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Each week, significant economic activities and developments occur across various sectors in Afghanistan. The Afghanistan's Economic Development Newsletter covers these important and latest economic activities and advancements.



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APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT POLICY ON THE UTILIZATION OF DOMESTIC RESOURCES IN MINING PROJECTS



Approval of the Draft Policy on the Utilization of Domestic Resources in Mining Projects

In the meeting of the Technical Committee of the Economic Commission under the Office of the Deputy PM for Economic Affairs, the draft policy on the utilization of domestic resources in mining projects was deemed approvable and referred to the Economic Commission for final decision. The policy provides a comprehensive

framework to ensure that domestic resources are used across all stages of mining projects — exploration, extraction, and processing — thereby reducing dependence on imported materials and foreign labor. The policy includes specific directives for mining companies on the use of local resources, procurement, employment, and capacity building of the workforce. It also defines the responsibilities of relevant

stakeholders and establishes coordination mechanisms for effective implementation. The objectives of the policy include enhancing the technical and vocational skills of the mining sector workforce, creating sustainable employment opportunities, increasing the use of domestic resources, reducing reliance on imports, and promoting the growth of domestic industries and the local economy. This policy applies to all mining companies and projects engaged in the exploration, extraction, and processing of both small-scale and large-scale mines within the country. The policy emphasizes the importance of cooperation between the Ministry of Mines and Petroleum and other relevant institutions, with the specific duties of each institution clearly outlined in the draft. The approved document by the Technical Committee elaborates on the policy's necessity and importance, situational analysis, explanation of the policy, reporting, monitoring and evaluation, amendments, and other related matters.

ENDORSEMENT OF THE FIVE-YEAR ALTERNATIVE LIVELIHOOD PLAN FOR FARMERS

Based on the decree of His Excellency the Amir al-Mu'minin (may Allah protect him), the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation



and Livestock of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan has approved a five-year Alternative Livelihood Plan for farmers.

This five-year plan, developed by the Ministry in accordance with the decree of His Excellency the Amir al-Mu'minin (may Allah protect him), aims to prohibit poppy cultivation by introducing and promoting valuable alternative crops in place of poppy and other narcotic-producing plants. The plan seeks to promote farmers' economic development and empowerment through alternative livelihood projects in agriculture, irrigation, livestock, and natural resource management, to permanently reduce and eliminate poppy cultivation and encourage farmers to grow lawful and diversified crops. According to the Ministry of Agriculture, the

implementation of this plan will require 4.79 billion Afghanis. Its execution will increase the value of the country's agricultural products and directly or indirectly benefit thousands of farmers.

The plan has been designed to create lawful and sustainable economic opportunities for farmers across the country. Its implementation will expand horticulture, boost cereal

production, strengthen livestock farming, and bring about numerous other developments, which will play a significant role in the country's economic growth and in improving farmers' economic conditions.

COMMENCEMENT OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF MAJOR OIL STORAGE FACILITIES IN HERAT

Officials of the State Oil and Gas Enterprise have announced the commencement of the construction of major oil storage facilities at the Rozanak railway station in Herat. The facilities aim to facilitate the unloading, storage, and distribution of oil.

According to officials, the first phase of the project will have the capacity to store 1,000 tons of diesel and petrol, with plans to further increase this capacity in the future.

This initiative will greatly benefit factories, vehicles, and residents

of the city, as it will prevent potential fuel shortages and help streamline and accelerate the processes of fuel transportation, storage, and distribution.

Officials of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan are striving to promptly address citizens' needs and to invest in key sectors that are of vital importance to the people.

