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December 8, 2015

Hon. Tuilaepa Lupesoliai Fatialofa Sailele Malielegaoi Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Ministry of Finance PO Box 3017 Apia, Samoa

Dear Honourable Minister,

Independent State of Samoa: Amendment to the Samoa Connectivity Project Financing Agreement - IDA Grant D063-WS

We refer to the financing agreement ("Financing Agreement"), dated August 11, 2015 between the Independent State of Samoa ("Recipient") and the International Development Association ("Association") for the Samoa Connectivity Project ("Project"). We refer also to the letter dated November 17, 2015 from the Ministry of Finance, requesting to include Limited International Bidding as one of the eligible procurement methods under the Project.

The Association concurs with the Ministry of Finance's request and accordingly amends the Financing Agreement as follows:

- 1. Section III.B.2. of Schedule 2 to the Financing Agreement, is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - Other Methods of Procurement of Goods, Works and Non-consulting "2. Services. The following methods, other than International Competitive Bidding, may be used for procurement of goods, works and non-consulting services for those contracts specified in the Procurement Plan: (a) Limited International Bidding; (b) Shopping; and (c) Direct Contracting."

All capitalized terms used in this Letter of Amendment have the same meaning assigned to them in the Financing Agreement. All the terms of the Financing Agreement not hereby amended will remain in full force and effect.

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Please confirm the Recipient's agreement to the foregoing by having an authorized official of the Recipient sign and date the enclosed two copies of this Letter of Amendment, and returning one copy to the Association. Upon receipt by the Association of the countersigned copy of this letter of amendment, the amendments herein shall become effective as of the date of the countersignature.

Sincerely,

Hanz R. Dres. Goss

Franz R. Drees-Gross **Country Director** Timor-Leste, Papua New Guinea & Pacific Islands East Asia and Pacific Region

AGREED:

Independent State of Samoa Authorized Representative By

Title PRIME MINISTER /MINISTER OF FINANCE

Date 6 JAN 2016.