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The Permanent Mission of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other International Organisations in Switzerland presents its compliments to the Implementation Support Unit of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention /ISU/ and has the honor to submit the enclosed further information/clarification to Ethiopia's second request of extension .

The Permanent Mission of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other International Organisations in Switzerland avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Implementation Support Unit of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention /ISU/ the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Implementation Support Unit of the Anti-Personnel
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Geneva



Explanation for the questions raised on the Ethiopian 2nd request extension of Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention Article 5

1. Information on the new Structure in place and a focal point to facilitate a fluid communication between the Mine Action Office and the international community.

As shown in the 2nd request extension document the Mine Action Office is directly accountable to the Ministry of Defence in order to get direction from the civil minister. The way of communication is through the Ministry of Defence. Any interested partner to support the Mine Action Office is possible to contact the MoND Foreign Relation main Directorate in the Head Office to facilitate the communication for the first entry and after the approval of the minister all activities of mine action will be implemented in the Mine Action Office accordingly.

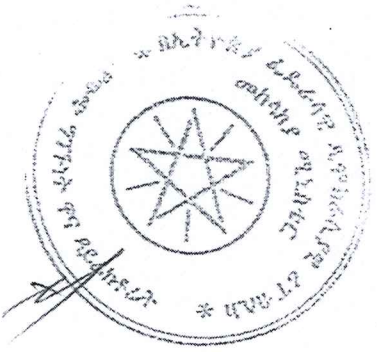
2. Current capacity to address the remaining challenge :-
The recent capacity of the Mine Action is equipped with

- Four manual clearance companies
- Two EOD teams
- Two TS/RRT teams and
- Six ground preparation machines

But mainly the four manual clearance companies, two EOD teams and two TS teams will be employed to the field to clear the mined area 40-50 square meters per day per person whereas, six ground preparation machines will not be deployed due to the mined area situations.

a. Methods

For the survey activities technical and non-technical methods will be employed. Whereas, for the clearance activities Manual demining is the appropriate method of the clearance in both regions because the remaining confirmed and suspected areas to be addressed is found in the remote area, very hot weather and mountain which is not convenient to use machinery and MDD.



b. Deployment of the demining companies and TS/RRT teams

Unit	Operation year						
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Coy 1	Somali region	Somali region	Somali region	Somali region	Somali region	Somali region	Somali region
Coy 2	Somali region	Somali region	Somali region	Somali region	Somali region	Somali region	Afar region
Coy 3	Somali region	Somali region	Somali region	Somali region	Somali region	Somali region	Tigray region
Coy 4	Somali region	Somali region	Somali region	Somali region	Somali region	Somali region	Benshangul
TS/RRT 1	Somali region	Somali region	Somali region	Somali region	Somali region	Somali region	Somali region
TS/RRT 2	Somali region	Somali region	Somali region	Somali region	Oromia region	Afar region	Oromia region
TS/RRT 3	Somali region	Somali region	Somali region	Somali region	Somali region	Somali region	Somali region
TS/RRT 4	Somali region	Somali region	Somali region	Somali region	Somali region	Gambella region	Gambella region

Deployment is seasonal due to the weather condition, however, annual leave is adjusted during the rainy season in order to use the work time effectively.

c. Composition of demining companies:-

The number of personnel in one company is 90 and we have more than 45 EOD personnel and 2 TS teams. EOD personnel will be deployed with the clearance companies and RRT teams in order to support the companies and TS teams in order to destroy the mines found by the units. But, after the RRT teams finish their survey task they will support and deploy directly with the clearance companies in the remaining areas. The clearance companies are composed of clearance personnel, EOD and medic teams. Even though, at the process of clearance and after the survey activities implemented if necessary to include additional deminers we can able to train new demining company using our training section personnel.

3. Information concerning Ethiopia-Eritrea

As we stated in the extension request document the Ethiopian and Eritrean border; in our side we cleared behind of our army but concerning the peace negotiation the higher government official start to communicate and to discuss between the two states. After the higher officials' agreement the Mine Action Office will continue the given task based on the agreement of the two states. But, now it is not reasonable to justify the mined area. Because the peace negotiation is not finalized and we don't know the area to whom it will be demarcated. However, after the peace negotiation is finalized the mined SHAs will be part of the document as additional task for the Mine Action Office.





4. Fund allocated by the government

The government of Ethiopia allocated the fund as we mentioned in the 2nd request extension document to clear and to conduct technical survey of 136,819,000 square meters in the previous extension. Still now, in the Ethiopian budget 2012air, 1,490,000 Ethiopia Birr for initial but, it needs additional amount of money to address the planned area in Somali region. Concerning the demining materials the Mine Action Office is doing the task using the previous old materials. Particularly we are using 4X4 cars from the market rental using the allocated Government budget.

5. Concerning the efforts to communicate with partners

Communication with partners was not effective at the previous 1st extension request. But, we planned to contact the partners side by side with the survey and clearance activities.

6. MRE efforts undertaken

The aim of the MRE is to reduce the impact of mines on men, women, boys and girls living in or near to land contaminated with mines. MRE in Somali region continue to educate people in mine affected area on the dangers of mines. MRE officers use elders and social gatherings to disseminate information face to face methods are used to communicate with the targeted group. the society is aware of the mine problems in the past activities and recently the MRE officers was deployed with the demining companies and technical survey /RRT teams in order to aware the society concerning mines. After the area is identified by the TS/RRT and in the process of survey and clearance the MRE officers are doing their task in the SHAs to take care of their life to ensure effective exclusion of civilians from mined area including livestock.

7. As you mentioned inconsistency of data is reflected in the 2nd request extension document, in general, to avoid the confusion in the data specifically the correct data is stated in table 15 to address each year.

- a. On page 13, the request indicates "53 SHAs measuring 136,819,000 square meters were addressed in Somali region and in the metal industries in the Oromia region", however on page 13, table 2, there is no progress in the Oromia region; As you realized from the document your comment is correct but in the Oromia region there is no addressed mined area but the mines destroyed in Oromia region is found from the metal industry which is collected with the piece of metals by their partners to use as input for their industry purposes. The Mine Action Office has close communication with the industry safety officers. As a result, based on the information of safety officers we separate the mines from the piece of metals and the mines are destroyed by the Mine Action Office to safe the industry purpose.





b. A total of 261 SHA/CHA with a total size of 1,056,349,623 square meters reported as remaining on page 41 while on other pages the figure give is 1,056,349,551 square meters
 The correct figure of the sizewas 1,193,168,551square meters-136,819,000square meters= 1,056,349,551square metersand the number of remained area is 314-53 = 261. But 1,056,349,623square meters is putted from the 1st extension request which was miscalculated over by 72 square meters.

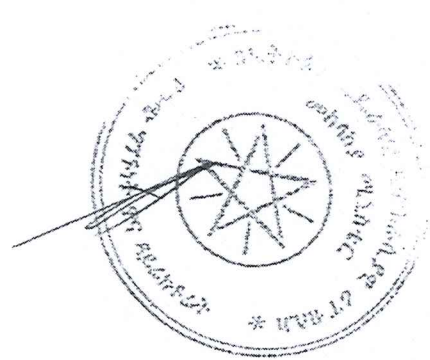
c. On 13: in 2018 data, 95,3017,500 square metersit is typo error please note that the correctdata is 95,317,500square meterswhich is reported in April,2019

The correct data of areato be reduced and cleared per year in m² is as shown in the table below for the question D,E,and F:-

Planned	Total known and SHA to be reduced canceled and cleared per year in square meters										
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total			
To be cleared	1,305,438.26	4,300,000	4,300,000	4,300,000	4,300,000	4,300,000	3,900,000	27,305,438.26			
To be Reduced and cancelled	171,507,352	171,507,352	171,507,352	171,507,352.74	171,507,352	171,507,352	171,507,352	1,029,044,112.74			
Total	173,412,790.26	175,807,352	175,807,352	175,807,352.74	175,807,352	175,807,352	3,900,000	1,056,349,551			

The above table is planned to be addressed the SHA/CHA using four demining companies, two EOD and two TS teams. The plan is identified using our past experience activities considered that 2% of the SHA will be mined area to be cleared using the demining companies. The total size to be cleared is 27,305,438.26 square meters i.e. (2% of the SHA (1,050,045,013))+ CHA (6,304,538) square metersand 1,029,044,112.74 square meters to be reduced and cancelled from the SHAs using non-TS and TS. Most of the SHA to be addressed is found in Somali region.

B. The request indicates that in Somali region 209 SHA/CHA measuring 1,050,078,108 square meters (page 35 and 44) and in the work plan1,049,193,180
 The correct number of the data is 1,050,078,108 square meters which is stated the figure on page 35.



- h. There is a slight discrepancy between the figures given on page 45, in the table 14 for Oromia region of 13 SHA measuring 1,026,105 and the figures given in the work plan; 13 SHA measuring 1,113,605 square meters
The correct figure in Oromia region is 1,026,105 square meters to be address which is articulated on page45 table 14.
8. As shown in the extension request the capacity of the Mine Action Office is indicated its capacity here above clarification is added to address the remaining area and some of this capacity will continue to access the residual contaminations after completion of the task using internal capacity.

