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**To: ETHIOPIAN ELECTRIC POWER
Addis Ababa**

**Subject: Issuance of Environmental Clearance Regarding Kombolcha-Mile-Semera 230 kV
Power transmission line project (ESIA) Report**

In your letter No ኢ.ኤ.ቻ/35.53/48/13, dated 27/05/2013 E.C. requesting for Environmental clearance of the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) Report on Kombolcha-Mile-Semera 230 kV Power transmission line project which will to fulfill the demand of electricity. The Ministry of Water, Irrigation and Energy (MoWIE), examined the above mentioned project report in the caption with ample interest. The evaluation was done in accordance with the Federal Environmental Protection Authority, Environmental Impact Assessment proclamation No.299/2002 and the requirements provided under the relevant technical guidelines.

We have come to note that:-

- The project existing ,biophysical environment, socio-economic and cultural environments, are sufficiently described,
- References are made to the key applicable environmental policy, legal and institutional frameworks.
- The projects benefits are well pointed out,
- The impacts are identified and fairly analyzed, mitigation measures proposed, and the project is environmentally feasible ,as clean green combustion modern technology
- The findings of stakeholders consultation and disclosure are outlined,
- The Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) is developed ensuing the environmental monitoring and mitigation measures are implemented, and the necessary budget ,institutional and implementation arrangements have been made,
- Verifying that pertinent comments /issues/feedbacks that were given by the Ministry of Water, Irrigation and Energy have been considered and incorporated in the final reports submitted.

Accordingly, the Ministry of Water, Irrigation and Energy hereby agreed to the implementation of the project with conditions that EEU will commit itself to:-

- The proper and effective implementation of the ESMP and monitoring activities as planned,
- Regularly report to MoWIE, the concerned environmental agencies and other stakeholders on the environmental performance of the project,
- Notify the MoWIE and other stakeholders about the occurrences of unforeseen events, outstanding issues that might arise during planned public disclosure, and take appropriate measures accordingly,
- Make the necessary arrangement for MoWIE and other stakeholder for joint field monitoring of the environmental performance of the project,
- Include in the engineering contract document provisions on the obligation of ensuring environmental sustainability.

With regards,

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