Response from EBRD—Approved by Mail: PPCR Tajikistan: Small Business Climate Resilience Financing Facility

Hi Andrea,

Here is the matrix of responses to the issues raised by SC members.

Best regards,

Craig

	SC comment	EBRD response
Japan	We do not have an objection against PPCR concessional finance for the project. For Tajikistan, JICA prioritizes to deliver assistance on the fields of agriculture and rural development including improvement of basic social service and infrastructure. From spring 2014 for three years, JICA will launch a new project, by funding UNDP, on rural livelihood improvement in districts located on border in Tajikistan and Afghanistan. The project also has components on energy efficiency. We would appreciate if we could learn schedule, progress information and analysis on the EBRD project for the possible coordination and complementarity.	EBRD will be pleased to keep local JICA representatives informed during project implementation. The initial phase of the project will commence in April/May 2014, when the project consultant will commence the detailed design of the financing facility and the detailed market assessment. EBRD would be pleased to coordinate with the JICA/UNDP project during this period. Full implementation is then anticipated to commence at the end of 2014.
UK	The UK is pleased to approve funding for this project. However we would like to see a greater degree of coordination, internally between EBRD offices and externally with other Government and donor initiatives. It will be important to ensure coherence with other programmes in country.	EBRD is pursuing effective coordination with other related activities in Tajikistan. Phase I of the project (detailed market assessment and Facility design) will include detailed stakeholder analysis in order to design the Facility with optimum coordination with other relevant initiatives.