

Table 9a: Perceptions of Obstacles, by Size of Firm 2005

	Central Asia			Kazakhstan			Uzbekistan			Tajikistan			Kyrgyz Republic		
	SME Mean	Large Firms Mean	SMEs vs Large Firms	SME Mean	Large Firms Mean	SMEs vs Large Firms	SME Mean	Large Firms Mean	SMEs vs Large Firms	SME Mean	Large Firms Mean	SMEs vs Large Firms	SME Mean	Large Firms Mean	SMEs vs Large Firms
Finance															
Access to Finance	2.0	1.8	*	2.0	1.8	-	2.0	1.8	-	1.9	1.7	-	2.1	2	-
Cost of Finance	2.3	2.2	-	2.4	2.2	-	2.0	2.1	-	2	2	-	2.6	2.5	-
Infrastructure															
Telecommunications	1.3	1.2	-	1.3	1.2	-	1.3	1.3	-	1.5	1.4	-	1.2	1.1	-
Electricity	1.6	1.4	-	1.4	1.3	-	1.6	1.7	-	2	1.8	-	1.5	1.1	*
Transport	1.4	1.4	-	1.4	1.3	-	1.4	1.7	-	1.5	1.6	-	1.4	1.2	
Access to Land	1.6	1.5	-	1.7	1.5	-	1.3	1.2	-	1.7	1.6	-	1.7	1.5	
Business Regulation															
Title or leasing of land	1.6	1.5	-	1.7	1.5	-	1.4	1.4	-	1.7	1.6	-	1.7	1.3	
Customs and trade regulations	1.8	2.1	*	1.8	1.9	*	1.8	1.9	-	1.8	1.8	-	1.8	2.6	*
Business licensing and permits	2.0	1.9	-	1.9	1.9	-	1.9	1.7	-	2.2	2	-	1.9	2.2	
Regulatory policy uncertainty	2.1	2.1	-	2.0	1.9	-	2.1	2.0	-	1.9	1.6	-	2.9	3.3	
Taxation															
Tax rates	2.5	2.3	-	2.4	2.0	-	2.4	2.4	-	2.6	2.3	-	2.8	2.5	-
Tax administration	2.5	2.4	-	2.3	2.1	-	2.3	2.4	-	2.6	2.3	-	2.9	2.7	-
Labor															
Labor regulations	1.4	1.5	-	1.4	1.4	-	1.3	1.5	-	1.4	1.3	-	1.5	1.9	*
Skills and available workforce	1.8	1.9	-	1.9	2.0	-	1.5	1.4	-	1.7	1.6	-	2	2.8	*
Macroeconomic Instability (inflation, exchange rate)															
	2.1	2.2	-	2.1	2.0	-	2.1	2.0	-	2.1	1.8	-	2.6	3	-
Institution's property rights															
Judiciary	1.8	1.7	-	1.8	1.7	-	1.6	1.4	-	1.8	1.5	-	2	2.2	-
Corruption	2.0	1.9	-	1.9	1.8	-	1.6	1.4	-	2.1	1.4	*	2.7	2.8	-
Street crime	1.7	1.7	-	1.8	1.6	-	1.6	1.2	*	1.6	1.4	-	2.2	2.4	-
Organized crime	1.5	1.6	-	1.5	1.4	-	1.4	1.2	-	1.6	1.4	-	1.7	2.1	-

Note: * signifies statistical difference between the two group means at 95% confidence level.

Source: BEEPS (2005) and author's computations.