Wrap-up and next steps for Pak Beng PNPCA Prior Consultation Process

Regional Stakeholder Forum on the Council Study and the Pak Beng Hydropower Project

22nd – 23rd February 2017

Luang Prabang, Lao PDR
1. Key Points on overall PNPCA Implementation Process

- Role of Joint Platform to review and improve PNPCA process at both national and regional levels
- Clarity over the timing of PNPCA process and commencement of proposed use
- Pro-activeness of MRC to acquire information on projects undergoing prior notification
- Clarity of pre-consultation process: adequacy of submitted documents and time requirement
- PNPCA aims to encourage member countries to consider results based on mutual agreement
- Using lessons learned from 2 previous cases for improving Pak Beng mitigation measures
2. Key Points on Laos hydropower development and Pak Beng hydropower project

• Realization of regional power trade agreements

• Need to understand cumulative impacts and effectiveness of mitigation measures

• Coordination of cascade dams operations in term of sediment trapping/transport and fish migration and fish hatching

• Issue of socio-economic impacts on the directly affected communities in Laos and Thailand

• Clarity of the run-of river scheme in term of flow regime

• Clarity on the analysis of dam safety (dam break)
3. Next steps for Pak Beng PNPCA Prior Consultation Process

- **Incorporation** of key points and comment matrix into the Forum report
- **Forum report** will be made available on MRC’s website within one month
- Key points and comment matrix will be considered and fed into MRC’s 1st draft Technical Review Report (TRR)
- **2nd Meeting of PNPCA JCWG (3-5 April 17, including site visit)** – review and discuss 1st draft TRR
- MRCS revises TRR and comes up with 2nd draft TRR to be used for national and regional consultation meetings
3. Next steps for Pak Beng PNPCA Prior Consultation Process (Cont.)

- **2\(^{nd}\) Regional Stakeholder Consultation Meeting** – 5\(^{th}\) May 2017 (including site visit)
- MRCS finalizes National and Regional Consultation Reports and feeds them into final draft TRR
- **3\(^{rd}\) Meeting of PNPCA JCWG** (5\(^{th}\) June 17) – review and discuss the final draft TRR
- **19\(^{th}\) June 2017** – Special JC Meeting: discuss the findings using the Reply Form and TRR to derive common agreement (including Post PC)
Thank you