

Annex A

Scoping Report Approval Letter



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**Subject:-Approval of final scoping report on Environmental and Social
Impact Assessment Study**

It is recalled that your client, Environmental Resource Management (ERM) has submitted final scoping report on Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) Study for Yara Dallol Potash that the final and detailed ESIA to be conducted in the near future. Accordingly, we have reviewed the final scoping report as per Environmental Impact Assessment Proclamation No. 299/2002 and other pertinent national and international legal requirements and guidelines. We have found that this particular report included essential elements which mentioning of some of these are worthwhile:

- Stakeholder engagement process is sufficiently addressed;
- Relevant national and international legal requirements, legal frameworks and institutional matters and guidelines are pointed out and conscientized accordingly,
- The projects benefits are pointed out;

As per Article 9/2b of the Environmental Impact Assessment Proclamation No.299/2002, the Ministry of Mines approves the report *on conditions* that the company will be committed to take special consideration on the following points:

- As there are other actual and potential potash exploration companies and indigenous communities in the area, water requirement and consumption should be studied in detail;
- The company should make sure that the area for this activity free from any archeological and other cultural heritage and official letter that approves this is (are) required from concerned regional and/or federal government organ;
- Occupational Diseases, physical and chemical hazard prevention strategy should be considered during the final ESIA study;
- The company should have emergency plan and preparedness strategy.

With regards,


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Environment & Community
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