

Appendix 11.5 Resettlement Avoidance

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Resettlement avoidance and alternatives analysis: ERC has attempted to avoid and minimise resettlement at the South Plot 1 through a number of measures, including:

- Gaining access to land through voluntary land acquisition or (in the case of the South Plot) leasing;
- Locating ERC within an existing industrial area, rather than using other land used for housing, agriculture or other productive use;
- Minimising the Project footprint through efficient layout of the facilities.

ERC had several alternatives which could have been considered which would have had different resettlement impacts. The brief assessment of alternatives below indicates that the current measures are the most preferable feasible alternative in terms of avoiding and minimising resettlement.

Alternative 1: Another site within the existing CORC refinery

Current information indicates that CORC selected the South Plot as the best site to lease to ERC as this was the only sufficient area within the refinery boundaries that did not contain immovable project structures. There is currently no documented information available about:

- The extent to which ERC was able to influence the decision of CORC as to the location of the site;
- Whether ERC specifically requested CORC to minimise any social impacts, particularly avoiding resettlement, through the selection of the site;
- The feasibility of CORC leasing a suitable area of land which could have avoided relocation of the tenant employees or whether the existing site was the only feasible option.

Alternative 2: A site adjacent to the existing CORC refinery

Any site adjacent to the refinery would have to involve physical and/or economic resettlement on a much larger scale, as the area is densely populated and any land is intensively farmed and would be likely to require involuntary land acquisition. Alternative 2 would therefore have resulted increased resettlement and is therefore not a preferred option.

Alternative 3: Location away from CORC refinery

Alternative sites would likely have several disadvantages including:

- Increased footprint due to the requirement for pipelines (and/or other means to transport inputs and products) from the CORC refinery;
- Possibility of requiring involuntary land acquisition to acquire sufficient land;
- Significant delays to schedule;
- Significant increases in budget.

Based on current available information, there does not appear to be a feasible site for Alternative 3 which would result in resettlement avoidance.