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TRIP PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

The purpose of this trip was to participate in intergovernmental/interagency planning meetings being conducted as part of the design phase of a USAID-Government of Tunisia (GOT) energy assessment. This trip concentrated on the residential and institutional/commercial sectors. The overall goal of the project, as stated by the Tunisian project director, is to improve the GOT's internal capabilities to carry out energy policy planning. Within this context, my specific role was to participate in planning meetings as a member of the Tunisian-American working group and to provide statistical input to the working group in six areas:

- Definition of sectoral boundaries;
- Specification of sectoral data requirements;
- Assessment of the quantity, quality and availability of existing data;
- Determination of the data to be collected;
- Development of data collection strategies and options;
- Specification of short-term activities to be carried out by the working group.

Prior to my departure, a paper was drafted elaborating upon the issues listed above. The Tunisian-American working group made minor revisions to the paper and then presented it, as a working group product, to the USAID and Tunisian project directors, Mr. Richard Stevenson and Mr. Kemal Rekik. (See Attachment 1 for an outline of the paper.)

TUNISIA ENERGY ASSESSMENT

I was joined on this TDY by two persons from Human Resources Management (HRM), Inc., Bertrand Chatel and Dave Tyler. HRM is the contractor for the institutional/commercial and residential sectors and Chatel and Tyler are the sector specialists. Our arrival coincided with the establishment, in the Ministry of National Economy (MNE), of a permanent project working group headed by Mr.

Rekik and composed of five Tunisian engineers and economists. Chatel, Tyler and I joined the working group and the group's general scope of work during our stay paralleled the six points on page 1.

The majority of time the first two weeks was spent attending meetings with government ministries and other agencies in the residential and institutional/commercial sectors. The objectives of the meetings were to explain the project, to determine the availability of existing data relevant to the project, and to elicit cooperation in implementing data collection activities.

The third week of the TDY was spent reviewing the draft paper and making minor revisions before submitting it to the project directors. The general conclusion of the working group was that existing data can be used to satisfy the requirements in some of the smaller subsectors of the institutional/commercial sector. However, surveys were recommended for most of the subsectors. The complexity and resources required for the surveys will vary considerably from subsector to subsector. Likewise, it was proposed to conduct a field survey in the residential sector given the absence of detailed energy consumption data for households.

At the time of the TDY, Tunisian data collection priorities were unclear. That is, the household and institutional/commercial sectors are only two of the five sectors being studied. While a list of short range activities was left behind for the Tunisian working group, it is doubtful that any action will be taken until the planning visits are completed and sectoral data collection activities are prioritized.

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