Mobilizing Private Capital for Energy Efficiency through PPP Structures

ADB’s PPP Transaction Support for the State of Melaka’s Large-scale LED Street Lighting Project, Malaysia

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Private Capital Flows and Energy Efficiency in Developing Asia

- Developing Asia would need USD 4.5 trillion in energy efficiency investments by 2035*
- Private capital flows are and will continue to be the largest source of energy efficiency finance
- Policy frameworks should enable and grow private capital flows to public sector energy efficiency projects through public-private partnerships (PPP) and ESCO performance contracting

* Derived by A. Ablaza from data of IEA WEO 2012, McKinsey & Co.
Project Description

• The objective of the project is to upgrade the road lighting system of the State of Melaka using energy efficient LED lamps to:
  - reduce CO$_2$ emissions;
  - lower the cost of road lighting; and
  - improve road safety

• About 100k HPS luminaires will be replaced with an LED system at an estimated cost of $45-$60 million

• The capital cost of the project can be partially recouped through energy and maintenance savings generated in the operation phase

• The client is the Melaka Green Technology Corporation, an organization owned by Melaka state government and tasked to implement environment-friendly projects in the State

• It is the intention that the pathfinder project will be replicated across other states in Malaysia and other countries in Asia

Project Status

• ADB (Southeast Asia Dept and Office of PPP) and the State of Melaka agreed to implement the project using a 2-phase approach:
  - Phase 1: Scoping study
  - Phase 2: Transaction structuring and tender process

• Phase 1 was completed in 4Q 2016
• Phase 2 kicked off in March 2017
• Phases 1 and 2 are financed by ADB TA-8240: REG
• Replacing the existing high pressure sodium luminaires with LED luminaires would reduce electricity consumption by 42-44 GWh/year (approx. 55% of the total electricity used for lighting the roads of Melaka)

• Project has the same impact as building a 10 MW peaking power plant; able to defer CAPEX requirements for generation, transmission and distribution capacity upgrades

• The project would reduce CO2 emissions by approximately 30,000 tons per year

• Very strong interest from private investors and from other states in Malaysia and other countries in Asia to replicate this model
• ESCO (pay-through-savings) scheme not viable given savings level and private sector requirements on expected returns

• Recommended commercial models that provide greater certainty (e.g. a lease-to-own or PPP model).

• Market Sounding:
  • Single counterparty required to act as an “integrator”
  • Private investors require an equity return of 15% - 20% for the Project if returns are at risk of savings
  • Require some form of guarantee or underwriting from the State to enhance the Project’s credit risk

• Lease-to-own model as a preferred structuring model.
Phase 2 Scope of Work

**ADB and the State of Melaka continue working together to prepare the PPP structure through Phase 2**

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Investment Grade Audit

- **Preparation of road and asset inventory for the selected sample of street lights**
  - To ascertain the total connected load (by type and wattages) of the street lights and tentative energy consumption
  - Recording of pole infrastructure (pole heights, lamp mounting height pole type etc.), pole to pole spacing, road widths and road infrastructure, classification of roads
  - Distribution network mapping with location of switching points (with help of GPS/GSM system), length and size of cable, condition of metering and cabling
  - To ascertain actual O&M cost per pole
  - Mapping the electrical safety requirements

- **Metering and performance of all street lighting system**
  - Feeder wise number of metered street lights
  - Establishing actual energy consumption and performance by measurement of electrical and lighting parameters
  - Analysis of electricity bills, energy prices
  - Establish and identify number of non-metered street lights
  - Ascertain the theft and loses in energy

- **Recommendation for CAPEX and Energy Efficiency measures**
The main objectives of phase 2 will be to:

- Complete technical due diligence on the project including a detailed technical audit of the road lighting system
- Conduct additional market testing amongst financiers, donors and investment providers
- Update financial due diligence based on the findings of the detailed technical audit and market testing
- Prepare a PPP options analysis and the documents required for government to approve the project
- Prepare bid documents (Project Agreement, RfP, RfQ, etc)
- Launch and run an open transparent tender
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- Investment-grade [energy] audit (IGA)
- Establish energy consumption baseline for RFP documents

Alexander Ablaza

- Oversee IGA and update technical options accordingly
- Support market sounding and government approval process
- Provide technical inputs for tender preparation, evaluation and negotiation

David Ng

- Update financial and commercial analyses based on IEA outcomes
- Support market sounding and government approval process
- Provide financial / commercial inputs for tender preparation, evaluation and negotiation

Martin David

- Undertake legal due diligence for project approval and implement
- Support market sounding and government approval process
- Provide legal inputs for tender preparation, evaluation and negotiation

Office of Public-Private Partnership (OPPP)

Southeast Asia Department (SERD)
Technological Options

The PPP advisory team has developed a high level financial model to evaluate financial outcomes of the four technological options proposed

Option 1: LED / Stand-alone
Replacement of the full identified portfolio with LEDs - the least cost option

Option 2: LED / Full Point-to-Point Digital Connectivity
Replacement of the full portfolio with LEDs and built-in point-to-point connectivity that allows for a highly flexible and customisable monitoring system that tracks performance of individual light points - the highest cost option

Option 3: LED / Group Connectivity
Replacement of the whole portfolio with LEDs and built-in group connectivity that allows for a less flexible and customisable monitoring system (as compared to Option 2) that tracks performance of clusters of light points

Option 4: LED / Partial Connectivity
Replacement of HPS lamps of 70W, 100W and 150W with stand-alone LED luminaires and HPS lamps of 250W and 400W with LED luminaires and built-in point-to-point connectivity

LED performance specifications will require new LED luminaires to match or exceed luminous performance of existing HPS luminaires, with $\geq 100,000$ h rated life, $\geq 108$ lm/W luminaire efficacy, receptacles for easy add-on of communication/control nodes later on stand-alone luminaires, and full 10-year product warranty
Emerging Commercial Structuring

**LEASE-TO-OWN CONTRACTING MODEL**

- **Financier**
  - CAPEX Investment
- **Technology Provider**
  - Equipment Supply, Installation & Maintenance
- **MGTC**
  - Annuity Lease Payments
  - Lower Energy Bill
- **TNB**
  - Electricity Supply
  - Owners of Luminaire Portfolio
- **Maintenance contractor 1**
- **Maintenance contractor 2**

**Cash flows**
**Other contractual arrangements**

**Owners of Luminaire Portfolio**

**Discontinued Maintenance Cost to sub-contractors**
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<td>The risk arises from (1) market volatility in electricity pricing and the attendant subsidy and (2) the Government’s future policy position with respect to electricity tariff.</td>
<td><strong>Basis:</strong> Lease-to-Own model offers the greatest certainty to the payment streams and hence the lowest risk to the investors. The payments are conventionally premised on neither fluctuations in electricity tariff nor the actual savings generated.</td>
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<td>The risk arises from (1) the complex interface among the key stakeholders, (2) complications in finalising the contractual payments and (3) constraints in government budget.</td>
<td><strong>Basis:</strong> (1) A single-party integrator simplifies the contractual structure (2) Annuity lease is straight-forward and less susceptible to dispute (3) the State Government face less uncertainty in the budget setting and disbursement process.</td>
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<td><strong>Project return</strong></td>
<td>Project and equity returns under the current base case assumptions are significantly below the level required by the equity investors.</td>
<td><strong>Basis:</strong> Lease-to-Own model is a well-understood contracting model that has been well-received through market testing. The Project team is also exploring a PPP arrangement under an availability payment model premised on service performance.</td>
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PPP for Public Sector EE - Replication

LED street lighting retrofits in other states, other countries

Portfolios of public building energy efficiency improvements

LED traffic signal retrofits

Refleeting with electric buses, trucks and light vehicles

Water, wastewater and irrigation pumping replacements
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