# LOAN NUMBER 3378-PAK

# LOAN AGREEMENT (Ordinary Operations)

(Post-Flood National Highways Rehabilitation Project)

between

ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN

and

ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

DATED 23 rd January 2017

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LOAN AGREEMENT dated 23 Ad January between ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN ("Borrower") and ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK ("ADB").

#### **WHEREAS**

- (A) the Borrower has applied to ADB for a loan for the purposes of the Project described in Schedule 1 to this Loan Agreement;
- (B) the Project will be carried out by the National Highway Authority ("NHA") and, for this purpose, the Borrower will make available to NHA the proceeds of the loan provided for herein upon terms and conditions satisfactory to ADB; and
- (C) ADB has agreed to make a loan to the Borrower from ADB's ordinary capital resources upon the terms and conditions set forth herein and in the Project Agreement of even date herewith between ADB and NHA;

NOW THEREFORE the parties hereto agree as follows:

#### ARTICLE I

#### Loan Regulations; Definitions

Section 1.01. All the provisions of the Ordinary Operations Loan Regulations Applicable to LIBOR-Based Loans Made from ADB's Ordinary Capital Resources, dated 1 July 2001 ("Loan Regulations"), are hereby made applicable to this Loan Agreement with the same force and effect as if they were fully set forth herein, subject, however, to the following modifications:

- (a) Section 3.03 is deleted and the following is substituted therefor:
  - Commitment Charge; Credit; Maturity Premium. (a) The Borrower shall pay a commitment charge on the unwithdrawn amount of the Loan at the rate and on the terms specified in the Loan Agreement.
  - (b) ADB shall provide to the Borrower a credit at the rate specified in the Loan Agreement, which credit shall remain fixed for the term of the Loan. ADB shall apply the credit against the interest payable by the Borrower.
  - (c) The Borrower shall pay a maturity premium at the rate specified in the Loan Agreement, which maturity premium shall remain fixed for the term of the Loan. ADB

shall add the maturity premium to the interest payable by the Borrower.

(b) Section 3.06 is deleted and the following is substituted therefor:

Rebate. (a) Following any announcement by ADB that the Fixed Spread applicable to new Loans shall be reduced, ADB shall provide a Rebate to any Borrower with an outstanding Loan on which a higher Fixed Spread is applicable. The amount of the Rebate shall be determined by multiplying (i) the difference between the Fixed Spread applicable to the outstanding Loan and the Fixed Spread that will be applied to new Loans (expressed as a percentage per annum), by (ii) the principal amount of the outstanding Loan on which the Borrower shall pay interest for all interest periods commencing on and after the effective date of the lower Fixed Spread that will be applied to new Loans.

- (b) Following any announcement by ADB that its Funding Cost Margin calculations with respect to any Loan Currency (or Approved Currency) in any Semester resulted in ADB achieving savings, ADB shall provide a Rebate to the Borrower. The amount of the Rebate shall be determined by multiplying (i) the Funding Cost Margin (expressed as a percentage per annum) by (ii) the principal amount of the Loan on which the Borrower shall pay interest for the Interest Period commencing immediately after the Semester for which the Funding Cost Margin was calculated. ADB shall apply the amount of the Rebate against the interest payable by the Borrower for the Interest Period commencing immediately after the Semester for which the Funding Cost Margin was calculated.
- (c) Section 3.07 is deleted and the following is substituted therefor:
  - Surcharge. (a) Following any announcement by ADB that the Fixed Spread applicable to new Loans shall be increased, any Borrower with an outstanding Loan on which a lower Fixed Spread is applicable shall pay ADB a Surcharge. The amount of the Surcharge shall be determined by multiplying (i) the difference between the Fixed Spread that will be applied to new Loans and the Fixed Spread applicable to the outstanding Loan (expressed as a percentage per annum), by (ii) the principal amount of the outstanding Loan on which the Borrower shall pay interest for all interest periods commencing on and after the effective date of the higher Fixed Spread that will be applied to new Loans.
  - (b) Following any announcement by ADB that its Funding Cost Margin calculations with respect to any Loan Currency (or Approved Currency) in any Semester resulted in

ADB incurring additional costs, the Borrower shall pay ADB a Surcharge. The amount of the Surcharge shall be determined by multiplying (i) the Funding Cost Margin (expressed as a percentage per annum) by (ii) the principal amount of the Loan on which the Borrower shall pay interest for the Interest Period commencing immediately after the Semester for which the Funding Cost Margin was calculated. ADB shall add the amount of the Surcharge to the interest payable by the Borrower for the Interest Period commencing immediately after the Semester for which the Funding Cost Margin was calculated.

Section 1.02. Wherever used in this Loan Agreement, the several terms defined in the Loan Regulations have the respective meanings therein set forth unless modified herein or the context otherwise requires. Additional terms used in this Loan Agreement have the following meanings:

- (a) "Consulting Guidelines" means the Guidelines on the Use of Consultants by Asian Development Bank and its Borrowers (2013, as amended from time to time);
- (b) "Consulting Services" means the services to be financed out of the proceeds of the Loan as described in paragraphs 2(b) and 3 of Schedule 1 to this Loan Agreement;
- (c) "DMUs" means the disaster management units described in paragraph 2(b) of Schedule 1 to this Loan Agreement;
- (d) "Environmental Management Plan" or "EMP" means the environmental management plan for the Project, including any update thereto, incorporated in the IEE;
- (e) "Environmental Safeguards" means the principles and requirements set forth in Chapter V, Appendix 1, and Appendix 4 (as applicable) of the SPS;
- (f) "Goods" means equipment and materials to be financed out of the proceeds of the Loan, including related services such as transportation, insurance, installation, commissioning, training, and initial maintenance, but excluding Consulting Services;
- (g) "Initial Environmental Examination" or "IEE" means the initial environmental examination for the Project, including any update thereto, prepared and submitted by the Borrower and cleared by ADB;
- (h) "Loan Disbursement Handbook" means ADB's Loan Disbursement Handbook (2015, as amended from time to time);
- (i) "PAM" means the project administration manual for the Project dated 24 February 2016 and agreed between the Borrower and ADB, as updated from time to time in accordance with the respective administrative procedures of the Borrower and ADB;

- (j) "PMU" means the project management unit for the Project described in the PAM;
- (k) "Procurement Guidelines" means ADB's Procurement Guidelines (2015, as amended from time to time);
- (I) "Procurement Plan" means the procurement plan for the Project dated 24 February 2016 and agreed between the Borrower and ADB, as updated from time to time in accordance with the Procurement Guidelines, the Consulting Guidelines, and other arrangements agreed with ADB;
- (m) "Project Executing Agency" for the purposes of, and within the meaning of, the Loan Regulations means NHA, or any successor thereto acceptable to ADB, which is responsible for the carrying out of the Project;
- (n) "Project facilities" means facilities to be rehabilitated, reconstructed, repaired or provided under the Project;
- (o) "Safeguard Policy Statement" or "SPS" means ADB's Safeguard Policy Statement (2009);
- (p) "Safeguards Monitoring Report" means each report prepared and submitted by the Borrower to ADB that describes progress with the implementation of and compliance with the EMP, including any corrective and preventative actions; and
- (q) "Works" means construction or civil works to be financed out of the proceeds of the Loan, including services such as drilling or mapping, and project related services that are provided as part of a single responsibility or turnkey contract, but excluding Consulting Services.

#### **ARTICLE II**

#### The Loan

- Section 2.01. (a) ADB agrees to lend to the Borrower from ADB's ordinary capital resources an amount of one hundred ninety six million nine hundred thousand Dollars (\$196,900,000), as such amount may be converted from time to time through a Currency Conversion in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.06 of this Loan Agreement.
- (b) The Loan has a principal repayment period of 20 years, and a grace period as defined in subsection (c) hereinafter.
- (c) The term "grace period" as used in subsection (b) hereinabove means the period prior to the first Principal Payment Date in accordance with the amortization schedule set forth in Schedule 2 to this Loan Agreement.

Section 2.02. The Borrower shall pay to ADB interest on the principal amount of the Loan withdrawn and outstanding from time to time at a rate for each Interest Period equal to the sum of:

- (a) LIBOR;
- (b) 0.60% as provided by Section 3.02 of the Loan Regulations less a credit of 0.10% as provided by Section 3.03 of the Loan Regulations; and
- (c) a maturity premium of 0.10% as provided by Section 3.03 of the Loan Regulations.

Section 2.03. The Borrower shall pay a commitment charge of 0.15% per annum. Such charge shall accrue on the full amount of the Loan (less amounts withdrawn from time to time), commencing 60 days after the date of this Loan Agreement.

Section 2.04. Interest and other charges on the Loan shall be payable semiannually on 1 February and 1 August in each year.

Section 2.05. The Borrower shall repay the principal amount of the Loan withdrawn from the Loan Account in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 2 to this Loan Agreement.

Section 2.06. (a) The Borrower may at any time request any of the following Conversions of the terms of the Loan in order to facilitate prudent debt management:

- (i) a change of the Loan Currency of all or any portion of the principal amount of the Loan, whether withdrawn and outstanding or unwithdrawn, to an Approved Currency;
- (ii) a change of the interest rate basis applicable to all or any portion of the principal amount of the Loan withdrawn and outstanding from a Floating Rate to a Fixed Rate, or vice versa; and
- (iii) the setting of limits on the Floating Rate applicable to all or any portion of the principal amount of the Loan withdrawn and outstanding by the establishment of an Interest Rate Cap or Interest Rate Collar on said Floating Rate.
- (b) Any conversion requested pursuant to subsection (a) hereinabove that is accepted by ADB shall be considered a "Conversion", as defined in Section 2.01(6) of the Loan Regulations, and shall be effected in accordance with the provisions of Article V of the Loan Regulations and the Conversion Guidelines.

#### ARTICLE III

#### Use of Proceeds of the Loan

Section 3.01. The Borrower shall make the proceeds of the Loan available to NHA upon terms and conditions satisfactory to ADB and shall cause NHA to apply such proceeds to the financing of expenditures on the Project in accordance with the provisions of this Loan Agreement and the Project Agreement.

Section 3.02. The proceeds of the Loan shall be allocated and withdrawn in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 3 to this Loan Agreement, as such Schedule may be amended from time to time by agreement between the Borrower and ADB.

Section 3.03. Except as ADB may otherwise agree, the Borrower shall procure, or cause to be procured, the items of expenditure to be financed out of the proceeds of the Loan in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 4 to this Loan Agreement. ADB may refuse to finance a contract where any such item has not been procured under procedures substantially in accordance with those agreed between the Borrower and ADB or where the terms and conditions of the contract are not satisfactory to ADB.

Section 3.04. Except as ADB may otherwise agree, the Borrower shall cause all items of expenditure financed out of the proceeds of the Loan to be used exclusively in the carrying out of the Project.

Section 3.05. The Loan Closing Date for the purposes of Section 9.02 of the Loan Regulations shall be 31 March 2021 or such other date as may from time to time be agreed between the Borrower and ADB.

# **ARTICLE IV**

#### **Particular Covenants**

Section 4.01. (a) The Borrower shall cause the Project to be carried out with due diligence and efficiency and in conformity with sound applicable technical, financial, business, and development practices.

(b) In the carrying out of the Project and operation of the Project facilities, the Borrower shall perform, or cause to be performed, all obligations set forth in Schedule 5 to this Loan Agreement.

Section 4.02. The Borrower shall make available, or cause to be made available, promptly as needed, and on terms and conditions acceptable to ADB, the funds, facilities, services, land and other resources, as required, in addition to the proceeds of the Loan, for the carrying out of the Project.

Section 4.03. The Borrower shall ensure that the activities of its departments and agencies with respect to the carrying out of the Project and operation of the Project facilities are conducted and coordinated in accordance with sound administrative policies and procedures.

Section 4.04. The Borrower shall enable ADB's representatives to inspect the Project, the Goods and Works, and any relevant records and documents.

Section 4.05. ADB shall disclose the annual audited financial statements for the Project and the opinion of the auditors on the financial statements within 30 days of the date of their receipt by posting them on ADB's website.

Section 4.06. The Borrower shall take all actions which shall be necessary on its part to enable NHA to perform its obligations under the Project Agreement, and shall not take or permit any action which would interfere with the performance of such obligations.

#### **ARTICLE V**

#### **Effectiveness**

Section 5.01. A date 90 days after the date of this Loan Agreement is specified for the effectiveness of this Loan Agreement for the purposes of Section 10.04 of the Loan Regulations.

#### ARTICLE VI

#### **Delegation of Authority**

Section 6.01. The Borrower hereby designates NHA as its agent for the purposes of taking any action or entering into any agreement required or permitted under Sections 3.02, 3.03 and 3.05 of this Loan Agreement and under Sections 6.01, 6.02, 6.03 and 6.04 of the Loan Regulations.

Section 6.02. Any action taken or any agreement entered into by NHA pursuant to the authority conferred under Section 6.01 of this Loan Agreement shall be fully binding on the Borrower and shall have the same force and effect as if taken by the Borrower.

Section 6.03. The authority conferred on NHA under Section 6.01 of this Loan Agreement may be revoked or modified by agreement between the Borrower and ADB.

# **ARTICLE VII**

#### Miscellaneous

Section 7.01. The Secretary, Economic Affairs Division, Ministry of Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization of the Borrower is designated as representative of the Borrower for the purposes of Section 12.02 of the Loan Regulations.

Section 7.02. The following addresses are specified for the purposes of Section 12.01 of the Loan Regulations:

# For the Borrower

Secretary
Economic Affairs Division
Ministry of Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and
Privatization
Islamabad, Pakistan

Facsimile Numbers:

(92-51) 920 4086 (92-51) 921 0734

#### For ADB

Asian Development Bank 6 ADB Avenue Mandaluyong City 1550 Metro Manila Philippines

Facsimile Numbers:

(632) 636-2444 (632) 636-2424. IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto, acting through their representatives thereunto duly authorized, have caused this Loan Agreement to be signed in their respective names as of the day and year first above written and to be delivered at the principal office of ADB.

ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN

Ву

TARIQ BAJWA Secretary Economic Affairs Division

ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

WERNER E. LIEPACH

Country Director Pakistan Resident Mission

# **Description of the Project**

- 1. The objective of the Project is the efficient and safe movement of traffic on the national highways of the Borrower and the efficient management of traffic restoration in emergency situations.
- 2. The Project shall comprise:
  - (a) the rehabilitation and repair of approximately 212 kilometers of national highways and 33 bridges; and
  - (b) the establishment of disaster management units in the head office and regional offices of NHA, and the training of staff from such disaster management units on post-disaster traffic management among others.
- 3. The Project shall include the provision of Project management and implementation support, including consulting services for construction supervision, procurement and contract administration, financial management, safeguards management, and monitoring and evaluation.
- 4. The Project is expected to be completed by 30 September 2020.

#### Amortization Schedule

# (Post-Flood National Highways Rehabilitation Project)

1. The following table sets forth the Principal Payment Dates of the Loan and the percentage of the total principal amount of the Loan payable on each Principal Payment Date (Installment Share). If the proceeds of the Loan shall have been fully withdrawn as of the first Principal Payment Date, the principal amount of the Loan repayable by the Borrower on each Principal Payment Date shall be determined by ADB by multiplying: (a) the total principal amount of the Loan withdrawn and outstanding as of the first Principal Payment Date; by (b) the Installment Share for each Principal Payment Date, such repayment amount to be adjusted, as necessary, to deduct any amounts referred to in paragraph 4 of this Schedule, to which a Currency Conversion applies.

| Payment Due     | Installment Share  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| •               | (Expressed as a %) |
| 1 August 2021   | 1.750000           |
| 1 February 2022 | 1.750000           |
| 1 August 2022   | 2.000000           |
| 1 February 2023 | 2.000000           |
| 1 August 2023   | 2.000000           |
| 1 February 2024 | 2.000000           |
| 1 August 2024   | 2.000000           |
| 1 February 2025 | 2.000000           |
| 1 August 2025   | 2.500000           |
| 1 February 2026 | 2.500000           |
| 1 August 2026   | 2.500000           |
| 1 February 2027 | 2.500000           |
| 1 August 2027   | 2.500000           |
| 1 February 2028 | 2.500000           |
| 1 August 2028   | 2.500000           |
| 1 February 2029 | 2.500000           |
| 1 August 2029   | 2.500000           |
| 1 February 2030 | 2.500000           |
| 1 August 2030   | 2.500000           |
| 1 February 2031 | 2.500000           |
| 1 August 2031   | 2.500000           |
| 1 February 2032 | 2.500000           |
| 1 August 2032   | 2.500000           |
| 1 February 2033 | 2.500000           |
| 1 August 2033   | 2.500000           |
| 1 February 2034 | 2.500000           |
| 1 August 2034   | 2.500000           |
| 1 February 2035 | 2.500000           |
| 1 August 2035   | 2.500000           |
| 1 February 2036 | 2.500000           |
|                 |                    |

# Schedule 2

| 1 August 2036   | 2.500000   |
|-----------------|------------|
| 1 February 2037 | 3.00000    |
| 1 August 2037   | 3.000000   |
| 1 February 2038 | 3.000000   |
| 1 August 2038   | 3.000000   |
| 1 February 2039 | 3.000000   |
| 1 August 2039   | 3.00000    |
| 1 February 2040 | 3.000000   |
| 1 August 2040   | 3.00000    |
| 1 February 2041 | 3.000000   |
| Total           | 100.000000 |

- 2. If the proceeds of the Loan shall not have been fully withdrawn as of the first Principal Payment Date, the principal amount of the Loan repayable by the Borrower on each Principal Payment Date shall be determined as follows:
- (a) To the extent that any proceeds of the Loan shall have been withdrawn as of the first Principal Payment Date, the Borrower shall repay the amount withdrawn and outstanding as of such date in accordance with paragraph 1 of this Schedule.
- (b) Any withdrawal made after the first Principal Payment Date shall be repaid on each Principal Payment Date falling after the date of such withdrawal in amounts determined by ADB by multiplying the amount of each such withdrawal by a fraction, the numerator of which shall be the original Installment Share specified in the table in paragraph 1 of this Schedule for said Principal Payment Date (the Original Installment Share) and the denominator of which shall be the sum of all remaining Original Installment Shares for Principal Payment Dates falling on or after such date, such repayment amounts to be adjusted, as necessary, to deduct any amounts referred to in paragraph 4 of this Schedule, to which a Currency Conversion applies.
- 3. Withdrawals made within two calendar months prior to any Principal Payment Date shall, for the purposes solely of calculating the principal amounts payable on any Principal Payment Date, be treated as withdrawn and outstanding on the second Principal Payment Date following the date of withdrawal and shall be repayable on each Principal Payment Date commencing with the second Principal Payment Date following the date of withdrawal.
- 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Schedule, upon a Currency Conversion of all or any portion of the withdrawn principal amount of the Loan to an Approved Currency, the amount so converted in said Approved Currency that shall be repayable on any Principal Payment Date occurring during the Conversion Period, shall be determined by ADB by multiplying such amount in its currency of denomination immediately prior to said Conversion by either: (i) the exchange rate that reflects the amounts of principal in said Approved Currency payable by ADB under the Currency Hedge Transaction relating to said Conversion; or (ii) if ADB so determines in accordance with the Conversion Guidelines, the exchange rate component of the Screen Rate.
- 5. If the principal amount of the Loan withdrawn and outstanding from time to time shall be denominated in more than one Loan Currency, the provisions of this Schedule shall apply separately to the amount denominated in each Loan Currency, so as to produce a separate amortization schedule for each such amount.

#### Allocation and Withdrawal of Loan Proceeds

#### General

1. The table attached to this Schedule sets forth the Categories of items of expenditure to be financed out of the proceeds of the Loan and the allocation of the Loan proceeds to each such Category ("Table"). (Reference to "Category" in this Schedule is to a Category or Subcategory of the Table).

#### Basis for Withdrawal from the Loan Account

2. Except as ADB may otherwise agree, the proceeds of the Loan shall be disbursed on the basis of the withdrawal percentage for each item of expenditure set forth in the Table.

#### Interest and Commitment Charges

3. The amount allocated to Category 5 is for financing interest and commitment charges on the Loan during the implementation period of the Project. ADB shall be entitled to withdraw from the Loan Account and pay to itself, on behalf of the Borrower, the amounts required to meet payments, when due, of such interest and commitment charges.

# Reallocation

- 4. Notwithstanding the allocation of Loan proceeds and the withdrawal percentages set forth in the Table,
- (a) if the amount of the Loan allocated to any Category appears to be insufficient to finance all agreed expenditures in that Category, ADB may, in consultation with the Borrower, (i) reallocate to such Category, to the extent required to meet the estimated shortfall, amounts of the Loan which have been allocated to another Category but, in the opinion of ADB, are not needed to meet other expenditures, and (ii) if such reallocation cannot fully meet the estimated shortfall, reduce the withdrawal percentage applicable to such expenditures in order that further withdrawals under such Category may continue until all expenditures thereunder shall have been made; and
- (b) if the amount of the Loan allocated to any Category appears to exceed all agreed expenditures in that Category, ADB may, in consultation with the Borrower, reallocate such excess amount to any other Category.

#### Disbursement Procedures

5. Except as ADB may otherwise agree, the Loan proceeds shall be disbursed in accordance with the Loan Disbursement Handbook.

# Retroactive Financing

6. Withdrawals from the Loan Account may be made for reimbursement of eligible expenditures incurred under the Project before the Effective Date, but not earlier than 12 months before the date of this Loan Agreement, in connection with the Consulting Services to be rendered by individual consultants, subject to a maximum amount of two hundred fifty thousand Dollars (\$250,000).

TABLE

| ALLOCATION AND WITHDRAWAL OF LOAN PROCEEDS (Post-Flood National Highways Rehabilitation Project) |  |  |   |  |
|--|--|--|---|--|
| Number   | ltem   | Total Amount Allocated for ADB Financing (\$) Category | Basis for Withdrawal from the<br>Loan Account |  |
| 1  | Civil Works                                  | 163,400,000  | 92.2% of total expenditure claimed            |  |
| 2  | Capacity Development for Disaster Management | 1,500,000  | 100% of total expenditure claimed*            |  |
| 3  | Consulting Services                          | 9,500,000  | 100% of total expenditure claimed*            |  |
| 4  | Incremental Management<br>Costs              | 1,700,000  | 100% of total expenditure claimed*            |  |
| 5  | Interest and Commitment Charges              | 7,200,000  | 100% of amounts due                           |  |
| 6  | Unallocated                                  | 13,600,000   |   |  |
|  | Total  | 196,900,000  |   |  |

<sup>\*</sup> Exclusive of taxes and duties imposed within the territory of the Borrower.

#### Procurement of Goods, Works and Consulting Services

#### General

- 1. The procurement of Goods, Works and Consulting Services shall be subject to and governed by the Procurement Guidelines, and the Consulting Guidelines, respectively.
- 2. All terms used in this Schedule and not otherwise defined in this Loan Agreement have the meanings provided in the Procurement Guidelines and/or the Consulting Guidelines, as applicable.

#### Goods and Works

- 3. Except as ADB may otherwise agree, Goods and Works shall only be procured on the basis of the methods of procurement set forth below:
  - (a) International Competitive Bidding;
  - (b) National Competitive Bidding; and
  - (c) Shopping.
- 4. The methods of procurement are subject to, among other things, the detailed arrangements and threshold values set forth in the Procurement Plan. The Borrower may only modify the methods of procurement or threshold values with the prior agreement of ADB, and modifications must be set out in updates to the Procurement Plan.

# National Competitive Bidding

5. The Borrower and ADB shall ensure that, prior to the commencement of any procurement activity under national competitive bidding, the Borrower's national competitive bidding procedures are consistent with the Procurement Guidelines. Any modifications or clarifications to such procedures agreed between the Borrower and ADB shall be set out in the Procurement Plan. Any subsequent change to the agreed modifications and clarifications shall become effective only after approval of such change by the Borrower and ADB.

#### Conditions for Award of Contract

- 6. The Borrower shall not award any Works contract which involves environmental impacts until:
  - (a) the relevant environment authority has granted the final approval of the IEE (if required); and
  - (b) the Borrower has incorporated the relevant provisions from the EMP into the Works contract.

# Consulting Services

7. Except as ADB may otherwise agree, the Borrower shall apply quality- and cost-based selection for selecting and engaging Consulting Services.

8. The Borrower shall recruit the individual consultants for procurement and contract administration; financial management; safeguards management; monitoring and evaluation; and post-disaster traffic management capacity development and other related capacity development, in accordance with procedures acceptable to ADB for recruiting individual consultants.

# Industrial or Intellectual Property Rights

- 9. (a) The Borrower shall ensure that all Goods and Works procured (including without limitation all computer hardware, software and systems, whether separately procured or incorporated within other goods and services procured) do not violate or infringe any industrial property or intellectual property right or claim of any third party.
- (b) The Borrower shall ensure that all contracts for the procurement of Goods and Works contain appropriate representations, warranties and, if appropriate, indemnities from the contractor or supplier with respect to the matters referred to in subparagraph (a) of this paragraph.
- 10. The Borrower shall ensure that all ADB-financed contracts with consultants contain appropriate representations, warranties and, if appropriate, indemnities from the consultants to ensure that the Consulting Services provided do not violate or infringe any industrial property or intellectual property right or claim of any third party.

#### ADB's Review of Procurement Decisions

- 11. Contracts procured under international competitive bidding procedures and contracts for Consulting Services shall be subject to prior review by ADB, unless otherwise agreed between the Borrower and ADB and set forth in the Procurement Plan.
- 12. In the case of a contract for Goods or Works, which is subject to ADB's prior review, the Borrower shall seek ADB's prior approval of any modification or waiver of the terms and conditions of the contract, including:
  - (a) granting an extension of the stipulated time for completion of a contract for a period of 1 month or more, or which is likely to require an extension of the Loan Closing Date, and
  - (b) increases in aggregate of the original price by more than 5% (for the avoidance of doubt, such increase shall take into account any previous change under such contract).
- 13. In the case of a contract for Goods or Works, which is subject to ADB's post review, ADB shall review the required contract modification or waiver and respond to the Borrower as soon as practicable, but not later than 1 month after the receipt of the required document.

14. The Borrower shall provide to ADB copies of all time extensions, modifications or waivers to the contracts (including change orders) within 1 month following amendment of the contract.

# **Execution of Project; Financial Matters**

### Implementation Arrangements

- 1. The Borrower and NHA shall ensure that the Project is implemented in accordance with the detailed arrangements set forth in the PAM. Any subsequent change to the PAM shall become effective only after approval of such change by the Borrower and ADB. In the event of any discrepancy between the PAM and this Loan Agreement, the provisions of this Loan Agreement shall prevail.
- 2. The Borrower shall ensure and cause NHA to ensure that the PMU is adequately staffed throughout the duration of the Project. The staff assigned to the PMU shall be retained in such PMU for at least 3 years and any changes to the key staff shall require the prior consent of ADB.

#### Operation of Project Facilities

3. The Borrower shall ensure and cause NHA to ensure that the facilities to be rehabilitated, reconstructed, repaired, provided or financed under the Project are operated and maintained appropriately and in accordance with the standards and requirements prescribed by the applicable laws and regulations of the Borrower, and that adequate budgetary and other resources are promptly provided for such operation and maintenance, including resources from the Road Maintenance Fund of the Borrower.

#### Disaster Management Units

- 4. The Borrower shall cause NHA to:
  - (a) prepare, approve and adopt by 31 December 2017 a plan for the creation, operation and maintenance of the DMUs, including arrangements for their staffing, funding and other resourcing;
  - (b) ensure that by 31 December 2018 the DMUs have been created, established, organized and become operational;
  - (c) ensure that throughout the term of their operation the DMUs remain adequately staffed, funded and equipped for the optimal performance of their functions and duties; and
  - (d) ensure that the staff of the DMUs are timely and adequately trained in accordance with the requirements described in the PAM or otherwise contemplated therein.

# Counterpart Funding and Financial Matters

5. The Borrower shall ensure that adequate budgetary allocations of required counterpart funds are made and released in a timely manner to NHA and that such counterpart funds will be in addition to the ongoing development program of NHA. The

Borrower shall cause NHA to prepare, submit and otherwise make timely applications for budgetary allocations, in order to ensure the prompt and successful implementation of the Project.

- 6. (a) The Borrower shall cause NHA to undertake and complete by 31 January 2017 a detailed financial analysis under the Government of the United Kingdom-funded and ADB-administered capacity development technical assistance for the Borrower's transport sector. On the basis of the findings of such analysis, the Borrower shall cause NHA to prepare in consultation with ADB, and thereafter approve by 31 December 2017, a financial management action plan to timely and effectively address any deficiency in the financial resources for NHA's road network maintenance operations and NHA's financial management.
- (b) Following NHA's approval of the financial management action plan, the Borrower shall cause NHA to implement, carry out and otherwise comply with the provisions of such financial management action plan in a timely and efficient manner.

### **Environment**

7. The Borrower shall ensure and cause NHA to ensure that the preparation, design, construction, implementation, operation and decommissioning of the Project and all Project facilities comply with (a) all applicable laws and regulations of the Borrower relating to environment, health and safety; (b) the Environmental Safeguards; and (c) all measures and requirements set forth in the IEE, the EMP, and any corrective or preventative actions set forth in a Safeguards Monitoring Report.

# Land Acquisition and Involuntary Resettlement

8. The Borrower shall ensure that the Project does not have any involuntary resettlement impact within the meaning of the SPS. In the event that the Project does have any such impact, the Borrower shall take all steps required to ensure that the Project complies with the applicable laws and regulations of the Borrower, the SPS, and any resettlement measures and requirements set out or referred to in the PAM.

#### Indigenous Peoples

9. The Borrower shall ensure and cause NHA to ensure that the Project does not have any indigenous peoples impact within the meaning of the Safeguard Policy Statement. In the event that the Project does have any such impact, the Borrower shall take and cause NHA to take all steps required to ensure that the Project complies with the applicable laws and regulations of the Borrower and with the Safeguard Policy Statement.

# Human and Financial Resources to Implement Safeguards Requirements

10. The Borrower shall make available or cause NHA to make available necessary budgetary and human resources to fully implement the EMP.

# Safeguards – Related Provisions in Bidding Documents and Works Contracts

- 11. The Borrower shall ensure and cause NHA to ensure that all bidding documents and contracts for Works contain provisions that require contractors to:
  - (a) comply with the measures relevant to the contractor set forth in the IEE and the EMP, to the extent they concern impacts on affected people during construction, and any corrective or preventative actions set forth in a Safeguards Monitoring Report;
  - (b) make available a budget for all such environmental measures;
  - (c) provide the Borrower and NHA with a written notice of any unanticipated environmental risks or impacts that arise during construction, implementation or operation of the Project that were not considered in the IEE and the EMP;
  - (d) adequately record the condition of roads, agricultural land and other infrastructure prior to starting to transport materials and construction; and
  - (e) reinstate pathways, other local infrastructure, and agricultural land to at least their pre-project condition upon the completion of construction.

# Safeguards Monitoring and Reporting

- 12. The Borrower shall do the following or cause NHA to do the following:
  - (a) submit semi-annual Safeguards Monitoring Reports to ADB and disclose relevant information from such reports to affected persons promptly upon submission;
  - (b) if any unanticipated environmental risks and impacts arise during the construction, implementation or operation of the Project that were not considered in the IEE or the EMP, promptly inform ADB of the occurrence of such risks or impacts, with detailed description of the event and proposed corrective action plan; and
  - (c) report any actual or potential breach of compliance with the measures and requirements set forth in the EMP promptly after becoming aware of the breach.

#### Prohibited List of Investments

13. The Borrower shall ensure and cause NHA to ensure that no proceeds of the Loan are used to finance any activity included in the list of prohibited investment activities provided in Appendix 5 of the SPS.

# Labor Standards, Health and Safety

- 14. The Borrower shall ensure and cause NHA to ensure that the core labor standards and the Borrower's applicable laws and regulations are complied with during Project implementation. The Borrower shall include and cause NHA to include specific provisions in the bidding documents and contracts financed by ADB under the Project requiring that the contractors, among other things: (a) comply with the Borrower's applicable labor law and regulations and incorporate applicable workplace occupational safety norms; (b) do not use child labor; (c) do not discriminate workers in respect of employment and occupation; (d) do not use forced labor; (e) allow freedom of association and effectively recognize the right to collective bargaining; and (f) disseminate, or engage appropriate service providers to disseminate, information on the risks of sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV/AIDS, to the employees of contractors engaged under the Project and to members of the local communities surrounding the Project area, particularly women.
- 15. The Borrower shall strictly monitor compliance with the requirements set forth in paragraph 14 above and provide ADB with regular reports.

#### Gender and Development

16. The Borrower shall ensure and cause NHA to ensure that the principles of gender equity aimed at increasing Project benefits and impacts on women in the Project area consistent with ADB's Policy on Gender and Development (1998) are followed during implementation of the Project, including (a) equal pay to men and women for work of equal value; (b) enabling working conditions for women workers; and (c) taking necessary actions to encourage women living in the Project area to participate in the design and implementation of Project activities.

#### Governance and Anticorruption

- 17. The Borrower and NHA shall (a) comply with ADB's Anticorruption Policy (1998, as amended to date) and acknowledge that ADB reserves the right to investigate directly, or through its agents, any alleged corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practice relating to the Project; and (b) cooperate with any such investigation and extend all necessary assistance for satisfactory completion of such investigation.
- 18. The Borrower and NHA shall ensure that the anticorruption provisions acceptable to ADB are included in all bidding documents and contracts, including provisions specifying the right of ADB to audit and examine the records and accounts of the executing and implementing agencies and all contractors, suppliers, consultants, and other service providers as they relate to the Project.
- 19. The Borrower shall publicly disclose or cause NHA to publicly disclose on the website for the Project information on how the proceeds of the Loan are being used for the intended beneficiaries following applicable procedures. The website shall present financial statements and track procurement contract awards, and include information on, among others, the list of participating bidders, the name of the winning bidder, basic details on bidding procedures adopted, the amount of the contract awarded, the list of goods and/or services purchased, and their intended and actual utilization.