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The first Project Steering Committee meeting was held December 1, the Inception Report was approved and the ECD-CAB Project can begin.

In order to keep all interested parties informed on the Project activities, we plan to prepare brief semi-monthly newsletters. The newsletter will give a short status of implemented and planned activities, and will be distributed to key stakeholders like MTDEST, ECD staff, PSC members, other stakeholders, DANCED, and COWI Headquarters.

The Next 1/2Year

We have a lot of tasks in front of us, in fact 26 outputs. We will prioritise these outputs, and imagine that the coming 1/2year will focus on the following outputs:

Table 1: The next 1/2year

<i>Area</i>	<i>Prioritised Outputs</i>
Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• HRD Strategy finalised• Input for the 8th Malaysian Plan finalised• Conservation Strategy and Environmental Indicator Report initialised
EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• EIA Handbook finalised• 2 Guidelines finalised
M&E	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strategy Development finalised• Investigation Manual finalised
C&A	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strategy Development finalised• Development of Materials finalised
EIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Computerised, networked Department established, incl. procurement• 3-5 work procedures MIS databased• Homepage finalised• GIS initiated
Admin	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ISO 9000 initiated• Resource Centre established



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The Coming 2 Months

In the coming months we foresee the following activities.

Table 2: The next two months

<i>Area</i>	<i>Planned activities</i>	<i>Time</i>
Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Management Group (AMG) Planning Meeting • Initiation of preparation of HRD Strategy, incl. visit to NREB Sarawak • Initiation of proposal for 8th Malaysian plan 	Early Jan. Jan. Feb.
EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AMG Planning Meeting • Draft EIA Handbook • Individual discussion of Handbook with stakeholders • Final EIA Handbook • Initiation of preparation of Guidelines 	Early Jan. Mid Dec. Jan. End Jan. Feb.
M&E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AMG Planning Meeting • Initiation of Strategy Development • Initiation of Investigation manual 	Early Jan. Feb. Feb.
C&A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AMG Planning Meeting • Strategy Development initiation • Preparation of C&A materials initiation 	Early Jan. Feb. Jan.
EIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AMG Planning Meeting • Computerised, networked Dept. established • 3-5 work procedures databased • Homepage finalised • GIS initiated 	Early Jan. End Jan. End Feb. End. Jan. Feb.
Admin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move to new offices • AMG Planning Meeting • ISO 9000 initiated • Resource Centre established 	End Dec. Early Jan. Jan. End. Jan.

As can be seen, will all areas be initiated by a meeting in the Area Management Group, planned for early January.

The meetings will include planning of the Training Package and Network activities, and thereby also the establishment of a clearer overview of the immediate participation from other Departments and key stakeholders.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Millennium

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