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Mr. Faiziddin Qahhorzoda
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Republic of Tajikistan

**Re: IDA Grant E3800-TJ and COFN No. C2420-TJ
Sustainable Financing for Rogun Hydropower Project
Additional Instructions: Disbursement and Financial Information Letter**

Dear Mr. Qahhorzoda:

I refer to the Financing Agreement between Republic of Tajikistan (the “Recipient”) and the International Development Association (the “Association”) for the above-referenced Project. The General Conditions, as defined in the Financing Agreement, provide that the Recipient may from time-to-time request withdrawals of Grant/ amounts from the Grant Account in accordance with the Disbursement and Financial Information Letter, and such additional instructions as the Association may specify from time to time by notice to the Recipient. The General Conditions also provide that the Disbursement and Financial Information Letter may set out Project specific financial reporting requirements. This letter constitutes such Disbursement and Financial Information Letter (the “DFIL”) and may be revised from time to time. This letter also serves as instruction of withdrawal of the proceeds of Loan No. L0687A (COFN No. C2420-TJ) provided by Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank that co-finances the Project.

I. Disbursement Arrangements, Withdrawal of Grant/COFN Funds, and Reporting of Uses of Grant/COFN Funds.

The *Disbursement Guidelines for Investment Project Financing*, dated February 2017, (the “Disbursement Guidelines”) are available in the Association’s public website at <https://www.worldbank.org> and its secure website “Client Connection” at <https://clientconnection.worldbank.org>. The Disbursement Guidelines are an integral part of the DFIL, and the manner in which the provisions in the guidelines apply to the Grant/COFN is specified below.

(i) Disbursement Arrangements

The table in **Schedule 1** sets out the disbursement methods which may be used by the Recipient, and conditions, information on registration of authorized signatures, processing of withdrawal applications (including minimum value of applications and processing of advances), instructions on supporting documentation, and frequency of reporting on the Designated Accounts.

(ii) Electronic Delivery. Section 11.01 (c) of the General Conditions.

The Recipient shall deliver Withdrawal Applications (with supporting documents, “Applications”) electronically through the Association’s web-based portal “Client Connection” at <https://clientconnection.worldbank.org>. This option will be effective after the officials designated in writing by the Recipient, who are authorized to sign and deliver Applications, have registered as users of “Client Connection.” The designated officials shall deliver Applications electronically by completing Form 2380,

which is accessible through “Client Connection.” By signing the Authorized Signatory Letter, which can be delivered manually or electronically, the Recipient confirms that it is authorizing such persons to accept Secure Identification Credentials (SIDC) and to deliver the Applications and supporting documents to the Association by these means. The Recipient may exercise the option of preparing and delivering Applications in paper form on exceptional cases (including those where the Recipient encounters legal limitations) and which were previously agreed with the Association. By designating officials to use SIDC and deliver the Applications electronically, the Recipient confirms through the Authorized Signatory Letter its agreement to (a) abide by the Terms and Conditions of Use of Secure Identification Credentials in connection with the Use of Electronic Means to Process Applications and Supporting Documentation, available in the Association's public website at <https://www.worldbank.org> and “Client Connection” at <https://clientconnection.worldbank.org>; and (b) to cause such officials to abide by those terms and conditions.

II. Financial Reports and Audits.

(i) Financial Reports.

The Recipient shall cause the Rogun OJSC, through Rogun PMG, to prepare and furnish to the Association not later than forty-five (45) days after the end of each calendar quarter, combined interim unaudited financial report (“IFR”) for the Project, covering the quarter, in form and substance satisfactory to the Association, commencing with the calendar quarter in which the first withdrawal was made.

(ii) Audits.

Each audit of the combined Project Financial Statements shall cover the period of one fiscal year of the Recipient, commencing with the fiscal year in which the first withdrawal was made. The audited Entity and combined Project Financial Statements for each such period shall be furnished to the Association by the Recipient through the Rogun OJSC and the Rogun PMG respectively, not later than six (6) months after the end of such period and made publicly available in a timely fashion and in a manner acceptable to the Association.

III. Other Information.

For additional information on disbursement arrangements, please refer to the Loan Handbook available on the Association’s public website at <https://www.worldbank.org> and “Client Connection” at <https://clientconnection.worldbank.org>, the Association recommends that you register as a user of “Client Connection.” From this website, you will be able to prepare and deliver Authorized Signatory Letters and Withdrawal Applications, monitor the near real-time status of the Grant/COFN and retrieve related policy, financial, and procurement information. For more information about the website and registration arrangements, or if you have any queries in relation to the above, please contact the Association by email at askloans@worldbank.org using the above reference.

Yours sincerely,

Ozan Sevimli

Ozan Sevimli
Country Manager
World Bank Office, Tajikistan

Attachments

1. Form of Authorized Signatory Letter (ASL)
2. Form of Statement of Expenditures (SOE)
3. Form of Designated Account Reconciliation Statement (DARS)

With copies: Rogun OJSC

Rogun PMG

DFZ

Schedule 1 : Disbursement Provisions

Basic Information					
Grant and COFN Number	IDA E3800-TJ and COFN C2420-TJ	Country	Republic of Tajikistan	Closing Date	Section III.B.2 of Schedule 2 to the Financing Agreement.
		Recipient	Ministry of Finance		
		Name of the Project	Sustainable Financing for Rogun Hydropower Project	Disbursement Deadline Date <i>Subsection 3.7 **</i>	Four (4) months after the closing date.
Disbursement Methods and Supporting Documentation					
Disbursement Methods <i>Section 2 **</i>	Methods	Supporting Documentation <i>Subsections 4.3 and 4.4 **</i>			
Direct Payment	Yes	Copy of records (e.g., suppliers' invoices, guarantees for advance and retention payments, etc.)			
Reimbursement	Yes	SOE in the format provided in Attachment 3 of the DFIL			
Advance (into a Designated Account)	Yes	SOE and DARS in the format provided in Attachment 3 and 4 of the DFIL			
Special Commitments	Yes	Copy of Letter of Credit (including pro forma invoice(s), if cited in the Letter of Credit)			
Designated Account Sections 5 and 6 **					
Type	2 segregated DAs: DA-A for Category 3, managed by Rogun PMG, DA-B for Category 4, managed by DFZ.		Ceiling	Fixed	
Financial Institution - Name	To be established at a financial institution acceptable to the Association		Currency	USD	
Frequency of Reporting <i>Subsection 6.3 **</i>	Monthly		Amount	DA-A: 500,000 DA-B: 500,000	
Minimum Value of Applications Subsection 3.5 **					
The minimum value of applications for Reimbursement, Direct Payment and Special Commitment under Category 3 and 4 is USD 100,000 equivalent.					
Authorized Signatures Subsection 3.1 and 3.2 **					
<i>The form for Authorized Signatories Letter (ASL) is provided in Attachment 1 of this letter.</i>					
Withdrawal and Documentation Applications Subsection 3.3 and 3.4 **					
1) The ASL and all Withdrawal Applications with their supporting documentation shall be electronically submitted via the Association's web-based Portal "Client Connection".					
Additional Instructions					
1) Expenditure under Category 1 and 2 will be paid through Direct Payment, Reimbursement and Special Commitment methods only.					
2) The Project's financing/disbursement arrangements are specified in the (i) Loan Agreement between the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank ("AIIB") and the Recipient ("AIIB Co-financing Agreement") for the above-referenced Project, (ii) the Co-Lender's Agreement between the Association and AIIB for the above-referenced Project, and (iii) the Financing Agreement between the Association and the Recipient ("Financing Agreement" and, together with the AIIB Co-financing Agreement, the "Financing Agreements").					
3) This DFIL, as revised from time to time, constitutes additional instructions for the withdrawal of Loan proceeds provided by the AIIB, pursuant of the above referenced AIIB Co-Financing Agreement and the Co-Lender's Agreement.					
4) This IDA Grant and the AIIB Loan will jointly finance selected Parts of the Project in line with financing percentages specified in their respective Financing Agreements and Co-Lender's Agreement.					

- 5) Pursuant to the terms of the Co-Lender's Agreement between the Association and AIIB, the Association will provide disbursement services for AIIB, including the review and confirmation of the adequacy of Withdrawal Applications to AIIB, following which AIIB and the Association will disburse their respective share of the financing to the Recipient or the supplier/consultant/contractor, as applicable.
- 6) The Recipient will submit separate withdrawal applications simultaneously under the IDA Grant and AIIB Loan, for their respective parts, as stated in the Financing Agreements and the DFIL. The withdrawal applications will be used by the Association to process the payment and documentation of expenditures in coordination with AIIB.
- 7) For the avoidance of doubt and in accordance with the Section III.A of Schedule 2 to the Financing Agreement, the sum of the Association's financing percentage of Eligible Expenditures under this Grant combined with the financing percentage provided by the other Co-financiers shall not exceed 100% of each Eligible Expenditure.

*** Sections and subsections relate to the "Disbursement Guidelines for Investment Project Financing", dated February 2017.*

Attachment 1 – Form of Authorized Signatory Letter (ASL)

Authorized Signatory Letter

[Letterhead]
Ministry of Finance
[Street address]
[City] [Country]

[DATE]

The World Bank
Radnicka cesta 80, 9th floor,
Zagreb, HR-10000, Croatia

**Re: IDA Grant No. E3800-TJ and COFN C2420-TJ
Sustainable Financing for Rogun Hydropower Project**

Attention: Loan Department (WFACS)

I refer to: (i) the Financing Agreement (the “Financing Agreement”) between the International Development Association (the “Association”) and the Republic of Tajikistan (the “Recipient”), providing the above-referenced Grant; and (ii) the Loan Agreement (the “AIIB Co-financing Agreement”) between the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (the “AIIB”) and the Recipient providing the above-referenced COFN. For the purposes of Section 2.03 of the General Conditions as defined in the Agreement and pursuant to the additional instructions set forth in the Disbursement and Financial Information Letter for the above-referenced Project, any ¹[one] of the persons whose authenticated specimen signatures appear below is authorized on behalf of the Recipient to sign applications for withdrawal [and applications for a special commitment] under this Grant/COFN.

For the purpose of delivering Applications to the Association, including by electronic means, ²[each] of the persons whose authenticated specimen signatures appears below is authorized on behalf of the Recipient, acting ³[individually] ⁴[jointly], to deliver Applications, and evidence in support thereof on the terms and conditions specified by the Association.

This confirms that the Recipient is authorizing such persons to accept Secure Identification Credentials (SIDC) and to deliver the Applications and supporting documents to the Association

¹ Instruction to the Recipient: stipulate if more than one person needs to sign Applications, and how many or which positions, and if any thresholds apply. *Please delete this footnote in final letter that is sent to the Association.*

² Instruction to the Recipient: stipulate if more than one person needs to *jointly* sign Applications, if so, please indicate the actual number. *Please delete this footnote in final letter that is sent to the Association.*

³ Instruction to the Recipient: use this bracket if any one of the authorized persons may sign; if this is not applicable, please delete. *Please delete this footnote in final letter that is sent to the Association.*

⁴ Instruction to the Recipient: use this bracket only if several individuals must jointly sign each Application; if this is not applicable, please delete. *Please delete this footnote in final letter that is sent to the Association.*

by electronic means. In full recognition that the Association shall rely upon such representations and warranties, including without limitation, the representations and warranties contained in the *Terms and Conditions of Use of Secure Identification Credentials in connection with Use of Electronic Means to Process Applications and Supporting Documentation* (“Terms and Conditions of Use of SIDC”), the Recipient represents and warrants to the Association that it will cause such persons to abide by those terms and conditions.

This Authorization replaces and supersedes any Authorization currently in the Association records with respect to the Financing Agreement and the AIIB Co-financing Agreement.

Signatory Details

Signatory Name	Position	Email ID	Phone No.
[User Name]	[Title]	[Email]	[Phone No.]

Specimen Signatures

Signatory Name	Signature 1	Signature 2	Signature 3
[User Name]			

Yours truly,

/ signed /

Attachment 2 – Form of Statement of Expenditures (SOE)

**Statement of Expenditure
for
Goods, Works, Non-Consulting Services, Consulting Services, Training and Operating Costs**

Payments made during the period from _____ to _____

Grant/COFN No.: _____
 Application No.: _____
 Category No.: _____
 SOE No.: _____

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Supplier's Name	WB Contract Number in Client Connection (for Prior Review Contracts)	Type of Good or Service (CW/GO/CS/OP/TR) / Brief Description	Currency and Total Amount, and Date of Contract	Currency and Total Amount of Invoice Covered by Application	% Financed by IDA	Amount Eligible for Financing (5 x 6)	Currency and Amount Paid from Designated Account (if Applicable)	Exchange Rate	Date of Payment	Remarks
TOTAL										

Supporting documents for this SOE retained at _____
 (location)

Statement of Expenditure for Relocation Compensation and Apprenticeship Stipend

Payments made during the period from _____ to _____

Grant/COFN No.: _____

Application No.: _____

Category No.: _____

SOE No.: _____

DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL (in USD)			PLANNED (in USD)			VARIANCE			PROJECT LIFE
	Current Period	Year-To-Date	Cumulative-To-Date	Current Period	Year-To-Date	Cumulative-To-Date	Current Period	Year-To-Date	Cumulative-To-Date	
Payments for Apprenticeship Stipends under Part 3.1 of the Project										
Payments for Relocation Compensation under Part 3.1 of the Project										
TOTAL										

Supporting documents for this SOE retained at _____
(location)

Attachment 3 – Form of Designated Account Reconciliation Statement (DARS)

Designated Account Reconciliation Statement

GRANT NUMBER _____
ACCOUNT NUMBER _____ WITH (BANK) _____

- 1. TOTAL ADVANCED BY WORLD BANK (OR COFINANCIER) US\$/EUR _____
- 2. LESS: TOTAL AMOUNT RECOVERED BY WORLD BANK - US\$/EUR _____
- 3. EQUALS PRESENT OUTSTANDING AMOUNT ADVANCED TO THE DESIGNATED ACCOUNT (NUMBER 1 LESS NUMBER 2) = US\$/EUR _____

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- 4. BALANCE OF DESIGNATED ACCOUNT PER ATTACHED BANK STATEMENT AS OF DATE _____ US\$/EUR _____
- 5. PLUS: TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED IN THIS APPLICATION NO. _____ + US\$/EUR _____
- 6. PLUS: TOTAL AMOUNT WITHDRAWN AND NOT YET CLAIMED REASON: _____ + US\$/EUR _____
- 7. PLUS: AMOUNTS CLAIMED IN PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS NOT YET CREDITED AT DATE OF BANK STATEMENTS

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

- SUBTOTAL OF PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS NOT YET CREDITED + US\$/EUR _____
- 8. MINUS: INTEREST EARNED - US\$/EUR _____
- 9. TOTAL ADVANCE ACCOUNTED FOR (NO. 4 THROUGH NO. 9) = US\$/EUR _____

10. EXPLANATION OF ANY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TOTALS APPEARING ON LINES 3 AND 9:

11. DATE: _____ SIGNATURE: _____
TITLE: _____