

**JOINT STATEMENT OF
Tripartite Council, Khanbogd soum**

**Umnugobi aimag
Khanbogd soum**

Community Interaction Center

December 11, 2015

Khanbogd soum Tripartite Council regular meeting was held on December 11, 2015 at the Community Interaction Center. Representatives from the Khanbogd soum administration, herders and OT LLC and Facilitators from Compliance Advisory Office/Ombudsman (CAO) attended the meeting.

OT company representatives updated on changes in the Bor ovoo area at the meeting and agreed to organize a study tour for the soum administration and herder representatives to visit the Bor ovoo area development. The meeting also discussed some action items for recommendations by Independent Experts Team Phase 1 study of Undai river diversion impact. One of them was 10th item of the recommendation advising economic valuation of Undai river eco-system services. Having discussed its methodology, the parties have agreed to re-visit the issue, upon clearing up opinions by relevant researchers and experts. Afterwards, the parties discussed potential settlement of requests by herder households, who reside along the Undai river, and agreed to develop herder household livelihood improvement project.

The Council members attended dispute settlement capacity building training organized by CAO on December 10th, a day before the meeting. The training covered lessons and practices on disputes, interests and assumptions, and dispute settlement means. The Council members appreciated the CAO Facilitators for organizing the training.

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About Tripartite Council

The Tripartite Council (TPC), a council with equal representation from Khanbogd soum herders, local authorities and Oyu Tolgoi LLC was formally established on 8th June, 2015 by signing on the Memorandum of Understanding to solve complaints made by parties. TPC is facilitated by the CAO, an independent recourse mechanism for the International Finance Corporation of the World Bank Group.