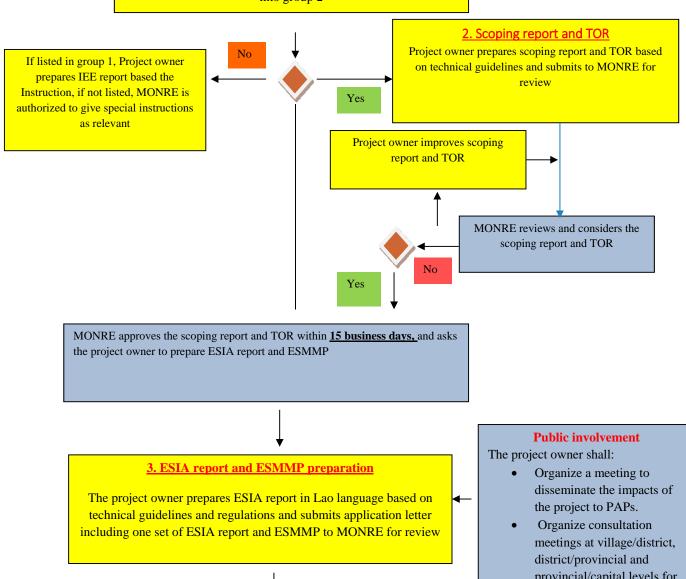# (2) EIA Procedures in LaoPDR
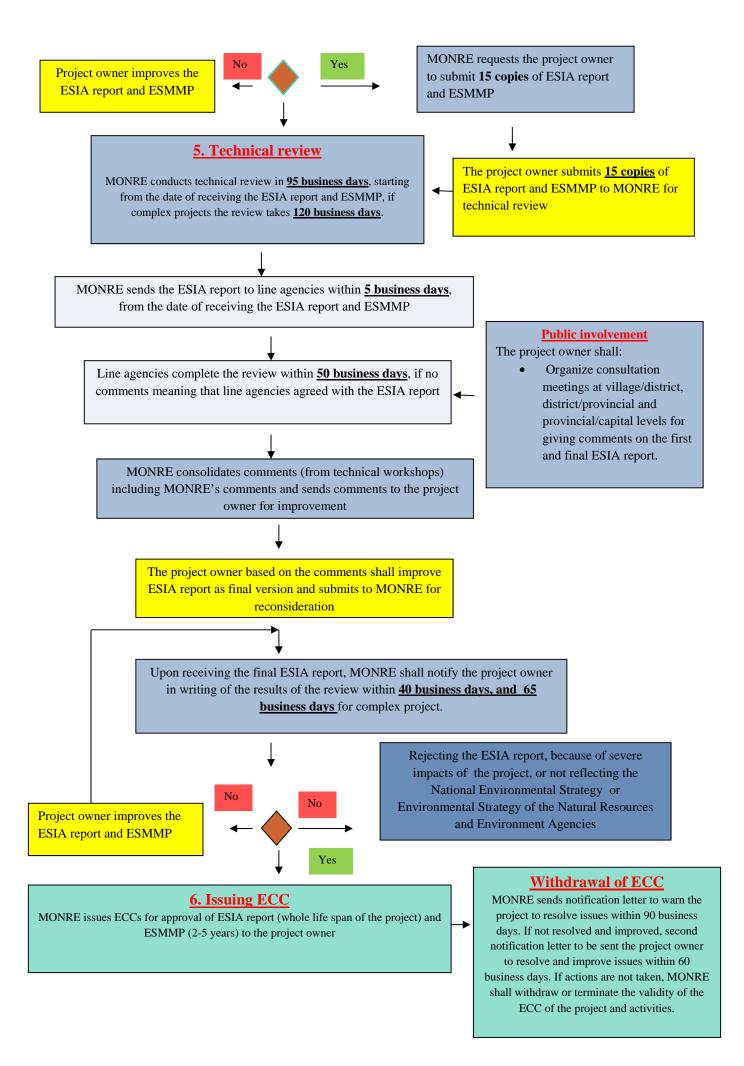
1. Screening

The project owner conducts self-screening by using a list of group 1 and group 2 to identify, if the proposed project falls into group 2

2. Scoping report and TOR

Project owner prepares scoping report and TOR based on technical guidelines and submits to MONRE for review

No

Yes

If listed in group 1, Project owner prepares IEE report based the Instruction, if not listed, MONRE is authorized to give special instructions as relevant

Project owner improves scoping report and TOR

MONRE reviews and considers the scoping report and TOR

No

Yes

MONRE approves the scoping report and TOR within **15 business days,** and asks the project owner to prepare ESIA report and ESMMP

3. ESIA report and ESMMP preparation

The project owner prepares ESIA report in Lao language based on technical guidelines and regulations and submits application letter including one set of ESIA report and ESMMP to MONRE for review

Public involvement

The project owner shall:

- Organize a meeting to disseminate the impacts of the project to PAPs.
- Organize consultation meetings at village/district, district/provincial and provincial/capital levels for giving comments.

4. Administrative review

MONRE completes the administrative review of ESIA report and ESMMP within **10 business days**

| Project owner improves the ESIA report and ESMMP | No ◆ Yes | MONRE requests the project owner to submit **15 copies** of ESIA report and ESMMP |

5. Technical review

MONRE conducts technical review in **95 business days**, starting from the date of receiving the ESIA report and ESMMP, if complex projects the review takes **120 business days**.

The project owner submits **15 copies** of ESIA report and ESMMP to MONRE for technical review

MONRE sends the ESIA report to line agencies within **5 business days**, from the date of receiving the ESIA report and ESMMP

Public involvement

The project owner shall:
- Organize consultation meetings at village/district, district/provincial and provincial/capital levels for giving comments on the first and final ESIA report.

Line agencies complete the review within **50 business days**, if no comments meaning that line agencies agreed with the ESIA report

MONRE consolidates comments (from technical workshops) including MONRE's comments and sends comments to the project owner for improvement

The project owner based on the comments shall improve ESIA report as final version and submits to MONRE for reconsideration

Upon receiving the final ESIA report, MONRE shall notify the project owner in writing of the results of the review within **40 business days, and 65 business days** for complex project.

Rejecting the ESIA report, because of severe impacts of the project, or not reflecting the National Environmental Strategy or Environmental Strategy of the Natural Resources and Environment Agencies

Project owner improves the ESIA report and ESMMP

No ◆ No

Yes

6. Issuing ECC

MONRE issues ECCs for approval of ESIA report (whole life span of the project) and ESMMP (2-5 years) to the project owner

Withdrawal of ECC

MONRE sends notification letter to warn the project to resolve issues within 90 business days. If not resolved and improved, second notification letter to be sent the project owner to resolve and improve issues within 60 business days. If actions are not taken, MONRE shall withdraw or terminate the validity of the ECC of the project and activities.

7. ESMMP implementation

The project owner implements the ESMMP

The project owner shall review and improve ESMMP to reflect the situation of each time period and submit to MONRE for renewing the ECC of ESMM. The consideration of renewal shall be completed within **30 business days**

8. Monitoring and inspection

The project owner

The project owner takes lead for self-monitoring and reports the progress of implementation based on ECC to MONRE for information.

The project owner shall establish Environmental Management Office to implement environmental and social management and monitoring mitigation measures and communication with the public.

MONRE

MONRE takes lead in monitoring of the implementation of ESMMP and involved by DONRE, DNREO, villagers, and line agencies

MONRE delegates the level of monitoring and allocates budget.

MONRE considers and establish environmental management unit for project monitoring

9. Reporting

The project owner

The project owner shall draft the progress report of implementation of ESMMP such as monthly, quarterly and annually based on the conditions in the ECC and submits 3 or more copies to MONRE.

MONRE

MONRE makes a summary and reports the progress of monitoring to the Government for information and directive in each time period.