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**Title: Correspondence Establishing the ESIA Framework for the Aqaba-Amman Desalination and National Carrier Project Comprising Regulatory Notifications, Scoping Approvals, and Interagency Coordination Between ASEZA, the Ministry of Water and Irrigation, and the Jordan Valley Authority (2020–2021).**

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**Page 1:**

Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority

Date: 2/10/2022

To: His Excellency the Minister of Water and Irrigation

Subject: National Carrier Project

Greetings,

With reference to your letter No. 1/5/26/1258 dated 28/9/2022 concerning the environmental requirements for the Aqaba-Amman Water Desalination and Carrier Project and the attached copy thereof.

We kindly inform Your Excellency that this project falls under the category of projects that require a comprehensive Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), in accordance with the Environmental Protection Regulation in the Aqaba Special Economic Zone, Regulation No. 21 of the year 2001.

The study must be conducted by a licensed and accredited firm specialized in preparing comprehensive Environmental Impact Assessments.

With utmost respect,

Eng. Nayef Ahmad Bakheet  
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners  
(Signed)

**Page 2:** Formal Request from the Ministry of Water and Irrigation to the Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority for Submission of Environmental Requirements Pertaining to the Aqaba-Amman Desalination and National Water Carrier Project

Ministry of Water and Irrigation

Date: 28/9/2020

To: His Excellency, the Chairman of the Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority

Subject: Aqaba-Amman Desalination and Water Carrier Project

With reference to our previous correspondence (No. 992/26/5/1) dated 9/8/2020, and the letters of His Excellency the Secretary General of the Ministry of Water and Irrigation (No. 1095/26/5/1) dated 26/8/2020 and 3/9/2019, respectively,

Please find attached the project description for the Aqaba-Amman Desalination and Water Carrier Project (referred to as the National Carrier Project – No. TA2017141), dated 15/9/2020. We kindly request that you provide us with your environmental requirements for this project, emphasizing the urgency and limited timeline available to us to complete all required preparations and proceed with the tendering process, which is expected to launch on 29/2/2020.

Kindly note that the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) study for the project is funded by the European Investment Bank (EIB) and is being conducted by WYG International B.V. as the lead international consultant, in collaboration with Engicon as the local consultant.

With appreciation and respect,  
Minister of Water and Irrigation  
Eng. Raed Abu Saud  
(Signed)

**Page 3:** Internal Routing Memo from the Ministry of Water and Irrigation for ESIA Correspondence on the Aqaba-Amman Desalination and National Conveyor Project (Referral of ASEZA's Letter to Secretaries General and Project Director for Action – Dated 16 May 2021)

The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan  
Ministry of Water and Irrigation  
Minister's Office

Routing Sheet (لائحة وقع)

Our Ref.: 5/2663

Date: 2021/05/16

Incoming Letter No.: 6241

Date: 10/5/2021

From: Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority

Subject: Regarding the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) Study for the Aqaba-Amman Desalination and National Water Conveyor Project

Action: Projects and Planning / Action

To, Date, Remarks:

Secretary General of the Ministry of Water and Irrigation (by delegation), 5/16, For due follow-up procedures

Secretary General of the Jordan Valley Authority (by delegation), —, National Conveyor Project Manager (highlighted)

Signatures/Notes:

Handwritten signatures and note: "مع إحترامنا – سلامات الجميع" ("With our respect – Regards to all")

**Page 4:** ASEZA's Approval of the Terms of Reference and Scoping Report for the ESIA of the Aqaba-Amman Desalination and National Carrier Project (Portion within ASEZ Jurisdiction)

Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority

Date: 10/5/2021

To: His Excellency, Minister of Water and Irrigation / Jordan Valley Authority

Subject: Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) Study for the Aqaba-Amman Desalination and Water Carrier Project (National Carrier)

Greetings,

With reference to your letter No. 3488/7/18/1/م/م dated 31/3/2021 concerning the terms of reference report and the scoping session for the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment study for the Aqaba-Amman Desalination and Water Conveyance Project (National Conveyor), and the attached copy thereof:

We kindly inform you that the Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority (ASEZA) approves the terms of reference and the scoping session report for the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) study related to the portion of the National Conveyor Project that falls within the boundaries of the Aqaba Special Economic Zone.

We kindly request that you proceed with assigning the licensed environmental consultant to prepare the draft ESIA study in accordance with the Environmental Protection Regulation in the Aqaba Special Economic Zone No. 21 of 2001.

With utmost respect and appreciation,  
Eng. Nayef Ahmad Bakheet  
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners  
(Signed)

**Page 5:** Transmittal of Draft Terms of Reference and Scoping Report for the ESIA of the Aqaba-Amman Desalination and National Conveyor Project by the Jordan Valley Authority

Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

Jordan Valley Authority

Date: 31/3/2021

To: His Excellency, Chairman of the Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority

Subject: Environmental and Social Impact Assessment Study for the Aqaba–Amman Desalination and National Water Carrier Project

Greetings,

With reference to your letter No. (12778/1/2/م.ب) dated 2/10/2020 regarding the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) Study for the Aqaba–Amman Desalination and National Carrier Project:

Please find attached four (4) printed copies and four (4) electronic copies of the draft Terms of Reference and Scoping Session documents related to the ESIA for the above-mentioned project, for your kind review and feedback.

With highest respect and appreciation,

Minister of Water and Irrigation  
Eng. Mohammad Al-Najjar  
(Signed and stamped)