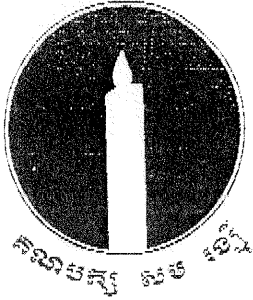


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### THE BOKOR DAM BIDDING IS ILLEGITIMATE

The SRP Members of Parliament would like to draw to the attention of all bidders for building and running the so-called Bokor Dam that the current tender process is not legitimate and not acceptable to the future government. It is wise to consider the following factors before taking unnecessary investment risks.

1. The tender process is being conducted by a caretaker government that even His Majesty the King has, in so many occasions, indicated illegitimate. The caretaker government has no rights and legitimacy to obligate Cambodia into any long term and substantial commitment.
2. The environment impact has not been satisfactorily addressed. It is most commendable that the Canadian government saw it appropriate to help fund the impact study, and subsequently withdrew its support for the dam building.
3. The future government with a full participation of the SRP needs to conduct a fresh cost and benefit analysis to ensure that the Bokor Dam project will be beneficial to the nation and environmentally sustainable in the long run.

The future government reserves its right to revise the bidding process when the legitimate government is formed. It does not stand in the way of progress; but it is its responsibility to ensure that all national resources are utilised in a manner that will be of long-term benefit to most, if not all, of Cambodians.

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