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Gopal Siwakoti 'Chintan, Co-ordinator, WAFED
and affected person in Kathmandu Valley

Hasta Pandit, Representative, Melamchi Local Concern Group
and affected person/family
Ichowk VDC 6, Melamchi Valley

Ram Bahadur Khadka, Representative, WAFED, Melamchi Branch
and affected person/family
Palchowk VDC-4, Melamchi Valley

Pitambar Bhandari, Chairperson, Federation of Community Forest
Users Nepal (FECOFUN), Sindhupalchowk District Branch
Kiul VDC 3, Melamchi Valley

Dear Sir/Madam:

**Re: Request for the Investigation of Policy Non-compliance in
NEP: Melamchi Water Supply Project (MWSP)**

Further to my electronic mail (e-mail) letter dated 3 May 2004 acknowledging receipt of your e-mail dated 1 May 2004 on the subject, I am pleased to advise you that the issues you have raised in your said e-mail are eligible for consideration under the consultation phase of the Asian Development Bank's (ADB) Accountability Mechanism. I shall be glad to undertake discussions with you and the other stakeholders concerned with a view to finding acceptable ways of resolving the problems that you have mentioned.

Regrettably, it will not be possible for me to visit Nepal prior to June 2004 owing to other previous commitments. However, there is work to be done in-house at ADB's headquarters before undertaking a field trip and my colleagues in the Office of the Special Project Facilitator will assist me with those tasks in the meantime. Mrs. Karin Oswald, Special Project Facilitation Specialist or Ms. Lea Robidillo-Ortega, Consultation Coordination Officer would communicate with you to coordinate my field visit and in case they need clarifications regarding your complaint.

I look forward to meeting you. I am confident that we should be able to arrive at acceptable solutions to the problems if there is goodwill on all sides.

Best regards.

Yours sincerely,

Nalin P. Samarasingha
Special Project Facilitator

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