

commission for environmental impact assessment

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Advice for Terms of Reference for the
technical and financial feasibility study
and for the EIS on the lining of the Ismailia Canal, Egypt

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By letter dated 29 March 1996 you requested the Commission for environmental impact assessment (EIA) to advise on Terms of Reference (ToR) for the lining of the Ismailia canal in Egypt (see appendix 1):

• the technical feasibility study with respect to the pilot project;

• the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) with respect to a possible large scale application of lining.

During a meeting on 10 April 1996 at the Ministry in The Hague, the draft advice was discussed with the DGIS and the Commission was requested to extend the advice with Terms of Reference for a financial and economic study with respect to large scale application of lining.

I herewith submit the advice prepared by a working group of the Commission for EIA.

In addition the Commission brings the following to your attention:

• The Commission is also willing to review the results of the technical and financial feasibility study of the pilot project as on the basis of these results the Commission will be able to assess more precisely the scope of the proposed project and therefore its potential environmental impacts and the scope of the EIS.

Secretariat: Arthur van Schendelstraat 800 Utrecht, the Netherlands tel.: +31 30 234 76 60 telefax: +31 30 230 43 82 The Commission recommends waiting for the results of the technical and financial
feasibility study of the pilot project, before the preparation of the EIS and the financial
and economic study (with respect to large scale application of lining) will be started. It
is expected that the scope of the EIS and the study on the large scale application of
lining could be limited as a result of the pilot study.

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