## **Notice of Determination**

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**Ottawa – May 26, 2021 –** Global Affairs Canada has determined that the proposed Gravitational Irrigation System to increase food security of Village of Chando Thalay, northern Pakistan is not likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects.

This determination was based on a consideration of the following factors:

- Community knowledge;
- Comments received from the public; and
- Technically and economically feasible mitigation measures.

Mitigation measures taken into account for this determination are:

- Replacement of soil as soon as the pipes have been laid.
- Planting of local plants and trees along the water supply route.
- Good soil conservation measures and effective drainage control.
- Protection of vegetation during the project activities.
- Sprinkling of water at the project site and covering of material to control dust pollution.
- Daytime operations to minimize interactions with nocturnal animals and reduce noise pollution.

Global Affairs Canada is satisfied that that the carrying out of the project is not likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects.

Therefore, Global Affairs Canada may carry out the project, exercise any power, perform any duty or function, or provide financial assistance to enable the project to be carried out in whole or in part.