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PRESS RELEASE

New Central Heating System in Debar Primary School

USAID, as a part of the U.S. mission in Macedonia is investing \$3 million in school renovations throughout the country. In Said Najdeni Primary School in Debar, the boiler room for the heating system was renovated. The completion of the project was celebrated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on December 2nd.

‘Although the people of the United States provided funds for the renovation, the Municipality of Debar funded the concrete work and provided the technical design and oversight for the project, and the Said Najdeni School took care of removing the old system – all important steps in making this a reality,’ said Mrs. Solveig Reeker.

Renovation is one components of the USAID Primary Education Project (PEP), which supports the creation of better learning environments and decentralization of school facilities to municipal governments. Already, 77 school renovations have been carried out by PEP, and by 2011, over 120 schools will be renovated, nearly one-third of the primary schools in Macedonia.

PEP works with all public primary schools in Macedonia to improve the quality of instruction and increase students’ employment skills. Special focus is given to increasing the access to and use of information technology, and to improving the quality of math and science education.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

The American people, through USAID, have invested nearly \$500 million in Macedonia since 1993. USAID is implementing projects that create jobs, reduce corruption, and prepare Macedonian students for the workforce. These initiatives improve the quality of life and support Macedonia’s transition to a stable and prosperous democracy. USAID provides economic and humanitarian assistance in more than 100 countries. For more information please visit <http://macedonia.usaid.gov>.