

commission for environmental impact assessment

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subject Advice for Terms of Reference for an Integrated Environmental Impact Assessment for the Biogas Support Programme in Nepal direct dial + 31 30 234 76 04 Utrecht, 16 February 2001

By letter dated 29 August 2000, you invited the Commission for Environmental Impact Assessment (the Commission) to advise on the terms of reference for the Integrated Environmental Impact Assessment (IEIA) for the Biogas Support Programme (phase III) in Nepal.

It is my pleasure to submit herewith the advice prepared by a joint Nepalese/Netherlands working group of the Commission. Representing the working group, I would like to draw your attention to the following.

The Commission is of the opinion that the execution of the IEIA is rather complex due to (i) the scope of the study; the environmental as well as the socio-economic impacts will be assessed and (ii) the recommended integrated approach. Therefore, the Commission offers to review the so-called inception report or plan of operations.

Apart from the review of the inception report the Commission will also review the final draft report of the study, as agreed upon.

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