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TO: Imrana Jalal, Chairperson, IBRD/IDA Inspection Panel

FROM: Laura Tuck, Vice-President, GGSVP 

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SUBJECT: ***Upper Egypt Local Development Program for Results (P157395)***

The *Upper Egypt Local Development Program for Results (UELDP)*, through a sub-project in Gerga district's (*Sohag* governorate) supports the backfilling of a small open canal of 200 m length passing through the village's built area. The cover of the canal will reduce health risk exposure and create a public recreational space. Implementation started July 10, 2018 but stopped after filling only 110 m of the canal. Management understands that this decision was based on a miscommunication between PIU and the Department of Irrigation.

In response to the Bank's request to complete the works the Government of Egypt, through the Program Coordination Office (PCO) for the UELDP, has committed to complete the 90 remaining meters of canal backfilling as originally foreseen in the project design.

The works are expected to be completed within five months, which is taking into consideration the expected time required for the Department of Irrigation to procure the services and to complete the backfilling works. The governorate will be financing the completion of the canal from UELDP Program financing through the existing allocation drawn down from an advance that is at its disposal.

The Bank's UELDP task team will supervise the implementation of these works on a regular basis to ensure that the delivery is on track within the stipulated time frame. Bank Management will advise the Panel once the works are completed.