Comments from Netherlands on Kenya: Menengai Geothermal Development Project

Dear Patricia,

Please find enclosed the comments of the Netherlands on the latest document of the Kenya Menengai Geothermal Project:

We have expressed our concerns about the anticipated role of GDC vis-a-vis the private sector, taking full responsibility for field exploration, field development, field management, and selling of steam to power producers. We therefore request AfDB to monitor closely (1) institutional risks related to the capacity of GDC, (2) fiduciary risks, (3) opportunities for engaging the private sector, including those arising from new insights about optimal field development, and (4) appropriateness of shifting tasks and roles from GDC to private sector players. We would like to be informed about these issues at least on annual basis.

With these comments we approve the proposed SREP allocation.

With kind regards,

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