

REPORT OF SUPPLY OF SAFE WATER TO 303 HOUSES FOR 1200 PEOPLE

IN DON SON COMMUNE, A LUOI DISTRICT OF THUA THIEN HUE PROVINCE, VIETNAM



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PROJECT LOCATION

Don Son Commune, A Lurói is a <u>rural district</u> of <u>Thua Thien – Hue province</u> in the <u>North Central Coast</u> region of <u>Vietnam</u>. It is located to the west of the province in a mountainous area bordering Laos. The population includes many <u>Bru</u>, <u>Hoa</u> and <u>Ta Oi people</u>. As of 2003 the district had a population of 38,616. The district covers an area of 1,229 km². The district capital lies at A Luoi

It is connected to <u>Hué</u>, one of the main towns in central Vietnam by National Road 49, a road notorious for its poor safety because of the hilly terrain and poor road surface, including a stretch of 16 km through the Kim Quy hills.

Many of the hills in the area became famous during the many border battles of the mid-late 1960s during the <u>Vietnam War</u>, such as Mẹ Oi, suối Máu (lit Bloody Waterfall), and A Bia, better known for the <u>Battle of Hamburger Hill</u>.

The district has one town and 21 communes. The central town has gas stations, and a few guest-houses for travelers

During the Vietnam, a strategic American air base was located here where huge quantities of dioxin/agent orange and other chemicals were stored.

The entire area had been heavily bombed. The whole area had been burnt out. This resulted the whole area had been heavily contaminated with dioxin, and post a danger and health hazard to any person being in the area or exposure to any chemical residuals.

Water supply and waterways are also found to be contaminated.

Remediation efforts with planting of a special hybrids of acadia and other plants over the last 15 years has some degree of success.,



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Group Photo taken in Hue-Peoples' Committee of Hue Province on Friday 11th May 2012



Photos taken at welcome reception and water supply project site















Photos taken at the tap installed just outside the house to supply clean water









The project involved the contruction of storage tanks, filter systems and then distribution of the water by pipes to individual houses with a stand pipe outside the house and concrete basin.

Cllean and safe water is now readily available to each house. A very worthwhile project completed on joint efforts of all project parters. Thank you.

End of report