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# **Project Agreement**

(Liberia Urban Water Supply Project)

between

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

and

LIBERIA WATER AND SEWER CORPORATION

Dated | Dri | 37 , 2016

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#### PROJECT AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT dated —————, 2016, entered into between INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION ("Association") and LIBERIA WATER AND SEWER CORPORATION ("Project Implementing Entity") ("Project Agreement") in connection with the Financing Agreement ("Financing Agreement") of same date between the Republic of Liberia ("Recipient") and the Association. The Association and the Project Implementing Entity hereby agree as follows:

## ARTICLE I —GENERAL CONDITIONS; DEFINITIONS

- 1.01. The General Conditions (as defined in the Appendix to the Financing Agreement) constitute an integral part of this Agreement.
- 1.02. Unless the context requires otherwise, the capitalized terms used in this Agreement have the meanings ascribed to them in the Financing Agreement or the General Conditions.

#### ARTICLE II — PROJECT

- 2.01. The Project Implementing Entity declares its commitment to the objectives of the Project. To this end, the Project Implementing Entity shall carry out the Project in accordance with the provisions of Article IV of the General Conditions, and shall provide promptly as needed, the funds, facilities, services and other resources required for the Project.
- 2.02. Without limitation upon the provisions of Section 2.01 of this Agreement, and except as the Association and the Project Implementing Entity shall otherwise agree, the Project Implementing Entity shall carry out the Project in accordance with the provisions of the Schedule to this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE III — TERMINATION**

3.01. For purposes of Section 8.05 (c) of the General Conditions, the date on which the provisions of this Agreement shall terminate is twenty (20) years after the date of this Agreement.

## ${\bf ARTICLE\ IV--REPRESENTATIVE;\ ADDRESSES}$

- 4.01. The Project Implementing Entity's Representative is its Managing Director.
- 4.02. The Association's Address is:

International Development Association 1818 H Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20433 United States of America

Telex: Facsimile:

248423(MCI) 1-202-477-6391

4.03. The Project Implementing Entity's Address is:

Liberia Water and Sewer Corporation (LWSC) P.O. BOX 1079 King Sao Boso Street Monrovia, Republic of Liberia

Telephone #1: 231-886-517 356

Telephone #2: 231-777- 003 198

AGREED at Monrovia, Republic of Liberia, as of the day and year first above written.

# INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

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Authorized Representative

Name:

Title: ( Buntry Manager

LIBERIA WATER AND SEWER CORPORATION

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Name:

Title: Pl

## **SCHEDULE**

## **Execution of the Project**

## Section I. <u>Implementation Arrangements</u>

#### A. Implementation Arrangements

- 1. The Project Implementing Entity shall maintain, until the completion of the Project, the PIU with mandate and composition satisfactory to the Association, and supported by qualified and experienced staff in adequate numbers, to be responsible for implementation of the Project.
- 2. The Project Implementing Entity shall, by not later than four (4) months after the Effective Date, hire an external auditor with terms of reference and qualifications satisfactory to the Association.
- 3. The Project Implementing Entity shall carry out the Project in accordance with the PIM, and shall not amend or waive any of its provisions without the prior written agreement of the Association; notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event of any inconsistency between the provisions of the PIM and those of this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail.
- 4. The Project Implementing Entity shall exercise its rights under the Subsidiary Agreement in such manner as to protect the interests of the Recipient and the Association and to accomplish the purposes of the Financing. Except as the Association shall otherwise agree, the Project Implementing Entity shall not assign, amend, abrogate or waive the Subsidiary Agreement or any of its provisions.

## B. Anti-Corruption

The Project Implementing Entity shall ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Anti-Corruption Guidelines.

#### C. Annual Work Plans

(a) The Project Implementing Entity shall prepare and furnish to the Association for its approval, not later than March 31<sup>st</sup> in each year during the implementation of the Project, an annual work plan covering all activities proposed to be carried out in the following calendar year, including: (a) a detailed timetable for the sequencing and implementation of such activities; and (b) a proposed budget and financing plan for such activities, including counterpart funding required for the purpose.

(b) The Project Implementing Entity shall afford the Association a reasonable opportunity to exchange views with it on such proposed plan and budget, and shall implement or cause to be implemented the Project during such following calendar year in accordance with such annual work plan, and on the basis of such budget, as shall have been approved by the Association.

## D. Safeguards

- 1. Without limitation to any provisions within this Agreement, the Project Implementing Entity shall, except as otherwise agreed in writing by the Association:
  - (a) implement the Project in accordance with the Safeguards Instruments;
  - (b) in case of any activity under the Project requiring the adoption of a RAP:
    - (i) proceed to have such RAP: (A) prepared and disclosed in accordance with the RPF; (B) consulted upon adequately with people affected by the Project as per the RPF, and submitted to the Association for review and approval; and (C) thereafter adopted, prior to implementation of the activity; and
    - (ii) thereafter take such measures as shall be necessary or appropriate to ensure compliance with the requirements of such RAP; and
  - (c) in the case of any resettlement activity under the Project involving Affected Persons, ensure that no displacement (including restriction of access to legally designated parks and protected areas) shall occur before necessary resettlement measures consistent with the RAP are in place, including, in the case of displacement, full payment to Affected Persons of compensation and of other assistance required for relocation, prior to displacement.
- 2. Without limitation upon its other reporting obligations under this Agreement, the Project Implementing Entity shall regularly collect, compile and submit to the Recipient and the Association as part of the Project Reports, in form and substance satisfactory to the Association, reports on the status of compliance with the Safeguard Instruments, giving details of: (a) measures taken in furtherance of such Safeguard Instruments; (b) conditions, if any, which interfere or threaten to interfere with the smooth implementation of such Safeguard Instruments; and (c) remedial measures taken or required to be taken to address such conditions.

- 3. The Project Implementing Entity shall afford the Association a reasonable opportunity to review and exchange views with the Recipient and the Project Implementing Entity on the reports prepared under paragraph 2 immediately above, and thereafter, shall carry out, or cause to be carried out, with due diligence, all remedial measures agreed with the Association so as to ensure the proper implementation of the Project in accordance with the Safeguard Instruments.
- 4. The Project Implementing Entity shall not amend, suspend, abrogate or waive, or permit to be amended, suspended, abrogated or waived, any Safeguard Instrument, or any provision thereof without the prior written agreement of the Association.
- 5. In the event of a conflict between the provisions of any of the Safeguard Instruments and the provisions of this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail.

## Section II. Project Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation

## A. Project Reports

- 1. The Project Implementing Entity shall monitor and evaluate the progress of the Project and prepare Project Reports in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.08 of the General Conditions and on the basis of indicators acceptable to the Association. Each such Project Report shall cover the period of one (1) calendar semester, and shall be furnished to the Recipient and the Association not later forty-five (45) days after the end of the period covered by such report.
- 2. The Project Implementing Entity shall provide to the Recipient and the Association not later than four (4) months after the Closing Date, a report referred to in Section 4.08(c) of the General Conditions and all such information as the Recipient or the Association shall reasonably request for the purposes of such Section.

## B. Financial Management, Financial Reports and Audits

- 1. The Project Implementing Entity shall maintain a financial management system and prepare financial statements in accordance with consistently applied accounting standards acceptable to the Association, both in a manner adequate to reflect the operations and financial condition of the Project Implementing Entity, including the operations, resources and expenditures related to the Project.
- 2. The Project Implementing Entity shall prepare and furnish to the Association not later than forty-five (45) days after the end of each calendar quarter, interim

- unaudited financial reports for the Project covering the quarter, in form and substance satisfactory to the Association.
- 3. The Project Implementing Entity shall have its financial statements referred to above audited by independent auditors acceptable to the Association, in accordance with consistently applied auditing standards acceptable to the Association. Each audit of these financial statements shall cover the period of one fiscal year of the Project Implementing Entity. The Project Implementing Entity shall ensure that the audited financial statements for each period shall be: (a) furnished to the Recipient and the Association not later than six (6) months after the end of the period; and (b) made publicly available in a timely fashion and in a manner acceptable to the Association.

## Section III. Procurement

All goods, works and services required for the Project and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Financing shall be procured in accordance with the provisions of Section III of Schedule 2 to the Financing Agreement.