

02 February 2016

Mr. Tariq Bajwa
Secretary
Economic Affairs Division
Ministry of Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs,
Statistics and Privatization
Government of Pakistan
Islamabad, Pakistan

Dear Mr. Bajwa,

Subject: Loan 3121-PAK: National Trade Corridor Highway Investment Program, Project 2 – Amendment to the Loan Agreement

1. We refer to the Loan Agreement (Ordinary Operations) 3121-PAK for the National Trade Corridor Highway Investment Program – Project 2, dated 17 September 2014 between the Islamic Republic of Pakistan (“Pakistan”) and the Asian Development Bank (“ADB”), as amended by an amendment letter dated 1 September 2015 (“Loan Agreement”). Under the Loan Agreement, ADB made a loan of \$117,600,000 (the “Loan”) to Pakistan for the purposes of the project described in Schedule 1 to the Loan Agreement (the “Project”) and the National Highway Authority (“NHA”) is the Project Executing Agency.
2. Defined terms used in this letter shall have the same meanings as set out in the Loan Agreement.
3. Following a request from NHA dated 7 July 2015 and subsequent consultations, ADB approved, on 21 December 2015, a change in the Project concerning changing the design of the structures from 4-lane to 6-lane while maintaining 4-lane pavement as originally designed. To give effect to the change, we propose the following amendments be made to the Loan Agreement:

- (i) Paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to the Loan Agreement shall be deleted and replaced with:


“The Project shall comprise: (i) the construction of a new four-lane limited access expressway between Hanssanabdal and Sarai Saleh in Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Provinces of approximately 40 kilometers, including interchanges, drainage structures, flyovers, underpasses, bridges, and other associated facilities, provided that specific structures being culverts, bridges, underpasses, overpasses, interchanges, retaining wall and drainage may be constructed to accommodate future expressway expansion up to six lanes; (ii) design review and construction supervision; and (iii) institutional capacity development on social safeguards in the NHA.”

4. Except as amended, all other terms and conditions of the Loan Agreement shall remain in full force and effect and binding upon Government of Pakistan.

5. Please indicate the agreement of (GOP) of the proposed amendment by countersigning the 2 original counterparts of this letter. Please retain one signed counterpart of this letter for your record and return the other signed counterpart to ADB. The amendment shall take effect from the date of receipt by ADB of the signed counterpart of this letter.

6. Please be advised that according to ADB's Public Communications Policy ("PCP") on disclosure and exchange of information, the amendments to the Loan Agreement will be publicly disclosed within 2 weeks after their effectiveness, unless ADB is advised by return mail that the amendment contains information or data of a sensitive or confidential nature falling under the PCP exceptions.

Yours sincerely,


Werner E. Liepach
Country Director

CONFIRMED

Pakistan concurs with the amendments proposed in this letter. The proposed amendments do not contain information or data of a sensitive or confidential nature falling within the PCP exceptions.

Name: 

Designation: _____

Date: 23-02-2016

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