Memorandum - Indonesian Regional Infrastructure Development Fund Project (RIDF) and PT Infrastruktur Indonesia Finance (IIF)

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Indonesian Regional Infrastructure Development Fund Project (RIDF)

In 2009, the World Bank, IFC, ADB and a range of bilateral funders provided support for the Government of Indonesia to launch controversial high-risk opaque infrastructure financial intermediaries in Indonesia. These included PT Indonesia Infrastructure Fund, PT Indonesian Infrastructure Guarantee Fund, and PT Sarana Multi Infrastruktur. In general, environmental and social risks have been high at these funds, while environmental, social, and fiduciary due diligence – as well as overall performance -- has been quite poor.

Despite massive problems with these financial intermediaries, for the past several years, the World Bank has been trying to push the Indonesian Government to establish yet another controversial infrastructure FI, the proposed Regional Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) to be financed via PT Sarana Multi Infrastruktur.

In 2015, the World Bank ramped up its long-term role in Indonesian infrastructure Financial Intermediaries and proposed a \$500 million loan for the RIDF with an additional proposed Swiss government contribution of \$5 million. The Indonesian Government was to contribute at least an additional \$500 million.

WB Executive Directors raised concerns with Bank management and staff about potential violations of World Bank Safeguards (this project falls under WB Safeguards, not the new WB ESF). The WB was forced to respond and ended up redoing the environmental and social due diligence for this troubled and controversial project.

The WB Board vote on the RIDF, which had initially been planned for early 2016, has been postponed several times and is now apparently planned for March 10 2017. The AIIB vote is planned for March 2017 as well.

After the submission of civil society environmental and social impact analyses and assessments of violations of WB safeguards, the Bank drastically reduced its proposed \$500 million stake in the RIDF, cutting \$300 million from planned WB funds and reducing the proposed WB RIDF loan to \$200 million. World Bank documents also showed that the funds from the Indonesian government were cut, as well, by \$300 million, leading to a massive defunding of the proposed RIDF by \$600 million in WB and GOI funds. A new plan was made for the World Bank and the Government of Indonesia to commit approximately \$200 million each for the RIDF.

In late 2016, however, the World Bank suddenly cut in half its proposed \$200 million loan for the RIDF, reducing the planned WB contribution to \$100 million, a mere 20% of the WB's original planned investment in this troubled project.

At this point, the AIIB announced a proposed co-investment in the RIDF of \$100 million, with an AIIB Board vote scheduled for March 2017. At the same time, the planned Swiss government contribution dropped 40% from the original proposed Swiss funding of \$5 million to \$3 million.

1. Lack of "Meaningful Consultation"

Since the RIDF has been planned by the World Bank since 2015, Bank Safeguards apply to this project (not the Bank's new Environmental and Social Framework). According to Bank Safeguards, if there is a proposal to use "borrower systems" – that is laws, Presidential Proclamations of a borrower safeguards, the Bank's Country Systems Safeguard must be implemented. CSS requires proof of equivalency of a "borrower system" with Bank Safeguard requirements. For example, there is a Bank requirement that there must be a process of meaningful consultation prior to appraisal or approximately 120 days before decisio-making on a project; forced resettlement must be avoided, and if unavoidable, there must be a clear and fair consultation process, free of coercion and violence, to develop with those being resettled a Resettlement Plan which guarantees that the livelihoods of those affected will not decrease, but rather will increase.

If it cannot be proved that the borrower system provides protections equivalent to those of WB Safeguards, they may not be used. However the RIDF ESMF states that it is based on Indonesian laws and regulations, on the Environmental and Social Standards of PT. Sarana Multi Infrastruktur (PT SMI) and international standards including WB Safeguards (OP 4.01, OP 4.04, OP 4.09, OP 4.36, OP 4.11, OP 4.37 dan OP 4.10 and P4.12).¹_The RIDF ESMU appears to utilize the borrower system whih is not equivalent to World Bank Sfeguards and which violates the WB requirements.

RIDF will have an extraordinary impact on affected communities, forests, natural resources throughout the Indonesian archipelago, including Sumatra, Sulawesi, Papua and Kalimantan. Although there are high risks, including for activities in regions of conflict, a meaningful process of public consultation is not yet found for this project.

2. Violations and weaknesses in the RIDF ESMF

2.1 ESMF Document Not Available In Indonesian Language.

The 500 page Environmental and Social Management Framework of RIDF project is only available in English on the World Bank website. Meanwhile, only a summary of this large document has been translated into Indonesian language, which does not explain the details of the project and its environmental and social framework, making meaningful consultation impossible. Since this project will target regions in Indonesia, it should be as per the terms in ESF of the AIIB that "meaningful consultation is essential for the design and implementation of a project" and "The Bank requires the client to the ensure that relevant information about environmental and social risks and impacts of the project is made available in the Project area in a timely and accessible manner, and in a form and language (s) understandable to the project-affected people, other stakeholders, and the general public so that they can provide meaningful input into the design and implementation of the project." The World Bank requires that the information needs to be disclosed "prior to appraisal", which is usually more than 120 days before a World Bank Board meeting, and disclosure must occur in a form and language that can be understood by the affected community. So, the lack of a complete ESMF in Indonesian and local languages represents a violation of Safeguards, meaningful

¹ Ibid, hal 3

consultation impossible. Without the ESMF in Indonesian language, then the public consultation and public knowledge can not be possible.

Weak and poor quality analisis of Indonesia's "Country System

The ESMF for the project presents a so-called assessment of Indonesia's "country system" and refers to Indonesian legislation and rules which, unfortunately, do not provide environmental and social protections at the level of the Safeguards of the World Bank or AIIB. In addition the ESMF analysis fails to include key Indonesian legislation and regulation. For example:

Omission of Regulation of the Minister of Environment pertaining to Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)

Strategic Environmental Assessment is the mandate from the Law on Management and Environmental Protection, which is mandated by the National Government and Provincial Governments for development areas and assesses the environmental carrying capacity for development; provides an assessment of environmental impacts and risks; Performance services / ecosystem services; efficient utilization of natural resources; the level of vulnerability and adaptive capacity to climate change; and the level of resilience and biodiversity potential. SEA and Spatial Planning (RTR) then becomes a reference for the implementation of the EIA and Environmental Permit later which later become the basis for the project activities. The Indonesian "country systems" analysis also fails to include the Environmental Ministry Regulation No. 9 2011 regarding General Guidelines for Strategic Environmental Assessment (Permen 9/2011), as one of the references for rules for assessing the activities related to the environment.

2.2 Indonesian EA / EIA Requirements Weaker Than WB OP 4.01.

World Bank safeguards require a clearly defined Environmental Impact Assessment which covers in detail the impact not only on the environment but also on projectaffected communities. There is a requirement that, for a project with significant impacts, the public has the right to full information about all the effects - direct impact, indirect, cumulative, etc. This is also true of the AIIB. The World Bank also requires the right to provide public comment for approximately 120 days – (prior to appraisal) before the Board of the World Bank takes a decision whether to approve or reject a project. However, the EIA standard in Indonesia has the following substantial weaknesses:

a. Completed EIA is not a Requirement for Obtaining a Business Permit, Location Permit, or Land Acquisition Permit. Indonesia's Government Regulation on Environmental Permit (Peraturan Pemerintah No.27 tahun 2012) states that an EIA is a study of the significant impacts of a company and / or planned activities on the environment which are necessary for the decision making process regarding a proposed business and / or activity. However, in practice, a business license is granted after completing several stages of the initiation of a company business. Clearly, to be of use, an EIA must inform decision-making about the location of a project with significant environmental and social impacts. Unfortunately, in Indonesia, there is no requirement for an EIA to be completed prior to the issuance of other licenses such as the location permit and land acquisition permit, so an EIA is more of a formality designed to fulfill administrative requirements instead of a robust and meaningful tool designed to ensure the avoidance of environmental and social harm.

- b. Limited community participation. In the process of EIA "consultation", affected people only act as a source for information collected by consultants. Decision-making on an EIA happens through the EIA Commission. The government chooses one person to "represent" the interests and voice all affected peoples on the EIA Commission. This government-chosen "community representative" is allowed 30 days to comment on the Terms of Reference document for the EIA and is allowed 75 days to comment on the actual EIA document, but there is no requirement for direct input, consultation or involvement of the affected communities..
- c. Even worse is the decision-making on the Environmental Permit. For projects with significant impacts, the public is only given 10 working days to submit suggestions, opinions, and feedback. For projects with less than "significant" impacts, the public has 3 working days to provide comment. This advice can only be delivered through the "representatives" of the affected communities and/or community organizations that are members of the Audit Commission of the EIA. So there is no meaningful opportunity for robust public comment on an Environmental Permit.
- **2.3** Ruinous Land Acquisition Regulations. The RIDF Program will target sectors for funding which are likely to involve the seizing of land from communities, including for infrastructure development, the construction of bus terminals or "slum upgrading". If based on the applicable law in Indonesia, the potential for land conflicts will increase, because the rules for land acquisition are very burdensome to communities. For example:

a. Land Expropriation by privately owned companies on behalf of the State. Presidential Decree No. 148 2015 on land acquisition for public use now allows companies to act on behalf of the state and carry out land acquisition for the "public good." Prior to this law, this function was only reserved for the state, and now private companies may carry out land expropriation on behalf of the government.

b. Land Expropriation: Completely Insufficient Grievance Mechanism. Objections by landowners to the seizing of their lands must be made to the Governor who then has a maximum of three working days from the receipt of objections to consider the objections. If an objection is not acted upon by the Governor within three days or is rejected by the Governor during that period, the determination of the project location will be implemented by the Governor within seven work days. This is grossly inadequate and demonstrates the arbitrariness of the government's approach to citizen concerns about their land rights. A period of three days is completely inadequate to fully assess an objection to the seizure of lands by affected citizens. (NB. This period formerly was 14 days, also grossly inadequate, and was recently shortened to three days.)

c. Compensation. In Indonesia, compensation for seized lands may be provided in the form of: (A). money; (B). replacement land; (C). resettlement; (D). shareholding; or (E). other form agreed by both parties. However, in practice, because of the unequal power relationship between the State and project-affected communities, when there are conflicts over land, a company may simply deposit a sum of "compensation" in escrow with the District Court, whether or not the decision regarding eviction has been agreed to by the communities, whether or not the level "compensation" has been agreed upon by the communities and whether or not the communities have decided to use a court process. Once these funds have been deposited with the Court, although no court decision has been made regarding community claims, the compensation is considered "paid", and the land may be seized.

2.4 Regional Government Projects Have High Risks of Corruption

In 2016, an analysis by Indonesian Corruption Watch reported that the majority of the perpetrators of corruption in 2016 turned out to be officials in the Regional Governments at district, municipality, and provincial levels. In 2014, as many as 101 regional officials were charged with corruption across the various regions in Indonesia. With the many problems of corruption in at the regional level, the World Bank and AIIB must ensure a full surveillance and monitoring program to avoid corruption in the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund.

2.5 Problems with the Recognition of Indigenous Peoples.

We are concerned if the identification of the existence of Indigenous Peoples in RIDF project areas is based on the laws and regulations of Indonesia, which are detrimental to Indigenous Peoples. Many of Indonesia's laws still require the formal recognition by the local government of the Indigenous Peoples (referred to as Masyrakat Hukum Adat or " customary law community"), while very few local governments have issued decrees or local regulations on the recognition of Indigenous Peoples (customary law communities). In addition, despite the Constitutional Court Decision No. 35 / PUU-X / 2012 in support of Indigenous forest land rights in 2012, it has taken four years for even the modest beginning of the implementation of this decision. Four years after the Court's decision, in December 2016, 9 (nine) indigenous forests (hutan adat) in Indonesia were recognized, namely the indigenous forests in Merangin (Jambi), Bulukumba (South Sulawesi), Morowali North (Central Sulawesi), four hutan adat in Kerinci (Jambi), Lebak (Banten), and Humbang Hasudutan (North Sumatra). However, it takes a long time to get this recognition, which applies to only 9 cases, while the millions of indigenous people and their forest areas have not received recognition, far more than the forests that have been recognized. Therefore, the assessment of the existence of indigenous people in the region must not just rely on formal recognition of the State. In fact, the AIIB's ESF requires "full respect for Indigenous Peoples' identity, dignity, human rights, livelihood systems, and cultural uniqueness as defined by the Indigenous Peoples themselves."

2.6 Poor Track Record of PT SMI

PT. SMI is the largest shareholder of the troubled PT Indonesian Infrastructure Finance (IIF) and will be the implementer of the proposed RIDF. PT SMI has a long and controversial history:

a. Bad track record in transparency and information disclosure

We are experiencing the state owned enterprise PT. SMI as a company that does not provide basic information for public interest particularly (i) environmental and social assessment of its projects for public comments before their approval; (ii) projects in the pipeline including high-risk projects; (iii) monitoring and evaluation reports; and (iv) information on public consultation schedules on specifically high risk projects in the pipeline.

b. Resistance by the local communities against PT. SMI's projects

PT. SMI is currently undertaking some "mitigation and adaptation climate change projects": hydropower plant in Bengkulu Province, Indonesia; four irrigation projects; Lolak Dam in North Sulawesi, Passeloreng Dam in South Sulawesi, Kudus Dam in Central Java and Cipasauran Dam in Banten; and a water supply infrastructure.Unfortunately, We monitor for example that communities affected by the Passelorang Dam in South Sulawesi are resisting their forced displacement and rejecting the compensation. They set up camps to face the intimidations by the security forces hired by PT. SMI.

c. No Large Scale Procurement Track Record & No Disclosure Policy

The Accreditation Panel of the Green Climate Fund (GCF) carried out an assessment of PT SMI's request to receive GCF funds for high risk projects (Category A). According to the GCF assessment report it was surprising to find that the publiclyowned PT SMI, had no Disclosure Policy – which normally institutions implementing projects with high social and environmental risks would have. In addition, the GCF found that, despite being established in 2009, PT SMI "**has not provided evidence of its track record for large-scale procurement**". This is astonishing given the applicant's many years of procurement for large-scale projects and the high risk of corruption in the infrastructure sector.² GCF refused to grant PT SMI accreditation for high risk projects and only permitted PT SMI to apply for GCF funds for projects without significant (Category A) risks.

d. Newly created, flawed PT SMI Environmental and Social Safeguards of 2016, flawed process and its substantial weaknesses

Substantial weakness of PT. SMI newly created 2016 ESS Guideline according to our view do not meet the minimal standard of (ii) information disclosure for the public; (ii) public participation and consultation; and (iii) environmental impacts assessment.

e. Lack of experience in implementing its newly created Gender Framework and Gender Action Plan

PT. SMI needs experience and lesson learned in dealing with gender issues particularly in gender risk and impacts assessment, meaningful consultation of women in all decision making processes, information disclosure and its measures to reach women, and a grievance mechanism. Moreover, we did not see a public consultation during the process of creating its gender Framework and Gender Action Plan.

²GCF, Consideration of accreditation proposals, 12/2/16: "Moreover, the applicant has not provided evidence of its track record for large-scale procurement". Iniluarbiasakarena PT SMI telah bertahun2 terlibat procurement untukproyekskalabesardimanaadarisikotinggiuntukkorupsi.

Indonesian Infrastructure Finance (IIF)

PT Indonesian Infrastructure Finance was founded by in "shareholders comprising of 600 billion Indonesian rupiah from the Government of Indonesia through PT Sarana Multi Infrastruktur (Persero) (PT SMI), 400 billion Indonesian rupiah from Asian Development Bank (ADB), 400 billion Indonesian rupiah from International Finance Corporation (IFC), and 200 billion Indonesian rupiah from DEG - Deutsche Investitions- und EntwicklungsgesellschaftmbH"³ as "a private non-bank financial institution under [Indonesia's] Ministry of Finance." Currently, Indonesia's state-owned PT. Sarana Multi Infrastruktur (SMI) owns 33.88% of IIF shares, the International Finance Corporation (IFC) and Asian Development Bank (ADB) own 19.99% each, Germany's DEG has 11.24% and Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation has 14.89%.

This "private non-bank institution", founded by the Indonesian government, multilateral development banks and a bilateral (German) agency is still 85% owned by public institutions, including 51% ownership by multilateral development banks and DEG. AUSAID "provided important financial support towards the development of the PT IIF business plan."⁴ PT IIF was designed to "focus on investing in commercially feasible infrastructure projects in Indonesia and to encourage private sector engagement in the country's infrastructure development."⁵

World Bank funding began in 2009, and provided \$100 million to initiate the formation of PT IIF. There may be a World Bank plan to provide an additional \$250 million for IIF, but this is unclear. Despite the fact that the initial World Bank project started in 2009, most of the funds from the first project (\$97 million) were expended primarily only in 2014 for "eligible infrastructure projects". In 2014, after providing initial funding, the IFC provided a senior debt package for up to US\$250

The IFC identified the "inherently high E[nvironmental] & S[ocial] risks" of IIF infrastructure finance in Indonesia as potentially resulting in "community and resettlement impacts including indigenous communities, impacts on local flora and fauna, occupational health and safety, water and air pollution and impacts on cultural heritage."⁶One of the goals of the World Bank's investment was the development of a "world class" Operations Manual (OM) for PT. IIF, setting out procedures for PT IFF operations, which would be designed to comply with both World Bank and IFC environmental and social safeguard requirements.

"The World Bank – along with other development partners involved in the project – will approve an Operations Manual (OM) that will form the basis for

³ http://new.ptsmi.co.id/content/pt-indonesia-infrastructure-finance/ 8http://www-wds.worldbank.org/external/default/WDSContentServer/WDSP/EAP/2015/06/26/090224b082f8e83f/1_0/Rende red /PDF/Indonesia000In0Report000Sequence009.pdf

⁴ http://new.ptsmi.co.id/content/pt-indonesia-infrastructure-finance/

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⁶http://ifcextapps.ifc.org/ifcext/spiwebsite1.nsf/651aeb16abd09c1f8525797d006976ba/14363a342535e69e8525 7cbd00534cd1?opendocument, accessed 3/5/16

IIF's selection process regarding specific projects to support and the financial instruments through which to provide such support. World Bank will not be involved in approving individual subprojects that IIF chooses to support, provided that the Environmental and Social Unit in IIF has sufficient capacity to ensure that the IIF's environmental and social policies will be met. However, World Bank will review the implementation of subprojects to ensure that the safeguard policies are properly followed. IIF, as a Financial Intermediary (FI) supported by the WBG and IFC as well as ADB and DEG, will finance mostly private sector subprojects."⁷

Unfortunately, despite repeated requests by civil society, IIF's Operations Manual that contains the rules for ensuring how project proponents must fulfill consultation, information disclosure and other environmental and social standards of the World Bank and IFC, was not been made public until late 2016. The OM, dated 2014 (5 years after the founding of PT IIF) was only made available in English Language on the PT IIF website. In addition, despite the IFC's evaluation of IIF's work as "high risk", the World Bank assessed, as recently as 2015, that IIF presented an overall low risk profile, including "low" environmental and social risks.⁸ The Bank's IIF 2015 Implementation Status and Results Report for IIF finds that IIF presents only a "medium" governance risk, despite the Bank's finding, in an earlier assessment that "the infrastructure industry in Indonesia has a high risk of corruption...driven not only by the government ... but also by the contractors, consultants and respective associations as well as the structure of the industry itself."

PT IIF has been notable for its high level of opacity and for the refusal by the IFC, ADB or World Bank to make to basic information available to the public. It was only after NGOs raised deep concerns with the World Bank, IFC, and ADB in 2015, including letters⁹ and meetings with senior management and with Executive Directors of the Bank and IFC that IIF finally posted on its website a short list of investments already made, as well as some of the standard Indonesian environmental assessments, or summaries of these assessments which are normally implemented in Indonesia which were carried out on some of its projects. While it is a welcome development that these documents, mostly dated several years ago, have been recently published online, many of these appear to have been published after project approval and clearly not in an effort to allow or seek public comment as required by World Bank, IFC, or ADB safeguards. PT IIF initially published a list of 16 projects it had already funded. These included:

- A toll road project in Java that impacted the land and livelihoods of over 5,600 people.
- A 350-megawatt gas project in Batam that led to "social unrest" and that will destroy mangroves (to be "offset" by planting mangroves in another area over a three year period).
- Several "micro-hydropower" projects, including one "almost next to" the Kerinci Seblat National Park, apparently in a watershed area. This project was predicted, according to project documents, to have an impact "which could be categorized as large because it involves land ownership and negotiations about the amount of land released." The

⁷ IIF: Environmental And Social Safeguards Framework (ESSF), Updated 2011

⁸ World Bank, Implementation Status & Results Report, Indonesia Infrastructure Finance Facility (P092218), 6/25/2015 ⁹ Letters from Indonesian NGOs to WB, IFC and ADB Project Managers of PT. Indonesia Infrastructure Guarantee Fund,

and PT. Indonesian Infrastructure Financing Facility, August 2015. http://www.safeguardcomments.org/infrastructure--financial-intermediaries.html

recommendation was, in this case, to use a "persuasive approach" on the landowners who would be impacted by the hydropower project.

No evidence of meaningful public consultation was provided for these projects nor were assessment and monitoring documents, including regarding the livelihoods of the 5,600 people impacted in Java, the mangroves in Batam, nor the impact on Kerinci Seblat National Park.

Additional problems include:

• **Operations Manual still not made public in Bahasa Indonesia.** Unfortunately, despite requests by civil society, IIF's Operations Manual which contains the rules for ensuring how project proponents must fulfill consultation, information disclosure and other environmental and social standards of the World Bank and IFC was not been made public until late 2016, when an English language version appeared on the website. No Indonesian language version has been posted..

• Problems with **risk categorization**. Despite the IFC's evaluation of IIF's work as "high risk", the World Bank assessed, as recently as 2015, that IIF presented an overall low risk profile, including "low" environmental and social risks.¹⁰ The Bank's IIF 2015 Implementation Status and Results Report for IIF finds that IIF presents only a "medium" governance risk, despite the Bank's finding, in an earlier assessment that "the infrastructure industry in Indonesia has a high risk of corruption...driven not only by the government ... but also by the contractors, consultants and respective associations as well as the structure of the industry itself."

Lack of other basic information provided to public, including:

 \checkmark No draft environmental/social assessments made available for public comment prior to appraisal or approval;

✓ No monitoring or evaluation reports made public. Documents demonstrating compliance with safeguard standards of World Bank and IFC, including information disclosure, consultation, etc. For example, the documents recently published on the IIF website (and not on the WB or IFC website) consist of Indonesian "AMDAL" (Environmental Impact Assessment) reports. Indonesian requirements for public consultation during EIA preparation are far below those of the World Bank and IFC and do not meet WB/IFC safeguard standards for consultation.

 \checkmark No schedule of public consultations for high risk IIF projects in the pipeline. There is no indication of public consultation process in compliance with WB or IFC standards for any activities undertaken by IIF.

• Use of borrower systems without following CSS due diligence requirements. This project appears to be using "borrower systems" - including local rules for Environmental Impact Assessment (AMDAL) -- which do not meet MDB standards for public consultation and information disclosure -- but it does not appear that the World Bank has adhered to the mandatory detailed assessment of borrower systems (see Table 1A of CSS) required by the Bank's own Country Systems Safeguard to ensure that borrower systems are at least equivalent to those of the World Bank. According to the Bank's brief assessment of borrower capacity (noted on the Integrated Safeguards Datasheet at project Appraisal), "**all of**

¹⁰ World Bank, Implementation Status & Results Report, Indonesia Infrastructure Finance Facility (P092218), 6/25/2015

institutions involved in this Project have no experience in implementing environmental and social safeguards policy." The Bank noted that "it is very likely that many of the subprojects financed by the IIF will have moderate to significant short- and/or long-term impacts."¹¹

World Bank Safeguard Policies Triggered as per IIF Integrated Safeguards Data Sheet, May 2009

Environmental Assessment OP/BP 4.01	Yes
Natural Habitats OP/BP 4.04	Yes
Forests OP/BP 4.36	Yes
Pest Management OP 4.09	No
Physical Cultural Resources OP/BP 4.11	Yes
Indigenous Peoples OP/BP 4.10	Yes
Involuntary Resettlement OP/BP 4.12	Yes
Safety of Dams OP/BP 4.37	Yes
Projects on International Waterways OP/BP 7.50	No
Projects in Disputed Areas OP/BP 7.60	No

¹¹ World Bank, IIF, Integrated Safeguards Datasheet, Appraisal Stage