

12th November, 2013

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Re: Follow-up on the Formation of the Panel of Experts for the Theun Hinboun Expansion Project

Dear Mr. Allen,

We are writing to follow up on the formation of the panel of experts for the Theun Hinboun Expansion Project. As explained in [our letter to THPC on 23rd August, 2013](#), we would like to know whether THPC is willing to commit to upholding the principles of best practice developed by the World Commission on Dams (Guideline 22 on Independent Review Panels for Social and Environmental Matters). By committing to these standards, all of which are established practices of corporate responsibility in the hydropower industry, THPC can indicate an intention to establish a panel of experts that has credibility as an independent, transparent body accountable to all stakeholders.

Since THPC has yet to provide answers to the questions outlined in our earlier letter, we respectfully request your attention to those points of clarification and would further like to request an update about the current status of development of the PoE. As the process for selecting experts gets underway, we would like to know whether you will make the panel's terms of reference (ToR) accessible to the public, and allow civil society and other stakeholders to suggest potential candidates? As per our questions in the previous letter, could you please clarify whether the PoE will have a mandate to continue throughout the project's Concession Agreement and if their reports will be made publicly available in Lao and English languages?

We hope you will take the time to respond to our questions and provide details on your commitments to these matters promptly. A response can be sent to Tania Lee, International Rivers' Lao Program Coordinator via e-mail: <tlee@internationalrivers.org> and will be duly circulated to the undersigned organizations. Thank you.

Sincerely,



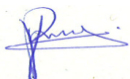
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