

The workshop on Environmental and Social Impact Assessment of Modjo Leather City-common Effluent Treatment Plant was conducted.

Addis Ababa November 2015: A one day workshop on Environmental and Social Impact (EIA) Assessment of Modjo Leather City Common Effluent Treatment Plant (MLC-CETP) took place on 30th November 2015 hosted by Leather Industry Development Institute (LIDI).

The main objective of the workshop was to create awareness for the stakeholders according to the information from Environmental technology Directorate of LIDI.



In his opening remark LIDI Director General Wondu Legese stated that, Ethiopia's leather industry and its leather sector in general enjoy significant international comparative advantages owing to its abundant and available raw materials, highly disciplined workforce and cheap prices. However, the industrial development up to now was hampered by many environmental problems that cause a lot of social problem.

Waste Waters generated from tanneries in connection with domestic uses are very dangerous. Human exposure to these waste ; whether inhaled, ingested or absorbed through the skin may result in short term acute effects, long- term irreversible chronic diseases or genetic mutations affecting future generations the Director General said.

The project to be setup the MLC (Modjo Leather City) appears to be an opportunity to setup an environmental friendly leather tanning cluster driven by a network of tanneries with provision of a CETP (Common Effluent treatment Plant) including Secure landfill to reduce the environmental impact of the leather processing for its sustainability.



According to the report presented on the workshop newly set up leather district have an advantage of coping with the mitigation of environmental impacts through common facilities and management systems.

The most important facilities that are conveniently included in a leather district are: a common effluent treatment plant (CETP), a landfill for solid waste disposal and treatment, a chromium recovery plant, chemical supply services and the activities where by-products are converted to valuable products with the scope of both decreasing the amount of solid waste and producing marketable goods.

At the workshop environmental and social impact assessment is carried to assess the overall positive as well as negative impact of the MLC-CETP project during the implementation that was conducted by Colorado General Business PLC consulting firm was presented.

LIDIS Director General and experts from the consulting firm gives reflection for question raised from participants.