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ATTENTION**

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To: Members of the Executive Board

From: The Secretary

Subject: **Mongolia—Second Post-Program Monitoring—Supplementary
Information**

The attached paper provides supplementary information relating to the paper on the second post-program monitoring discussions with Mongolia (EBS/11/156, 10/3/11), which is being considered on a lapse of time basis. At the time of circulation of this paper to the Board, the authorities of Mongolia have indicated that they need more time to consider whether they will consent to the Fund's publication of this paper. Publication will only proceed upon the receipt by the Fund of the member's explicit consent.

Questions may be referred to Mr. Barnett, OAP (ext. 34439) and Mr. Ojima, APD (ext. 35944).

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MONGOLIA

Second Post-Program Monitoring—Supplementary Information

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1. This supplement is to update the Board on the events that have taken place since the issuance of EBS/11/156. It does not change the thrust of the staff's assessment.
2. **2011 budget amendment.** The Mongolian Parliament approved the 2011 budget amendment on October 28. The amendment was as described in EBS/11/156 and included the substantial increase in budget spending of some 8 percent of annual GDP.
3. **Monetary policy tightening.** In a welcome development, the central bank raised the policy rate (7-day central bank bill) by 50 basis points to 12.25 percent, effective October 26. The hike is consistent with the policy advice in EBS/11/156 and staff maintains the view that more will need to be done to contain inflation, slow credit growth, and prevent a further overheating of the economy, especially given the direction of fiscal policy. The rate hike, therefore, should be complemented by the implementation of macro-prudential measures and, depending on incoming data, further rate hikes will also likely be needed.