

## Project Management Consultant

Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project  
Kyrgyz Republic: Issyk-Kul, Naryn, Talas Oblasts

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## Certificate / Letter of Reference

Mr. Stefan Recker has been employed from 01. March 2004 until now as Construction Supervisor with the Project Management Consultant (PMC) to the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project (RWSSP) in Kyrgyzstan.

This project is funded by the World Bank (WB) and by the Department for International Development (DFID) of the British government. The Department of Rural Water Supply (DRWS) at the Kyrgyz Ministry for Agriculture, Water Resources and Processing Industries is the counterpart / executing agency. RWSSP rehabilitates and extends the existing water supply systems in the poorest villages in three Oblasts (provinces) of the Kyrgyz Republic – Issyk Kul, Naryn and Talas. The project started in February 2002 and will run until the end of 2008.

A typical sub-project consists of a water-intake – infiltration gallery, spring catchment or borehole – a chlorination unit with guardhouse, a reservoir or water-tower, lining of the existing asbestos-cement pipes with PE pipes, extension of the existing system (excavation and laying of PE pipes), rehabilitation of old respectively setting of new chambers, and installation of communal standpipes. The works are carried out by local contractors with a contribution of the communities. A total of 159 sub-projects – consisting of one to six villages – were completed.

Mr. Recker's responsibilities included:

- training, monitoring and supervision of the PMC engineers in the 14 Rayons (districts) of the project area
- direct site-supervision – at times exceeding 60 sub-projects – including writing of reports
- advice to Community Drinking Water Users Unions
- advice to the DRWS and its Oblast branches
- advice to construction companies and suppliers of construction materials
- participating in joint DRWS, DFID, WB and PMC monitoring missions

Due to his professional background and previous work experience Mr. Recker provided the necessary expertise on construction works in Kyrgyzstan / Central Asia. He adapted quickly to the specific working environment of RWSSP and its professional challenges.

He planned, organized and executed his work autonomously and efficiently. His cross-cultural communication skills are well developed, and he is very committed to his work and the project.

Mr. Recker regularly volunteered for additional tasks outside his original job-description, which he carried out effectively and efficiently – such as assistance in the selection of new team-members, mentoring and training of interns of various disciplines and the writing and implementation of a security plan (this especially with respect to the events in late March 2005 here in Kyrgyzstan). In 2008 – due to the limited number of sub-projects under construction in the final year of RWSSP – Mr. Recker took on to support the participating communities regarding the technical sustainability of the completed water-supply systems.

His ability to speak/understand Russian language has significantly improved and made working relations with colleagues and contractors more effective. In fact he executes most of his work – field as well as office – without the help of translators / interpreters.

Mr. Recker's relation to the national and international stake-holders, colleagues and superiors is excellent. On request of DfID his assignment here in Kyrgyzstan had been prolonged until October 2008 (originally scheduled until end 2007). We find his work fully satisfactory, and recommend him for any similar position.

This certificate serves as an intermediate appraisal, and will be the base of a future letter of recommendation after the end of Mr. Recker's assignment.



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