

## **JOINT STATEMENT of Tripartite Council of Khanbogd soum**

**Umnugobi aimag  
Khanbogd soum**

**Community Interaction Centre  
August 18, 2016**

Khanbogd soum Tripartite Council regular meeting was held at the Community Interaction Centre on 18 August, 2016. Representatives of Khanbogd soum Administration, Khanbogd herders and OT LLC took part in the meeting and mediators of the Office of the Compliance Advisor/Ombudsman facilitated the meeting and consulted the participants. Besides, the General Manager, Environment, OT LLC and seven herders from Javkhlant, Bayan and Gaviluud bagh of Khanbogd soum, participated in the meeting as observers.

Implementation progress of agreed works at the previous Council Meetings has been discussed at the meeting. In particular, one of the main works, being implemented under the Council in 2016, is the study by the Multidisciplinary Team and the Independent Experts Team. The Council members discussed Progress Report No.3 of the Socioeconomic Study of Herder Households in Khanbogd Soum and the of Phase 2 Study on Accumulated Impact of Undai River Diversion, and expressed their opinions.

Furthermore, herders request and demand made at the extended two meetings of Council held in June, were discussed and as suggested by OT LLC and as agreed action plan, B.Shikhtulga, Director of Erdene Drilling LLC, who contracted by OT to seal the cascading bores, attended the meeting, introduced their sealing methodology and answered questions by members and observer herders. It was agreed that representatives of the Trilateral Council and herders will be arranged and get introduced the sealing process.

Temporary Water Delivery Protocol, approved in March, 2015 was discussed. According to the protocol, Oyu Tolgoi LLC has been delivering livestock drinking water (Not potable water) from the mine site to herders, who reside in 20 km-s from the site in case of well water yield degradation. The procedure was discussed at the Council meeting and the following amendments were made. 1) Water delivery will not be carried out during July 1- November 30, and/or to the herders' summer camps in order to support the rotational use of pasture and coordinate seasonal camping. 2) Representatives of each bagh herders will be in charge of confirmation of herders, whose winter and other seasonal camps locate near to each other and who practices shared use of pasture.

A Communications Team of Council was formed to inform the activities by the Council to Khanbogd community. One member from each of 3 Parties was selected for the Team and it was agreed to develop an operational procedure for the Team.

### ***About the Tri-Partite Council***

The Tripartite Council, composed of representatives from Khanbogd soum local government, herders' representation and Oyu Tolgoi company, has been officially established on June 8, 2015, as per Memorandum of Understanding signed with purpose of resolving complaints among the Parties. The Compliance Advisor Ombudsman (CAO) guides operations of the TPC. The CAO is the independent recourse mechanism for IFC, the World Bank Group.

