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ACTIVITY PROGRESS REPORT

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Project No. 677-0041

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The two major sub-activities planned are:

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II. Implementation

During the period covered by this report, the project became operational on approximately the first 65 kms of road (N'Djamena- Mailao). The work on this portion of the road has been limited to: 1) brush clearing on both sides of the road; 2) reinforcement of the shoulders; and 3) removal of broken portions of pavement and cleaning out of potholes. Detours have been set up to eliminate traffic on portions of the road in an effort to speed up preparations. All materials are now in place to begin patching and resurfacing during the coming quarter. Progress has been hampered by delays in obtaining heavy equipment from the Public Works Department.

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III. [redacted] Targets, Physical Progress and Major Accomplishments

A. [redacted]

1. Brush clearing along bulk of first 65 km;
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B. Procurement

Materials delivered to the site during the period include: 350 shovels; 250 picks; 50 wheelbarrows; 250 pairs boots; 175 hard hats; 250 pairs gloves, 50 rakes; 40 barrels; 100 machetes; 100 tampers; 40 jerrycans; 200 barrels tar; 60 watering cans; 20 units for heating tar; 60 dippers for tar; 20 axes; 60 buckets; 100 brooms; and 400 replacement handles.

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1. Transport of approximately 840 cubic meters of gravel from Dandi quarry to work sites; and
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D. Workers Paid

The number of rations distributed during the period is as follows:

October - 837 persons
November 850 persons
December 861 persons

The total amounts of food and cash wages distributed for the three month period is as follows:

1) Sorghum - 2,848 bags (of 100 lb. each) 2) vegetable oil - 2,548 cans (of 1 gallon each); and 3) cash wages of 12,740,000 CFA (or nearly $30,000 at present exchange rates).

E. Heavy Equipment

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1) One International Front-end loader ;
2) One Caterpillar grader ;
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All of this equipment remains at CARE's workshop in N'Djamena pending completion of necessary repairs.

F. Public Works Departments

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2) Assignment of a full-time technican by Public Works to assist CARE agents in overall project supervision.

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An amendment was executed to redistribute the total grant amount between its several line items.

III. Delays and Bottlenecks

The following have recently contributed to delays in project implementation:

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