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INSPECTION PANEL

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Executive Secretary  
Inspection Panel  
World Bank

Dear Mr. Executive Secretary of the Inspection Panel,

In accordance with the suggested format for requests for inspection provided on your office's website, we are making use of the tool to express our deepest indignation at the ill treatment suffered by the district of Barranco during the process of implementation of the Lima Urban Transport Project (PO35740), which ignored complaints filed from the outset about failing to take into consideration the negative consequences it has had, due to poor execution, on the local residents.

- 1) We, the undersigned (see item 6), live in the district of Barranco, in the city of Lima, Peru. Our addresses are attached.
- 2) We are suffering harm as a result of the World Bank's failures or omissions in the Lima Urban Transport Project (PO35740), a project that is partially financed by the World Bank.
- 3) We note below the worst damages caused by the execution of the Lima Urban Transport Project in our district:
  - The project has not complied with the public consultation mechanisms established by Peruvian law.
  - The environmental impact assessments (EIA) must be approved by the Ministry of Transportation and Communication (MTC) pursuant to Law 27446 and in accordance with the procedure initiated by the Municipio of Lima for such purpose.

In this connection, we must note that these assessments were not approved by the MTC because the works were initiated before the required environmental certification was obtained. Furthermore, the institution with the authority to approve the assessments was the Ministry of Transportation, not the Municipio of Lima.
  - The construction phase for the work did not follow traffic management or environmental management plans or programs needed to reduce or mitigate the

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negative impacts thereof, nor was adequate information on the status of the work communicated to the public in a timely fashion.

- Traffic in the district has been severely impaired, creating a chaotic and disorderly flow of public transportation and private vehicles, which of their own initiative choose to take lower-capacity alternate routes, causing traffic congestion throughout the district.
- A major thoroughfare through the district (Avenida Bolognesi) has been eliminated.
- An inter-district vehicle distribution space known as Óvalo Balta has been eliminated.
- Living conditions have deteriorated in many areas of the district as vehicle traffic has risen on roads that were barely used before, increasing the risk of traffic accidents.
- Southbound car traffic that used to run through the district has been diverted through the beach district (Costa Verde), a public recreation area serving not only residents of Barranco, but also all of Lima.
- Excessive vehicle traffic has been diverted onto residential roads.
- The increase in vehicles will change the residential character of many roads, leading to the development of new business districts, which will erode the residential character of the district and the conditions that allow it to be preserved as a designated historic district.
- The system for moving traffic into the inner district has been destroyed, exacerbating the barrier effect that Avenida Bolognesi created and leading to long circuitous routes.
- The direct and indirect impacts of the works have caused irreparable harm to the architectural heritage of the district, declared a Historic District by the National Institute of Culture.
- Southbound traffic that used to run through the district has been diverted through the Barranco Historic District, designated by the National Institute of Culture as a protected area, leading to the erosion of the urban fabric.
- Vehicular access to properties on Avenida Bolognesi has been blocked.
- The social and economic exchange that has traditionally existed between the districts of Barranco and Surco has been blocked.

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- The direct and indirect impacts of the works have completely undermined the way of life of the residents of Barranco, distorting and dismantling long-standing urban systems and sociocultural dynamics.
- The negative impacts of the work are permanent, not temporary, which is reflected in the fact that, to date, the final road system has not been implemented in our district (direction of traffic, streets open to public transportation, intensity of flows, etc.).

4) These facts demonstrate that the World Bank's own policies have been breached and the proposed alternative solutions have not fundamentally corrected the situation.

- No public consultations were held.
- No rigorous environmental impact assessment has been done, and the existing assessment has not been approved by the competent authority, the Ministry of Transportation.

5) We reiterate our concern with respect to these facts, which have been reported and documented on the numerous occasions we have contacted the Bank to register our complaints.

**LETTERS SENT**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>ADDRESSEE</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>
01-Dec-08	PROTRANSPORTE [Metropolitan Transportation Institute of Lima]	NEIGHBORHOOD COMPLAINT ABOUT TRAFFIC ON PEDRO SALAZAR
17-Dec-08	CONGRESS	PETITION DOCUMENTING INCONVENIENCES CAUSED BY DISORDERLY TRAFFIC AFTER THE WORKS
17-Dec-08	CONGRESS, LOCAL GOVTS. COMMITTEE	PETITION DOCUMENTING INCONVENIENCES CAUSED BY DISORDERLY TRAFFIC AFTER THE WORKS
17-Dec-08	INC [National Institute of Culture]	PETITION DOCUMENTING INCONVENIENCES CAUSED BY DISORDERLY TRAFFIC AFTER THE WORKS
17-Dec-08	MDB [Municipio of Barranco]	PETITION DOCUMENTING INCONVENIENCES CAUSED BY DISORDERLY TRAFFIC AFTER THE WORKS
17-Dec-08	MML [Municipio of Metropolitan Lima]	PETITION DOCUMENTING INCONVENIENCES CAUSED BY DISORDERLY TRAFFIC AFTER THE WORKS
18-Dec-08	PROTRANSPORTE	NEIGHBORHOOD COMPLAINT ABOUT HEAVY TRAFFIC ON AVENIDA LIMA
18-Dec-08	PROTRANSPORTE	NEIGHBORHOOD COMPLAINT ABOUT HEAVY TRAFFIC ON AVENIDA LIMA
18-Dec-08	MINAM [Ministry of the Environment]	PETITION DOCUMENTING INCONVENIENCES CAUSED BY DISORDERLY TRAFFIC AFTER THE WORKS
18-Dec-08	MINT [Ministry of the Interior]	PETITION DOCUMENTING INCONVENIENCES CAUSED BY DISORDERLY TRAFFIC AFTER THE WORKS
22-Dec-08	MTC [Ministry of Transportation and Communication]	PETITION DOCUMENTING INCONVENIENCES CAUSED BY DISORDERLY TRAFFIC AFTER THE WORKS

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12-Jan-09	CIP [Board of Engineers of Peru]	PETITION DOCUMENTING INCONVENIENCES CAUSED BY DISORDERLY TRAFFIC AFTER THE WORKS
12-Jan-09	MDB	WE REQUEST THE FORMATION OF A TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
26-Jan-09	MDB	NEIGHBORHOOD COMPLAINT ABOUT AVENIDA LIMA
28-Jan-09	MDB, COUNCILLORS, AND ARCHITECTS	REITERATION OF COMPLAINT FILED IN DECEMBER
03-Feb-09	MDB	ANNOUNCEMENT OF FIRST PROTEST MARCH
04-Feb-09	MML	ANNOUNCEMENT OF FIRST PROTEST MARCH
13-Feb-09	MDB	NEIGHBORHOOD COMPLAINT ABOUT TRAFFIC ON AVENIDA LIMA AND LACK OF SAFETY
13-Feb-09	MML	REQUEST TO OPEN BOLOGNESI AND RECONSIDERATION OF WORK
19-Feb-09	MML	REQUEST TO SEE THE TECHNICAL FILE FOR THE METROPOLITANO
19-Feb-09	EMAPE	REQUEST TO SEE THE TECHNICAL FILE FOR THE METROPOLITANO
23-Feb-09	MTC	REQUEST FOR A COPY OF THE EIA
02-Mar-09	MINAM	REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON WHETHER THE EIA WAS DONE PURSUANT TO THE LAW AND WHETHER IT HAS BEEN APPROVED
04-Mar-09	MINAM	REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE INVOLVEMENT OF CONAM [National Environmental Council] IN THE APPROVAL OF THE EIA
06-Mar-09	MML	INVITATION TO MML MAYOR LUIS CASTAÑEDA TO ATTEND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
16-Mar-09	MINAM	REQUEST FOR A COPY OF THE EIA APPROVALS
16-Apr-09	World Bank	REPORT ON PROTESTS IN BARRANCO AGAINST THE METROPOLITANO
01-Jun-09	World Bank	REQUEST FOR THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 11 MEETING WITH THE WORLD BANK, THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, AND THE MML IN WHICH AN OFFER WAS MADE TO ESTABLISH A ROUNDTABLE
25-Jun-09	MML	DELIVERY OF NEIGHBORHOOD TECHNICAL PROPOSAL AND LISTS OF SIGNATURES
25-Jun-09	MDB	DELIVERY OF NEIGHBORHOOD TECHNICAL PROPOSAL AND LISTS OF SIGNATURES
30-Jun-09	PROTRANSPORTE	REITERATION OF THE NEED FOR A ROUNDTABLE
30-Jul-09	PROTRANSPORTE	RESPONSE TO THE JULY 23 LETTER, REITERATING THE NEED FOR A ROUNDTABLE
27-Aug-09	PROTRANSPORTE	REITERATION OF THE NEED TO ESTABLISH A ROUNDTABLE AND GUARANTEE THAT ITS DECISIONS WILL BE BINDING

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**ANNEXES CORRESPONDING TO THE APPROVAL OF THE EIA**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>ADDRESSEE</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>
21-Dec-07	MTC	PROTRANSPORTE ASKS MTC TO CERTIFY THE EIAs OF THE COSAC [HIGH-CAPACITY DEDICATED CORRIDOR], PURSUANT TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS. THE PROCESS HAS BEEN UNDER WAY SINCE 2006.
11-Jan-08	PROTRANSPORTE	MTC RETURNS THE EIA FOR THE SOUTHERN ZONE TO PROTRANSPORTE FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH RULES AND REGULATIONS AND FOR HAVING INITIATED WORKS PRIOR TO APPROVAL
30-Jul-08	PROTRANSPORTE	MTC RETURNS THE EIA FOR THE CENTRAL ZONE TO PROTRANSPORTE FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH RULES AND REGULATIONS AND FOR HAVING INITIATED WORKS PRIOR TO APPROVAL

We have received timely responses to our requests. However, all of them insist on highlighting the future benefits of the project, without taking into account the negative impacts that have occurred, which have not even been mentioned in the EIA that your institution received as part of the requirements for issuing the corresponding loans.

We should note that thanks to the intervention by the World Bank and the IDB, the Municipio of Lima declared its willingness to form a roundtable to address these issues. However, so far it has not followed through on this intention in a clear, effective manner.

6) We request that the Inspection Panel recommend to the World Bank's Executive Directors that an investigation of these matters be carried out.

**Signatures and addresses**

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**List of attachments**

Annex: 1 CD (articles, opinion pieces, and press items)