

I QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

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“Elimination of Obsolete Pesticide Stockpiles and Addressing POPs Contaminated Sites within a Sound Chemicals Management Framework in Armenia” full-size Project 00091031

The consulting company DEKONTA a.s., conducted and submitted deliverables under Task 4 (Risk Assessment and Classification Criteria Review Report), Task 5 (Operational Plan and Cost Estimate Report), Task 6 (draft of Nubarashen Clean-up Works Technical Specifications), and Task 7 (Preliminary ESIA Report) of the Nubarashen clean-up/disposal works assessment/design ToR. The 2nd EIA public hearing of the “NBS waste excavation, safe disposal, site clean-up and stabilization” task assignment, was held on 16.03.2018. Project’s International Consultant was selected and contracted for 2018. Presentation and discussion of the intercalibration exercise results (between the 4 national labs), of the soil samples from Nubarashen site (provided by GeoTest), was held at MNP EMIC Lab on 02.03.2018. Contracts are signed with “Solid Trade” LLC and “TechnoConcept PVT” Ltd. for procurement (RFQ_074-17) of XRF field analyzer/spectrometer (LOT-1) and Analytical Evaporator/Concentrator (LOT-3). The International Mid-term Evaluator submitted the MTR Inception Report and conducted the in-country MTR mission on 14-20.03.2018. The Project audit was conducted during February 19-23 by “BDO Armenia” company, and the rating was satisfactory. The 2017 Project activity and delivery report, as well as 2018 Annual Work Plan were presented, discussed and submitted for PMB’s approval at the joint PMB/PAC meeting on 19.01.2018.

Technical Discussion Meeting on important Project implementation aspects/issues took place on 02.15.2018, with participation of PMU, UNDP/DRR, PMB co-chairs and member, RTA and International Consultant.