1. THE MEKONG RIVER COMMISSION AND MRC SECRETARIAT (BACKGROUND)

The Mekong River Commission (MRC) was established by the 1995 Agreement on Co-operation for the Sustainable Development of the Mekong River Basin, between the governments of Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand and Viet Nam. The role of the MRC is to coordinate and promote cooperation in all fields of sustainable development, utilization, management and conservation of the water and related resources of the Mekong River Basin.

The MRC Secretariat is the operational arm of the MRC. It provides technical and administrative services to the Joint Committee and the Council to achieve the MRC's mission.

VISION for the Mekong River Basin: An economically prosperous, socially just and environmentally sound Mekong River Basin

VISION for the Mekong River Commission: A world class, financially secure, International River Basin Organisation serving the Mekong countries to achieve the basin Vision

MISSION of the Mekong River Commission: To promote and coordinate sustainable management and development of water and related resources for the countries' mutual benefit and the people's well-being

MRCS values
- Integrity
- Transparency
- Mutual Respect
- Professionalism
- Accountability
- Result Orientation.

2. JOB SUMMARY/JOB STATEMENT

Under the direct supervision of the Administration Division Director and under the technical guidance of the Chief Finance Officer, the Finance Analyst is responsible for the budget management, financial planning and internal control matters of the MRC. The incumbent ensures that the budget, financial and internal control procedures, policies and practices are compliant at the MRC. The incumbent also assists maintaining and developing the FMIS accountancy software, both for optimal technical performance and for production of adequate output.

3. MAIN TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the overall supervision of the Division Director and under the technical guidance of the Chief Finance Officer, the Finance Analyst performs the following duties:
Cash flow & financial planning:
- Monitor MRC cash flow and take appropriate and timely action to replenish donor funds and other contributions including cash for Regional Flood and Drought Management Center (RFDMC) monthly operation;
- Co-ordinate, analyse and update all financial information for donor funded activities in cooperation with relevant project officers;
- In coordination with all Divisions and project teams, prepare consolidated bi-annual financial plan reports for the whole MRCS;

Internal control:
- Prepare quarterly/annual internal audit plans and execute projects in accordance with the plans to ensure that audit work is completed and documented in accordance with required standards. The audit work should cover both Head Office and RFDMC to ensure that financial transactions are properly recorded and followed the MRC financial and admin manuals and internal procedures related to administrative and management actions of the Head Office and RFDMC;
- Write audit reports/ detailed internal control recommendations that include practical and value added recommendations to improve financial risk management practices;
- Perform follow-up activities of reported audit issues to ensure that recommended actions are taken within the agreed deadline which also include corrective actions recommended by external auditors;
- Take lead in the preparation and during the implementation of the annual external audit;
- Take lead in any financial or compliance audit required by development partners;
- Implement ad hoc internal audits as and when required;

Coaching:
- Coach and assist finance assistants and review their work at the Head Office;
- Conduct orientation to new Head Office based staff on financial system (FMIS) and Finance and Administrative procedures;
- Advise MRCS staff on budgetary and other finance related issues;

Others:
- Perform cost analysis and investigation as required by the Director or Chief Finance Officer;
- Review and report on the accuracy, timeliness and relevance of financial and other information that is provided for management;
- Regularly update the Financial manual;
- Perform other duties related to post as required by the supervisor.

4. SCOPe OF AuTHORITY
a. **Supervision requirements**: None
b. **Level of autonomy**: Decision making follows defined procedures. The position does not administer a budget, yet has responsibility for ensuring the financial accountability of MRC.
c. **Level of problem solving required**: Problem solving is complex and the incumbent must display sensitivity, initiative and creativity.
d. **Level and type of communications required**: Communications are wide, within and outside the organisation, and require considerable oral and written skills.

5. QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

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<th>Certificate:</th>
<th>University degree (Bachelor or higher) in Finance, Accounting, Auditing, Statistics and/or Business Administration, or equivalent combination of education, training and experience.</th>
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<td>Additional Certificates:</td>
<td>TOEIC certificate with 600 points and over is required.</td>
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An equivalent internationally recognized certificate or a university degree from an internationally recognized academic institution whose instruction is in English may also be considered.

Experience:
- 7 years progressive experience in accounting, auditing or financial work, including computerised financial accounting systems;
- Experience in multi-projects financial management.

Abilities:
- Coordinate team efforts regarding financial management;
- Prepare and conduct training on internal control and financial processes.

6. COMPETENCIES

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<td>Good knowledge of accountancy software is essential (knowledge of Microsoft Dynamics NAV is an advantage)</td>
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<td>Excellent knowledge of written and spoken English</td>
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<td>Comfortable with team software to manage schedules and tasks</td>
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<th>Required Core Competency – Skills</th>
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<td>Compliance to organizational policy and procedure</td>
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7. REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

The remuneration package, subject to change, includes:
- **Remuneration:**
  - Annual net base salary exempt from tax by Lao authorities, starting at US$ 33,440 (M-11, step I);
  - Non-resident staff who are relocated at the duty station (Vientiane, Lao PDR or Phnom Penh, Cambodia) will be granted with living cost, post adjustment, hardship allowances, and rental subsidy according to salary level.
- **Benefits:**
  - MRC’s contribution to staff member’s Provident Fund (pension fund)
  - Coverage of Health insurance for staff and eligible dependents, and Accident insurances (on shared basis with employee) for staff;
- Other entitlements and benefits such as dependency allowance, annual leave, sick leave, special leave with pay, maternity and paternity leaves, education grant, annual health check (subject to budget availability), annual vaccination, etc.

- Non-resident staff who are relocated to the duty station (Vientiane or Phnom Penh) will be granted with subsidy, home leave, shipment of personal effectives to and from duty station up on entrance and conclusion of service with the MRC.

The duration of the assignment of MRC Riparian Professional Staff is up to maximum 6 years according to 1995 Mekong Agreement.

All MRC Secretariat staff are subject to 6 months probation period.

8. REMARKS

This Job Description is subject to revisions by the MRC.

9. INCUMBENT SIGNATURE: ____________________________  ____________________________ (date)