
<p><u>Labor Standards, Health and Safety</u> The Borrower shall ensure that the core labor standards and the Borrower's applicable laws and regulations are complied with during Project implementation. The Borrower shall include specific provisions in the bidding documents and contracts financed by ADB under the Project requiring that the contractors, among other things:</p> <p>(a) comply with the Borrower's applicable law and regulations and incorporate applicable workplace occupational safety norms;</p> <p>(b) do not use child labor;</p> <p>(c) do not discriminate workers in respect of employment and occupation;</p> <p>(d) do not use forced labor;</p>	Schedule 4, para 11	<p><u>Not yet due</u></p> <p>In addition to SSEMPs, that will be prepared by the Construction Contractors within 30 days after contract award and prior to commencing any physical works, Occupational Health and Safety Plan (OHS Plan), amongst the other topic specific plans will be prepared by the Construction Contractors, endorsed by the PMC and approved by the PMU.</p> <p>The requirements of the Labor Code of Uzbekistan (1998) and standards on work and health safety¹⁰ will be complied with.</p>

Covenant	Reference in Loan/Grant agreement	Status of Compliance (as of 31 December 2024)
<p>(e) allow freedom of association and effectively recognize the right to collective bargaining; and</p> <p>(f) disseminate, or engage appropriate service providers to disseminate, information on the risks of sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV/AIDS, to the employees of contractors engaged under the Project and to members of local communities surrounding the Project area, particularly women.</p>		
<p>Labor Standards, Health and Safety The Borrower shall strictly monitor compliance with the requirements set forth in paragraph 10 above and provide ADB with regular reports.</p>	Schedule 4, para 11	<u>Not yet due</u>
<p>Grievance Redress Mechanism The Borrower shall ensure or cause the Project Executing Agency to ensure that within 6 months of the Effective Date, a safeguards grievance redress mechanism acceptable to ADB is established in accordance with the provisions of the IEE and EMP at the Project management office, within the timeframes specified in the relevant IEE and EMP, to consider safeguards complaints.</p>	Schedule 4, para 20	<p><u>Complied (ongoing)</u> The Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) is in place using the capacities and staff of the EA/IA in the regions.</p>
<p>Public Awareness The Borrower shall undertake, and shall cause SCEEP to undertake, public awareness campaigns through information disclosure, education and consultation on the project and its benefits, including but not limited to information related to the EMP and GAP.</p>	Schedule 4, para 21	<p><u>Complied (ongoing)</u> During Project Design period, public consultations were conducted in all 13 project districts in 2019 (see IEE for further details)¹¹.</p> <p>As of 30 June 2024, the following environmental safeguards related documentation has been disclosed on government website: IEE in September 2019, the SAEMR (Jan-Dec 2021) in May 2022¹², the second SAEMR (Jan-June 2022) in November 2022.</p>

¹⁰ Construction Norms and Rules # 3.01.01-03. Organization of Construction works. 2003

¹¹ <https://www.adb.org/projects/documents/uzb-51034-002-iee>

¹² <https://t.me/ecogovuz>

5. RESULTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING

5.1 Overview of Monitoring Conducted during Current Period

48. Not applicable, as all construction works packages of the project have been cancelled.

5.2 Summary of Monitoring Outcomes

49. In previous reporting period, no issues that require corrective actions were identified.

Table 6: Implementation Status of Corrective Actions Proposed in the Previous EMRs

Issue	Required Action	Responsibility	Timing (Target Dates)	Description of Resolution and Timing (Actual)	If not yet resolved, indicate the reason why and specify further required action and timeframe
None					

5.3 Training

50. No training was conducted in the reporting period, excluding coaching session during the ADB safeguard review mission in the last week of May 2024 (please see details in item 39 above).

5.4 Complaints

51. A project level GRM, which is summarized in Figure 3 below, has been already established and GRM focal persons given in table 10 below has been identified.

Figure 3: Established project level GRM

Stage 1 Receipt of a complaint

- Upon receipt of a completed complaint form or notice of your concern, we will designate a person for handling your complaint.

Stage 2 Confirmation

- We will send you a letter acknowledging receipt of the complaint within 14 days.
- This letter will include the contact person's name, registration number, and an explanation of our proposed action.

Stage 3 Investigation

- We will work to determine the cause of your complaint. During this time, we may need to contact you.

Stage 4 Permission

- After a complaint has been investigated, we will notify you of the outcome of the investigation and our proposed action to resolve the complaint, if deemed necessary.
- If the complaint remains unresolved, it will be reconsidered and we will discuss with you the next steps to resolve it.

Stage 5 Follow-up actions

Table 7: The list of GRM focal persons by regions

No	Full Name	Regions
1	Telmonov Turob Tursun o'g'li	Bukhara
2	Ahadov Kamoliddin Xasanovich	Jizzakh
3	Sherbekov Rashid Tolbayevich	Republic of Karakalpakstan
4	U.Botirov	Navoiy
5	Satimaxo'jayeva Muxamadxo'ja Murodillaxo'jayevich	Namangan
6	Ahmedov Xudoyberdi Ulashevich	Samarkand
7	Boyqobilov Toshmumamat Xolmamatovich	Surxondaryo
8	Mamajonov Jasur Madiyor o'g'li	Tashkent region
9	Karimova Dilnoza Adduvali qizi	Tashkent
10	Nuraliev Yigitali	Fergana
11	Bekzod.S. Abdusharipov	Xorazm
12	Norxo'jayev Qosimxo'ja Maribjon o'g'li	Andijan
13	Qambaraliyev Maqsud	Qashqadaryo

Table 8: Summary of Complaints Received during the Monitoring Period (and the ones pending since the previous monitoring period(s))

Details of Complaint	Complainant*	Received			Actions (to be) taken with the target date	Resolution Status***
		Through*	By whom**	Date		
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

* Resident, NGO (non-governmental organization), etc.

** Verbally, letter, complaint box, email, etc.

*** Contractor, supervision consultant or implementing/executing agency

**** Open or Closed (If closed include date)

6. SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 Summary

52. Referring to Time-boundary Action Plan agreed during the Mid-term review in June 2024 the EA/IA should have prepared the Environmental Due Diligence Report with a Construction Code of Practice and submit to ADB's review before 31 August 2024. It would be great if ADB could provide a template for such report and PMU with support of safeguard specialists of PMC would prepare this report and submit until the end of June 2025.

6.2 Recommendations

53. The SAEMRs shall be prepared by environmental specialists of PMC and PMU, and after review they shall be submitted for review of ADB. Upon receipt of ADB comments or inquires PMU, if necessary with assistance of PMC staff shall immediately revise the report and do the best for a soon re-submission to ADB.

54. The approved SAEMRs shall be disclosed on EA or IA websites in English and Uzbek languages.

Annex 1. Rapid Environmental Assessment (REA) Checklist**Instructions:**

- (i) The project team completes this checklist to support the environmental classification of a project. It is to be attached to the environmental categorization form and submitted to the Safeguards Division (SDSS) for endorsement by the Director, SDSS and for approval by the Chief Compliance Officer.
- (ii) This checklist focuses on environmental issues and concerns. To ensure that social dimensions are adequately considered, refer also to ADB's: (a) checklists on involuntary resettlement and Indigenous Peoples; (b) poverty reduction handbook; (c) staff guide to consultation and participation; and (d) gender checklists.
- (iii) Answer the questions assuming the "without mitigation" case. The purpose is to identify potential impacts. Use the "remarks" section to discuss any anticipated mitigation measures.

Country/Project Title: P51034-UZB: Sustainable Solid Waste Management Project

Sector Division: CWUW

Screening Questions	Yes	No	Remarks
A. Project Siting Is the project area...			
▪ Densely populated?		X	The project will be mainly capacity development with no structural /construction component
▪ Heavy with development activities?		X	
▪ Adjacent to or within any environmentally sensitive areas?			
• Cultural heritage site		X	
• Protected Area		X	
• Wetland		X	
• Mangrove		X	
• Estuarine		X	
• Buffer zone of protected area		X	
• Special area for protecting biodiversity		X	
• Bay		X	
B. Potential Environmental Impacts Will the Project cause...			
▪ impacts associated with transport of wastes to the disposal site or treatment facility		X	The project does not have structural/construction component
▪ impairment of historical/cultural monuments/areas and loss/damage to these sites?		X	
▪ degradation of aesthetic and property value loss?		X	
▪ nuisance to neighboring areas due to foul odor and influx of insects, rodents, etc.?		X	
▪ dislocation or involuntary resettlement of people?		X	

Screening Questions	Yes	No	Remarks
▪ disproportionate impacts on the poor, women and children, Indigenous Peoples, or other vulnerable groups?		X	
▪ risks and vulnerabilities related occupational health and safety due to physical, chemical, biological, and radiological hazards during project construction and operation?		X	
▪ public health hazards from odor, smoke from fire, and diseases transmitted by flies, insects, birds and rats?		X	
▪ deterioration of water quality as a result of contamination of receiving waters by leachate from land disposal system?		X	
▪ contamination of ground and/or surface water by leachate from land disposal system?		X	
▪ land use conflicts?		X	
▪ pollution of surface and ground water from leachate coming from sanitary landfill sites or methane gas produced from decomposition of solid wastes in the absence of air, which could enter the aquifer or escape through soil fissures at places far from the landfill site?		X	
▪ inadequate buffer zone around landfill site to alleviate nuisances?		X	
▪ road blocking and/or increased traffic during construction of facilities?		X	
▪ noise and dust from construction activities?		X	
▪ temporary silt runoff due to construction?		X	
▪ hazards to public health due to inadequate management of landfill site caused by inadequate institutional and financial capabilities for the management of the landfill operation?		X	
▪ emission of potentially toxic volatile organics from land disposal site?		X	
▪ surface and ground water pollution from leachate and methane gas migration?		X	
▪ loss of deep-rooted vegetation (e.g. trees) from landfill gas?		X	
▪ chances of explosion from accumulated landfill gas?		X	
▪ contamination of air quality from incineration?		X	
▪ public health hazards from odor, smoke from fire, and diseases transmitted by flies, rodents, insects and birds, etc.?		X	
▪ health and safety hazards to workers from toxic gases and hazardous materials in the site?		X	
▪ large population influx during project construction and operation that causes increased burden on social infrastructure and services (such as water supply and sanitation systems)?		X	
▪ social conflicts if workers from other regions or countries are hired?		X	
▪ risks to community health and safety due to the transport, storage, and use and/or disposal of materials such as explosives, fuel and other chemicals during construction and operation?		X	

Screening Questions	Yes	No	Remarks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ community safety risks due to both accidental and natural hazards, especially where the structural elements or components (e.g., landfill or incinerator) of the project are accessible to members of the affected community or where their failure could result in injury to the community throughout project construction, operation and decommissioning? 		X	

A Checklist for Preliminary Climate Risk Screening**Country/Project Title: P51034-UZB: Sustainable Solid Waste Management Project (SSWMP)****Sector: Water and Other Urban Infrastructure and Services****Subsector: Urban Solid Waste Management****Division/Department: CWUW/CWRD**

Screening Questions		Score	Remarks ³
Location and Design of project	Is siting and/or routing of the project (or its components) likely to be affected by climate conditions including extreme weather-related events such as floods, droughts, storms, landslides?	0	The project does not have structural / construction component
	Would the project design (e.g. the clearance for bridges) need to consider any hydro-meteorological parameters (e.g., sea-level, peak river flow, reliable water level, peak wind speed etc.)?	0	
Materials and Maintenance	Would weather, current, and likely future climate conditions (e.g. prevailing humidity level, temperature contrast between hot summer days and cold winter days, exposure to wind and humidity hydro-meteorological parameters likely affect the selection of project inputs over the life of project outputs (e.g. construction material)?	0	
	Would weather, current, and likely future climate conditions, and related extreme events likely affect the maintenance (scheduling and cost) of project output(s)?	0	
Performance of project outputs	Would weather/climate conditions, and related extreme events likely affect the performance (e.g. annual power production) of project output(s) (e.g. hydro-power generation facilities) throughout their design lifetime?	0	

Options for answers and corresponding score are provided below:

Response	Score
Not Likely	0
Likely	1
Very Likely	2

Responses when added that provide a score of 0 will be considered low risk project. If adding all responses will result to a score of 1–4 and that no score of 2 was given to any single response, the project will be assigned a medium risk category. A total score of 5 or more (which include providing a score of 1 in all responses) or a 2 in any single response, will be categorized as high risk project.

Result of Initial Screening (Low, Medium, High): Low**Other Comments:** N/a**Prepared by:** SSWM Project Management Unit

³ If possible, provide details on the sensitivity of project components to climate conditions, such as how climate parameters are considered in design standards for infrastructure components, how changes in key climate parameters and sea level might affect the siting/routing of project, the selection of construction material and/or scheduling, performances and/or the maintenance cost/scheduling of project outputs.

Annex 2. Confirmation letter of borrower confirming no civil works

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Uzbekistan Resident Mission



**Subject: Loan 3903-UZB Sustainable Solid-Waste Management Project -
Request for Reallocation of Loan Proceeds and Extension of the Loan Closing Date**

Dear Ms. Kanokpan Lao-Araya,

Taking this opportunity, we would like to express our highest gratitude for your support and cooperation in the implementation of the abovementioned project.

On December 21, 2020, Loan Agreement No. 3903-UZB for the amount of \$60.0 million was signed between the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Asian Development Bank for implementation of the Sustainable Solid Waste Management Project.

In accordance with the request of the Ministry of Ecology, Environmental Protection, and Climate Change and the order of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan, we would like to request your approval for using \$22.7 million of uncommitted loan funds under the Project for the purchase of mobile laboratories, a modern electric waste transporter, and special equipment for street cleaning, as well as loaders, excavators, and bulldozers, for the purpose of optimizing existing landfills, and we ask for your assistance in extending the loan closing date until 31 December 2025 in order to carry out the tendering and delivery of the above mentioned goods.

Considering the above-mentioned procurements, we would request your approval to reallocate the loan proceeds in the amount of \$4,970,597 from the category “Capacity Development and Project Management” and \$2,090,000 from the category “Unallocated” to the category “Goods, Works, and Services.”

We look forward to your support in the successful implementation of the project.
Sincerely,

Jasur Karshibaev
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Uzbekistan Resident Mission**Subject: Loan 3903-UZB: Sustainable Solid-Waste Management Project –
Notice on change of the implementing agency**

Dear Ms. Kanokpan Lao-Araya,

Taking this opportunity, we would like to express our highest gratitude for your support and cooperation in the implementation of the abovementioned project.

Considering the administrative reforms to create an efficient public administration system, in accordance with the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. PD-149 from September 26, 2024, "On measures to ensure transparency and further improve the management system in the fields of ecology and environmental protection," the State Agency for Waste Management and Circular Economy Development (the Agency) was established under the Ministry of Ecology, Environmental Protection, and Climate Change of Uzbekistan on the basis of the Republican Center for Organizing Sanitary Cleaning Works (the Center), while maintaining the existing staff units.

By this decree, the Agency is designated as the legal successor of the Center, and additionally, all State Unitary Enterprises "Toza Hudud" and "Maxsustrans" and the Directorate for Waste Landfill Management were transferred to the Agency's jurisdiction.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Minister of Economy
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