

Eimi Watanabe
Chairperson

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INTERIM NOTE

Nigeria: Lagos Metropolitan Development and Governance Project (P071340)

Pilot Approach to Support Early Solutions for Request for Inspection

On September 30, 2013, the Inspection Panel received a Request for Inspection (“the Request”) relating to the Nigeria: Lagos Metropolitan Development and Governance Project (P071340) (“the Project”). The Request was sent by the Social and Economic Rights Action Center (SERAC) on behalf of “*individuals, families and groups living in the Badia area of Lagos State.*” The Requesters allege that the Project has caused further “*impoverishment and insecurity*” of Badia residents, a vulnerable slum community in Lagos, as a result of evictions that have occurred under the Project “*without prior consultation, notice, compensation or resettlement.*”

The Panel verified that the Request met the basic requirements for Registration. However, based on the willingness of both the Requesters and Management to provide an opportunity to resolve the concerns raised, the Panel postponed its decision to register it and initiated instead the Pilot approach to support early solutions in the Inspection Panel process.¹ On November 11, 2013, the Panel informed the Board that it would review the situation within three months, as of February 11, 2013,² as stipulated in the Pilot document.³

As set out in the Pilot document, the Panel asked Requesters and Management to keep it updated on developments during the three months period. In that regard, the Requesters and Management informed the Panel that an agreement on compensation payments was reached between the community representatives and Lagos State Government as a way to resolve the concerns of the Requesters. The Panel has learned that this agreement is currently being implemented, but some practical issues remain. Requesters and Management are continuing to

¹ Piloting a New Approach to Support Early Solutions in the Inspection Panel Process, submitted to the Board of Directors on November 6, 2013 (SecM 2013-0439) and available at www.inspectionpanel.org.

² Inspection Panel Notice of Receipt of Request, Nigeria: Lagos Metropolitan Development and Governance Project (P071340), sent to the Board of Directors on November 11, 2013.

³ Piloting a New Approach to Support Early Solutions in the Inspection Panel Process, para. 8.

concerns of the Requesters. The Panel has learned that this agreement is currently being implemented, but some practical issues remain. Requesters and Management are continuing to engage with each other, and with the authorities, to resolve the outstanding issues. Management expects that the bulk of the affected people will receive compensation by the end of April 2014, and that an effective grievance process will be in place to properly address residual claims.

The Panel will wait for this expected progress, and will inform the Board by May 2014 on its decision, based on whether the Requesters are satisfied that their concerns have been successfully addressed (as set out in the Pilot document).

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eimi Watanabe". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

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