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THE FOURTEENTH MEETING OF THE MALAYSIA–THAILAND JOINT STEERING COMMITTEE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE GOLOK RIVER BASIN

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Pulau Langkawi, Malaysia

3 – 4 September 2014

INTRODUCTION

The Fourteenth Meeting of the Malaysia–Thailand Joint Steering Committee (JSC) on the Development of the Golok River Basin was held at The Meritus Pelangi Beach Resort & SPA, Langkawi, Malaysia from the 3rd to 4th September 2014.

The Meeting was co-chaired by Dato' Sri Zol Azha Bin Yusof, Secretary General, Ministry of Natural Resources And Environment Malaysia and Mr Chalit Damrongsak, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry Of Agriculture And Cooperatives, Thailand. The list of members of both delegations is as shown in Annex A.

AGENDA 1 OPENING REMARKS

- 1.1 Dato' Sri Zol Azha bin Yusof, as the Head of the Malaysian Delegation in his opening address welcomed both delegates from Malaysia and Thailand to the 14th JSC Meeting. He stated that it was an honor for him to co-chair this meeting as again with Mr Chalit Damrongsak. He hoped that the Meeting would be conducted in the most efficient manner with the support and commitment from both sides.
- 1.2 Mr Chalit Damrongsak as the Head of the Thai Delegation expressed his sincere thanks and heartfelt appreciation for the warm welcome and kind hospitality accorded to the Thai delegates.
- 1.3 The Opening Address of Dato' Sri Zol Azha bin Yusof and the Opening Remarks of Mr Chalit Damrongsak are as in Annexes B1 and B2.
- 1.4 Dato' Sri Zol Azha bin Yusof introduced the members of the Malaysian delegates and invited Mr Chalit Damrongsak to introduce his delegations.

AGENDA 2 ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED AGENDA

- 2.1 The Meeting agreed to change all the matters for information to be under the matters for consideration. The agreed agenda are as in Annex C.

AGENDA 3 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1 Monitoring and Evaluation of Golok River Mouth

Report by JTWG

1. The pre and post-monsoon surveys for the 2013/2014 monsoon season was carried out by the Thai side in October 2013 and March 2014 respectively. The surveys and the comparison of the seabed level at the river mouth is as shown Annex D.
2. The sediment was flushed out and the river mouth is fully open.
3. JTWG acknowledged the need for JET to continue with the monitoring surveys and analysed the dynamic phenomena at the river mouth taking into consideration other factors such as rainfall intensity, tidal observations, current measurements, sediment flow, frequency of flood events, wave penetration etc. at the river mouth.

Endorsement by JSC

1. The Meeting agreed to endorse the need for JTWG and JET to continue with the monitoring surveys with more detail analysis.

3.2 Flow Measurement at Cableway Station across Golok River

Report by JTWG

1. Both sides will continue to work together to collect and exchange data and flow measurements under the close supervision of the persons in charge.
2. Malaysian side propose to stabilise the river cross section at the cableway and Thai side agreed with the proposal. The propose stabilisation works need to be constructed using the same method for both river banks and the river cross section need to be surveyed once in every 3 to 4 month in order to obtain a reliable rating curve for flow computations even after the stabilisation works.

Endorsement by JSC

1. The Meeting acknowledged the continuity of data collection and data sharing.
2. The Meeting agreed to endorse for JTWG and JET to proceed with the design of the proposed stabilization works.

3.3 Real Time Monitoring System in the Golok River Basin, The Joint Website and Flood Forecasting and Warning System for Golok River Basin

Report by JTWG

JTWG acknowledged the need to have new rainfall telemetry stations in the Golok River Basin for mutual benefits:

1. Real Time Data Collection
 - New rainfall telemetry stations need to be constructed and is expected to complete by year 2016;
 - Thailand: 6 nos (completed),
 - Malaysia: 3 nos. (under implementation)
2. The Joint Website
 - The additional hydrological data (new stations) are to be shared and uploaded in the Joint Website by March 2016.
 - Both individual and mutual rating curves to be shared and uploaded in the Joint Website.
3. Flood Forecasting and Warning System
 - Thai side informed their need to get additional data in the upstream from Malaysian side area in order to study the flood downstream.
 - Both sides will develop and use their own forecasting model. All available historical data for rainfall and water level for the development of their respective flood forecasting will be shared.

Endorsement by JSC

1. The Meeting agreed to endorse the need for new rainfall telemetry stations in the Golok River Basin for mutual benefits, and to be completed by year 2016. All available and future hydrological data are to be shared by both countries.

3.4 Maintenance Dredging of Golok River Mouth

Report by JTWG

1. The bed level at the river mouth is within the design level, which is between -3.0 to -3.9m MSL. For the purpose of navigation, there is no need to carry out maintenance dredging at this stage.
2. However, hydraulic studies have shown that maintenance dredging is required to reduce coastal flooding if:
 - the cross section of the river mouth between Thai and Malaysian breakwater tips is blocked up to 30% (Thai study) or
 - when the bed level at the river mouth is -2m MSL or shallower (Malaysian study).
3. If dredging is to be carried out according to criteria no. 2, it is recommended that the situation be monitored for at least 2 consecutive monsoon seasons.
4. Both hydraulics analyses (for dredging purposes) shall focus on the same area, i.e. from Ch +0.200 to +0.500.

Endorsement by JSC

1. The Meeting agreed in principle the criteria for the dredging needs and agreed to endorse for JTWG and JET to proceed with continuous analysis on the dynamic phenomena at the river mouth and come out with the common criteria for the maintenance dredging.

3.5 Joint Hydraulic Studies

Report by JTWG

1. Malaysian side reported that based on the latest surveys, there is no urgent need to implement Option 3 with dredging. On the other hand, Thai side reported that they need to carry out an EIA Study which is according to the law before carrying out detailed design and implementation of the physical works.
2. JTWG acknowledged that the proposed river mouth improvement works resulting from the findings of the Joint Studies is a long term solution i.e. at least 5 years considering all the necessities needed to be done before the project implementation such as EIA approval, detailed design and budget request.
3. The proposed options by both sides are as shown in ANNEX E.

Endorsement by JSC

1. The Meeting agreed that the proposed river mouth improvement works is a long term solution and JTWG and JET to proceed with the preparation works. However, the implementation of physical works still need to get endorsement by JSC.

3.6 Protection Work at Transit Point B

Report by JTWG

1. The rehabilitation work at Transit Point B (TPB) was completed by Malaysian side in July 2012.
2. Currently, there is a scouring occurred at the toe of TPB. Thai side proposed two options for the protection works at Transit Point B as follows:
 - Oval Shape, using vertical U-shape steel sheet piles and bedrocks for scour protection
 - Hexagonal Shape, using H-shaped beams and pipes forming a framed structure and bedrocks for scour protection.
3. Malaysian side proposed that Thai side to proceed with the study to determine the best option, and continue with detail design and project costing.

Endorsement by JSC

1. The Meeting agreed to endorse the proposed protection works and a new joint study should be formed to come out with a suitable design for the protection works. The estimated cost by Thai side is 5 million Thai Baht (RM500,000.00) for the oval shape design.
2. The Meeting agreed that the propose protection work is considered as a major repair and the cost should be shared by both countries in accordance to the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand and the Government of Malaysia on the Construction and Maintenance of the Lighthouse and Transit Mark.

3.7 Integrated River Basin Management (IRBM) Plan for Golok River

Report by JTWG

1. JTWG proposed to JSC to consider IRBM as the new agenda.
2. JET proposed two options to JTWG as follows:

OPTION	DESCRIPTION
1	To modify the existing Agreement for JET and JTWG relating to area and function by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Extending project area from Golok river mouth to Golok River basin, and• Additional function to include joint website, data sharing, joint cableway, flood forecasting and the newly proposed IRBM.
2	To propose to JSC to assign another JTWG/JET to carry out IRBM.

3. JTWG agreed to propose to JSC with Option 1 since JSC jurisdiction covers the whole Golok River Basin.

Endorsement by JSC

1. The Meeting agreed in principle to endorse IRBM as the new agenda.
2. The Meeting agreed if IRBM were to be implemented, it will involve more agencies/departments from both countries.
3. The Meeting agreed for JTWG and JET to work out more details of the IRBM implementation. For the time being, flood forecasting will be carried out by the existing JTWG.

AGENDA 4 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

- 4.1 The Meeting acknowledged and adopted the Report of the 14th Meeting of the JSC on the Development of the Golok River Basin.

AGENDA 5 OTHER MATTERS

5.1 Date and venue of the next JSC meeting

The Meeting agreed to convene the 15th Meeting of the JSC as follows:

- Host: Thailand
- Proposed Date: 2016 or as and when necessary
- Proposed Venue: Hua Hin.

5.2 Closing Remarks

The Secretary General, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment expressed his appreciation all members of the JSC for their contributions for the successful meeting and wished the Thai delegates a safe journey home.

The Inspector General, Office of the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Thailand expressed his appreciation to the Malaysian delegation and the Secretariat for their valuable cooperation and excellent arrangements for the Meeting.

ANNEX A

**DELEGATION LIST
OF
THE FOURTEENTH MEETING OF THE
MALAYSIA-THAILAND JOINT STEERING COMMITTEE
ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE GOLOK RIVER BASIN
3 - 4 September 2014
Pulau Langkawi, Malaysia**

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Malaysia |
| 2. | Dato' Dr. Mohd Ali bin
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ANNEX B1

OPENING ADDRESS
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SECRETARY GENERAL
MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT, MALAYSIA
AT THE FOURTEENTH MEETING OF THE
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3 September 2014, Pulau Langkawi, Malaysia

Your Excellency, Mr Chalit Damrongsak
Deputy Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Thailand

Dato'-Dato', Excellencies, Ladies and Gentleman,

Good Morning, Sawadee Kap and Selamat Pagi,

Today, I'm very glad to be able to Co-Chair this meeting again with Mr Chalit this morning since the last JSC Meeting in Chiang Mai, Thailand last 2 years. First of all, on behalf of the Government of Malaysia, please allow me to extend to all delegates the most cordial and warmest welcome to Langkawi Island, in the state of Kedah Darul Aman, Malaysia.

It is indeed a great honor to the Ministry and to our Country, Malaysia to host this 14th meeting of Malaysia-Thailand Joint Steering Committee (JSC) on the development of Golok River Basin this year. Two years ago in December 2012, we met in Chang Mai, Thailand for the 13th JSC Meeting. We would like to take this opportunity again to thank you for your warm welcome and great hospitality during our stay there, in Chiang Mai.

Dato'-Dato', Excellencies, Ladies and Gentleman

The joint cooperation meetings between Malaysia and Thailand have gone its long way in fostering understanding, goodwill and cooperation between us. The meetings provide us with a forum to share and exchange our experiences and expertise through joint cooperation programs.

In this Biennial JSC meeting, the agreed matters discussed in the recent 32nd Joint Technical Working Group (JTWG) meeting will be referred to this meeting for information and consideration.

The matters for information are:

1. The Report of Monitoring and Evaluation of Golok River Mouth
2. Flow Measurement at Cableway Station across Golok River; and
3. Progress of Real Time Monitoring System in the Golok River Basin, The Joint Website and Flood Forecasting and Warning System for Golok River Basin.

For the matters for consideration are;

4. The Criteria for the Proposed Maintenance Dredging of Golok River Mouth
5. The Continuity of the Joint Hydraulic Studies from both countries
6. Protection at Transit Point B; and
7. The newly added agenda, Integrated River Basin Management (IRBM) Plan for Golok River (IRBM).

Dato'-Dato', Excellencies, Ladies and Gentleman

It is my belief that this spirit of cooperation through friendly and fruitful meetings will enhance our deepest relationship that exists between two countries, which eventually provide mutual benefits for both sides and hopefully leads to more joint projects in the future. We hope that this meeting will be conducted in the most efficient manner with the support and commitment from both sides of the delegations.

Last but not least, I would like to wish a pleasant and memorable stay in Langkawi Island, The Jewel of Kedah. We have arranged a series of programmes such as a sunset dinner cruise across the Andaman Sea, a site visit to The Kilim Karst Geoforest Park and the most famous tourist attraction in Langkawi, which is the Langkawi Cable Car located on the north part of Langkawi Island.

May our efforts be blessed and may this session be a productive one. With that note, I end my opening remarks. Thank you.

ANNEX B2

**OPENING REMARKS
BY
MR. CHALIT DAMRONGSAK
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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATIVES OF THAILAND
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Dato' Sri Zoal Azha bin Yusof,
Secretary General,
Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Malaysia,

Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives of the Kingdom of Thailand, it is indeed a great pleasure for me and my delegation to be here in Langkawi, a beautiful island of Malaysia for the Fourteenth Meeting of Malaysia - Thailand Joint Steering Committee on the Development of the Golok River Basin today. I also would like to thank you and your colleague for the warm welcome extend to us this time.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Thailand and Malaysia have a special bond of friendship which brings the success of the Golok River Mouth Improvement Project today. I hope that we will continue our best effort to tackle all the problems and barrier ahead of us for the smooth implementation of the project. The outcome of this project will bring closer relationship and mutual interest.

Finally, I wish this Meeting success in all aspect as both side expected. May I take this opportunity to let the Thai delegation to introduce themselves starting from my right hand side.

Thank you

ANNEX C

**AGENDA
FOR
THE FORTEEN MEETING OF THE
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3 – 4 September 2014

Pulau Langkawi, Malaysia

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Agenda 2 Adoption of Proposed Agenda

Agenda 3 Matters for Consideration

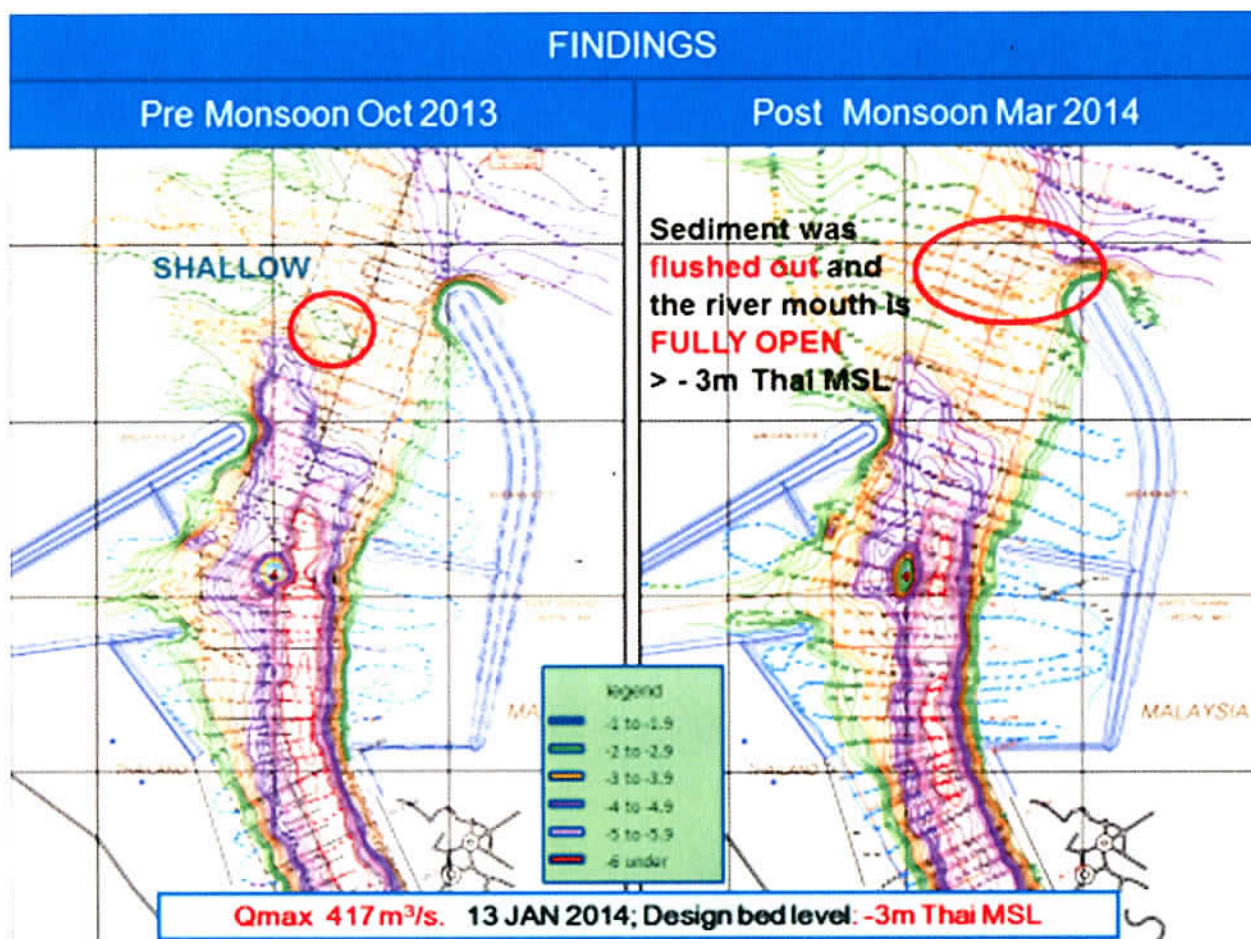
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- 3.2 Flow Measurement at Cableway Station Across Golok River
- 3.3 Progress of Real Time Monitoring System in the Golok River Basin,
The Joint Website and Proposed Flood Forecasting and Warning
System of the Golok River Basin
- 3.4 Proposed Maintenance Dredging of Golok River Mouth
- 3.5 Proposals From Joint Hydraulic Studies:-
 - a) Study on Coastal Flooding at Golok rivermouth (Malaysia)
 - b) Study on Joint Hydraulic Model on the assessment of the Golok
River mouth Improvement works along coastal areas (Thailand)
- 3.6 Protection Work at Transit Point B
- 3.7 Implementation of Integrated River Basin Management (IRBM) plan
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Agenda 4 Acknowledgement and Adoption of Report of the Meeting

Agenda 5 Other matters

ANNEX D

THE COMPARISON OF THE SEABED LEVEL AT SUNGAI GOLOK RIVERMOUTH



ANNEX E

RIVER MOUTH IMPROVEMENT WORKS

Proposed Options

NO.	DESCRIPTION	MALAYSIAN	THAI
1	Existing with Dredging to design level (-3 Thai MSL)	Option 1	Case 6
2	Existing + Extension of Thai Breakwater	Option 2	Case 4
3	Existing + Extension of Thai Breakwater + Training wall at Thai side + New Dyke at Malaysian side	Option 3	Case 7
4	Existing + Extension of Thai Breakwater + Training wall at Thai & Malaysian side + New Dyke at Malaysian side	Option 4	Case 5
5	River mouth prior development (before construction)	-	Case 1
6	Existing	-	Case 2
7	Existing + Training wall at Thai & Malaysian side	-	Case 3

ANNEX F1

CLOSING REMARKS
BY
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SECRETARY GENERAL
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AT THE FOURTEENTH MEETING OF THE
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4 September 2014, Pulau Langkawi, Malaysia

Your Excellency Mr Chalit Damrongsak,
Deputy Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Thailand

Dato'-Dato', Excellencies, Ladies and Gentleman

We have come to the end of our 14th JSC meeting. It has been a great honor to host this meeting and to be able to co-chair this meeting with Mr Chalit for the second time since the last JSC in Chiang Mai in 2012.

Undoubtedly this meeting provides an excellent opportunity for us to discuss and to fortify our joint cooperation program. Other than discussing related issues to this cooperation, I am glad that we are also able to share other technical and common issues together for the betterment of both countries.

With the concrete actions and contributions from both sides, we managed to deliberately discuss all the relevant issues in detail and together agreed to consider the issues to be taken by JTWG and JET for further implementations. It is my belief that this spirit of cooperation will continue and become a path to numerous opportunities for future cooperation. While waiting for the next meeting, I certainly hope we shall continue with our support and correspondence at any time.

Dato'-Dato', Excellencies, Ladies and Gentleman

As a host, we hope that you find your time in Langkawi as a memorable one during your short stay here. The next 15th JSC meeting in year 2016 will be hosted by Thailand, and we are looking forward to the continuation of this joint cooperation. I am sure we can expect another great hospitality from Thailand, just like we received two years ago in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

On that note, I would like to take this opportunity again to express my sincere appreciation to all delegates, both from Malaysia and Thailand for your strong support and continuous cooperation in making this meeting a success, and to the organizing committee for all your efforts in organizing this meeting.

Last but not least, I would like to wish to Mr Chalit Damrongsak, and all delegates to have a safe journey home to your family and friends. We hope to see you again in the near future or in the next 15th JSC meeting host by Thailand in year 2016.

ANNEX F2

CLOSING REMARKS
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4 September 2014, Pulau Langkawi, Malaysia

Dato' Zoal Azha Bin Yusof,
Secretary General,
Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of Malaysia,

Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen:

At this stage, I would like to thank the delegation of both sides for active participation through the successful outcome of this Meeting.

We must now ensure that all agreed issues of this Meeting will be translated into concrete action. With the spirit of friendship and cooperation, I am sure that we will see much progress of these projects in our next Meeting.

I would like once again to express my sincere thanks to you all for making this Meeting possible. We also look forward to seeing all of you in Thailand in 2016.

Thank you