

Declaration Statement

The Indonesian Coalition for Monitoring Infrastructure Development and Communities Affected by the Jawa 1 LNG to Power

In connection with the results of the PSOD ADB Field Visit to the Jawa 1 (1,760 MW) LNG to Power Project Site in Cilamaya District, Karawang Regency, West Java.

Introduction

In April 2023, representatives from the Indonesian Coalition for Monitoring Infrastructure Development (KPPII) visited the Asian Development Bank (ADB) Headquarters to convey the coalition's findings regarding the impacts of the construction of the Jawa 1 Steam Gas Power Plant project with a capacity of 1 x 1,760 MW on local communities. The Coalition has been monitoring this PLTGU Project for over a year (right after the Covid-19 restrictions were lifted) and has conducted fieldwork several times around the project site.

Through this monitoring, the coalition found many issues related to the environmental and socio-economic impacts caused by project development. Given these serious problems, the coalition requested that ADB reassess the environmental and social impacts of the Jawa -1 LNG to power project and whether PT. Jawa Satu Power has met the protection requirements. The coalition asked ADB to see and hear directly the voices of the people affected by the project. ADB welcomed the suggestion and agreed to undertake an environmental and social review mission and to use independent experts to conduct these re-assessments.

ADB's Private Sector Operations Department (PSOD) conducted a field visit at the request of KPPII on 29-31 May 2023. ADB came in person to collect information and meet with affected communities in villages around the project site, including: (i) communities living in settlements near the power plant, (ii) affected women, including farmers who lost their livelihoods due to the Jawa 1 project, (iii) affected farmers/land owners/land users; (iv) fishermen; (v) local educators.

As a form of KPPII's good intentions towards PSOD ADB, several KPPII representatives also attended these meetings.

The following are the substantive points found in the ADB meeting with the residents of Mekar Maya Village, especially the women of Karanganyar Hamlet:

1. It is proven that there was no meaningful consultation process carried out by JSP to the community—including the Karanganyar Hamlet women's group prior to the construction of the PLTGU.
2. It is proven that there was no disclosure of information and requests for approval from the community before the construction of the PLTGU was carried out.
3. It is proven that there was a practice of giving Rp. 150,000,- to direct the women's group to sign the approval letter for the construction of the JSP PLTGU.

4. The life of the community—especially the women's group—was greatly disturbed by the noise and series of explosions during the construction process and the PLTGU trials which were carried out from day to night. Especially during the construction process of planting stakes or drilling. People's concerns are increasing as the construction of the PLTGU is almost complete and will soon be operational.
5. The vibrations caused by the PLTGU during the planting of the earth nail caused damage to several residents' houses, the walls of the residents' houses cracked.
6. There is dust and a bad smell generated from project construction
7. A number of residents experienced itching and coughing due to the impact of the PLTGU.
8. It is proven that people who work as sharecroppers have lost their livelihood because the paddy fields where they previously farmed were taken over for the construction of the PLTGU site. Since their land was taken over, the income of sharecroppers has also disappeared.
9. It is proven that there is a practice of extortion in the recruitment of workers at the JSP PLTGU
10. There is no complaint channel for all community complaints related to project development
11. No adequate compensation has been provided by JSP for all the impacts caused by the project development.
12. It is evident that the community – including the Karanganyar Dusun women's group - agreed that ADB must reassess the impact of the JSP PLTGU project by involving independent experts.

Substantive points found during the meeting and dialogue with ADB with school principals, teachers of SD Negeri 7 Cilamaya

1. It is proven that the noise from the PLTGU operation disrupts teaching and learning activities. This loud noise caused a student at SD Negeri 7 Cilamaya to be taken to the doctor because of a hearing problem.
2. During the project period, the school, both teachers and students, were negatively impacted by the dust from the construction of the PLTGU project, resulting in many students becoming sick.
3. It is proven that the PLTGU construction project caused damage to the building and environment of SD Negeri 7 Cilamaya and endangered teachers and students.
4. Principals and teachers were not informed of the grievance mechanism regarding the impact of JSP PLTGU development activities.
5. There was no meaningful socialization and consultation process prior to construction, during construction, until the PLTGU project was completed.
6. It was proven that the Principal and Deputy Principal of Public Elementary School 7 agreed that ADB must reassess the impact of the PLTGU project by involving independent experts.

Substantive points found during meetings and dialogues with ADB with fishermen in Muara and Blanakan villages.

1. It was proven that fishermen from Muara Village were never involved in the public consultation, before and during the implementation of the Java 1 PLTGU construction project.
2. The installation of the Java 1 PLTGU gas pipe in the waters of the fishermen's fishing area has a very negative impact on the safety of fishermen and causes accidents.
3. The construction of the Jawa 1 PLTGU gas pipeline installation has reduced the fishing area for fishermen and caused fishermen's income to decrease and diesel fuel costs to increase because they had to take their boats out further due to obstructions by the PLTGU pipe.
4. There is silting of the waters of the catchment area due to the construction process to install the Java 1 PLTGU gas pipeline in the sea.
5. There is damage to the quality of sea waters in Cilamaya Bay which is a fishing area for fishermen due to the construction process of installing the Java 1 PLTGU gas pipe.
6. There was no compensation provided when a fishing boat crashes into a PLTGU gas pipe in the middle of the sea.
7. Fishermen were not informed about the grievance mechanism if they experienced impacts due to the construction of the JSP PLTGU.
8. It is evident that fishermen feel afraid and cannot speak comfortably when the police and military are in meetings with the government or companies.
9. Fishermen in Muara Village and Blanakan Village agreed that ADB must reassess the impact of the PLTGU project on fishermen by involving independent experts.

Substantive points found during the meeting and dialogue with ADB with tenant farmers in Karanganyar Village and land owners in Muara Village

1. It is evident that farmers were not involved in meaningful consultation processes prior to construction, during construction, until the PLTGU project was completed.
2. There are findings that land acquisition by residents used for the benefit of the PLTGU development project is problematic. Evidenced by the case of Karanganyar village farmers whose sales and purchase deed has not been returned since the land acquisition process in 2018.
3. It is proven that the process of acquiring community land for the benefit of the PLTGU (gas pipeline development) project was carried out by land brokers or the land acquisition process was not carried out through the correct process. As a result, landowners do not know the price of land compensation and land documents have not been returned by the company.
4. It is proven that farmers are losing money due to the construction of the PLTGU which causes a decrease in crop yields. This is because the irrigation canals are getting smaller and the dust during construction projects interferes with food crops.
5. A number of farmers were in debt and there were cases of divorce due to economic problems.
6. The farmers do not know how to file a complaint with the grievance mechanism.
7. Shareholders and landowners agree that the ADB must reassess the impact of the loss of livelihoods of sharecroppers as a result of the PLTGU project by involving independent experts.

Conclusion on the findings of the Indonesian Coalition for Monitoring Infrastructure Development during field visits and PSOD ADB dialogue with the affected communities of the

Java One Power PLTGU - ADB (fishermen, women, farmers, sharecroppers, teachers and students at SDN 7 Cilamaya)

Based on the results of visits and PSOD ADB dialogues with communities affected by the construction of the Java 1.1 x 1,760 MW steam gas fired power plant (PLTGU), we have come to the following conclusions:

1. The entire community, starting from fishermen, land-owning farmers, sharecroppers, women, teachers and elementary school students whom PSOD met, have been subjected to a wide range of serious negative socio-economic impacts as a result of the construction of the JSP PLTGU.
2. Fishermen, farmers, sharecroppers, women, teachers and children affected by the JSP PLTGU project have never been asked for consent or involved in meaningful consultations by PT Jawa Satu Power. Even since August 2018, until now, PT JSP has never conducted consultation meeting regarding negative impacts on the community.
3. The vast majority of community members do not feel comfortable with the government or military and police presence in consultation meetings.
4. PT Jawa Satu Power was proven to have violated ADB policies by not adequately implementing ADB's SPS, specifically the application of FPIC, information disclosure, livelihood restoration, and anti-illegal levies, land brokers and corruption.
5. ADB as the lender of JSP PLTGU project development funds of 25 percent has failed to ensure that PT. JSP adequately implements the project according to the ADB SPS. The failure of due diligence and monitoring of ADB's client has had a very large and significant impact on the lives of local communities, especially vulnerable groups.
6. It is proven that ADB did not adequately monitor PT. JSP for the implementation of the complaint handling mechanism. So that people feel hopeless over the bad impact that has happened to them for five consecutive years.

Demands of the Indonesian Coalition for Monitoring Infrastructure Development and the people affected by the Jawa Satu Power PLTGU to the Asian Development Bank:

Based on the results of the ADB PSOD meeting and dialogue with the communities affected by the Java 1 PLTGU development coupled with the KPPII conclusions above, we, the Indonesian Coalition for Monitoring Infrastructure Development together with the communities affected by the Java 1 PLTGU development, demand that the ADB President, especially the PSDO-ADB:

1. Fully responsible for all socio-economic environmental impacts experienced by the community, especially women, fishermen, sharecroppers, land owners, teachers and children (students of SDN 7 Cilamaya) due to the construction of the Jawa Satu Power PLTGU.
2. Complete a holistic *re-assessment* regarding the social and economic impacts of the development of the Jawa Satu Power PLTGU project by involving independent experts no later than 6 weeks from today.
3. Restoring the environment and livelihoods of all communities affected by the construction of the PLTGU project

4. Replacing all losses to the community, especially fishermen in Muara and Blanakan Villages due to the JSP PLTGU gas pipeline installation.

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