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Construction of Batch 1 Pilot Sites Near Completion

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The two 1st batch pilot projects are targeted for completion this coming month of December 2009. The Davao del Sur project, the construction of which commenced last July 1, 2009, is expected to be completed on December 4, 2009. Likewise, JICA SCI, LGU and DIDP will conduct a final inspection on the same date to ensure that the project is satisfactorily completed and operational.

Last November 25, 2009, the team performed a partial inspection of the system considering its accomplishment is already 95%. During that time, a hydro-test was conducted; the 50 cu.m. tank was filled with water which was then released to the distribution lines to check the performance of the pipelines and some other facilities. So far, almost all of the tapstands are flowing full while the main problem is the poor connection of joints. There are also some unfinished items of work although these are still part of the remaining work activities. CEK Construction has promised that all findings of the inspectorate team will be rectified and completely done before December 4, 2009, the final date of completion.

Upon learning of the date of completion, the BAWASA and the Barangay Council are very excited for the project. After a long wait, they can at last be benefited from safe and potable water.

On the other hand, the Compostela Valley pilot project, which started last July 21, 2009 and due for completion on December 13, 2009, is now 72% completed. There is a little bit of delay



50cum ground level tank of Davao del Sur.

in the construction works due to unfavorable weather condition in the area; the schedule of welding works of the elevated steel tank was affected by the rainy season. Another factor for the delay is the procurement of the water treatment facility; the Contractor has a difficult time to look for qualified suppliers in the locality. However, DACODECO (Contractor) is determined to finish the project before December 23, 2009.



Hydrotesting of Tapstand in Davao del Sur.

CO Activities in November

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Policies Systems and Procedures is now in its final stage for Davao del Sur Pilot Site

After the series of meetings and discussions with the officers of the Barangay Bangkal Waterworks and Sanitation Association, the Policies Systems and Procedures is now in its final stage.

The PSPs covered the organizational & financial policies and procedures for the preparation, handling and controlling of the general operations of the BAWASA including O & M of water system facilities.

A special General Assembly meeting was held last November 24, 2009 for its presentation and approval by the general membership.

The approval of the PSPs was the commitment of the BBWASA membership including the BLGU Officials to provide full support in the operation and maintenance of the water system facility.



Presentation of Water Tariff to the General Assembly meeting held Last Nov. 24, 2009

Davao del Norte Pilot Site: Policies, Systems and Procedures (PSPs) preparation started

In preparation for the long term management of the water system facilities by the Barangay Alejal Water and Sanitation Association (BWASA), the officers drafted their Policies, Systems and Procedures (PSPs) last Nov.13, 2009 with the technical assistance provided by the CO-PMU.

The drafted PSPs were also presented by the BWASA officers to the fifty three (53) tapstand leaders last November 20, 2009. The said PSPs will be presented for approval and adoption to the General Assembly scheduled on the first week of December, 2009.



Presentation of PSPs to Tapstand Leaders

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The application for registration of two (2) BAWASAs under Davao del Sur and Davao del Norte pilot sites was approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)

After the completion of the requirements for the BAWASA registration prepared by the BAWASA with the technical assistance provided by the CO-PMU from Davao del Sur and Davao del Norte, the two (2) organized BAWASAs submitted their application to the office of the Securities and Exchange Commission on the first week of November 2009.

One day after the submission, the BAWASA obtained its SEC approval and is now a legitimate organization to manage the water system facilities provided by JICA LGREP.

The said approval is the basis of the BAWASA in pursuing some activities/ project requirements prior to the turn-over of water system facilities.



BAWASA Officers of Brgy. Alejal, Carmen during the finalization and packaging of registration document for submission to the Securities and Exchange Commission.



BBWASA of Brgy. Bangkal, Matanao during the opening of bank account with One Network Bank- Digos Davao del Sur Branch.



BBWASA of Brgy. Bangkal, Matanao during their finalization of registration documents with the technical assistance from CO-PMU.

Progress of Construction Works in Davao del Norte and Davao Oriental

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The implementation of the 2nd batch pilot projects is now in the peak period. For almost three months from the start of construction work, herewith is the reported status of the projects:

Davao del Norte Project

Location: Barangay Alejal, Carmen

Date Started: September 21, 2009

Completion Date: February 17, 2009

Cost of project: Php. 6,145,000.00

Contractor: EP Manantan Construction

Overall Accomplishment as of November 30, 2009: 40.62%

Physical Accomplishment of Major Project Components:

1. Elevated Steel Tank – 80%
2. Pipeline – 35%
3. Tapstand – 75%
4. Pumphouse – 60%
5. Installation of Pump – Not yet started
6. Water Treatment Unit – Not yet started
7. Billboard – 90%

The picture shown is taken in the fabrication yard of EP Manantan Construction where the body of the tank is pre-fabricated; the tank foundation work on site is already completed.

After pre-fabrication, the tank body will be transported to the site by trailer for the installation work.



80 cu.m. Elevated Steel Tank of Davao del Norte Project.

Davao Oriental Project

Location: Barangay Baon, San Isidro

Date Started: September 22, 2009

Completion Date: February 3, 2009

Cost of project: Php. 3,495,200.00

Contractor: Allied Trade Resources

Overall Accomplishment as of Nov. 30, 2009: 33.64%

Physical Accomplishment of Major Project Components:

1. Elevated Steel Tank – 63%
2. Pipeline – 16%
3. Tapstand – Not yet started
4. Pumphouse – 50%
5. Installation of Pump – Not yet started
6. Billboard – 75%

The Contractor which undertakes this pilot project is also responsible for the completion of the 1st pilot project in Bgy. Waan, Davao City.

Season's Greetings from:

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Merry
Christmas



Editor's Note

This newsletter conveys any events, remarkable milestones of the Project, together with introduction of Project activities and the people themselves who run the Project.

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