

Overseas Market Information



**Ethiopia**

**Road Development Project in Ethiopia**

The Road Development Project in Ethiopia has been awarded as the winning project by the World Bank (WB) on the basis of project performance assessment report issued by the Independent Evaluation Group (IEG). The project was launched in 1997 and is scheduled to conclude in 2010. The road-related part of the project demonstrated strong performance in all three dimensions of monitoring and evaluation (design, implementation and utilization). Currently Ethiopian Roads Authority is undertaking 120 road projects valued at over 8.2 billion birr (US\$ 820,000).

This project was designed to support the government's road sector development program (1997-2007) which has now been extended up to 2010. Program Phase-I launched in September 1997, and currently the Phase-III is under implementation (2007-2010). As an outcome of this program, the classified road network (Federal & Regional roads) of 26,550 km in 1997 reached 42,429 km at the end of 2007. Phase-III aims at major road network expansion targeting rehabilitation, upgrading and new construction of 5,994 km of federal roads and 5,730 km of regional roads. From June 2003, the bank started supporting the government Road Sector Development Program (RSDP) Phase - 2 and Phase - 3 through the Bank's Adoptable Program Lending instrument in 4 overlapping stages. The WB support to Ethiopia for RSDP reached US\$ 1.1 billion till date.

A Korean Company, Keangnam Enterprises has concluded an agreement with the Ethiopian Roads Authority (ERA) for the construction of the asphalt road, Alaba-Humbo-Arbaminch, in the Southern Ethiopia. The project valued at over US\$ 46 million was signed on May 7, 2008. The 85.5 km road construction includes horizontal and vertical alignment improvements, rehabilitation of existing culverts and bridges and construction of new culverts. Construction is expected to be completed within 30 months and is financed by the Government of Ethiopia. The Korean company is currently involved in five road projects in Ethiopia. Two of these projects are the Azezo-Metema road; 745 kms to the North from Addis Ababa and another two are 345 km from Addis Ababa to the South West, known as the Jimma-Mizan Project and the remaining is the Ambo-Gedo road construction project in the West of the country.

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