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LOAN NUMBER 7329-BR

Guarantee Agreement

(Rural Poverty Reduction Project – Minas Gerais / *Projeto de Combate a Pobreza Rural da Região Mineira do Nordeste “PCPR- 1ª Fase”*)

between

FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL

and

**INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION
AND DEVELOPMENT**

Dated January 31, 2006

LOAN NUMBER 7329-BR

GUARANTEE AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT, dated January 31, 2006 between the FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL (the Guarantor) and the INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT (the Bank).

WHEREAS (A) the Guarantor and the State of Minas Gerais (the Borrower), having been satisfied as to the feasibility and priority of the project described in Schedule 2 to the Loan Agreement (the Project), have requested the Bank to assist in the financing of the Project;

(B) by the Loan Agreement of even date herewith between the Bank and the Borrower, the Bank has agreed to extend to the Borrower a loan in an amount equal to thirty five million dollars (\$35,000,000), on the terms and conditions set forth in the Loan Agreement, but only on condition that the Guarantor agree to guarantee the payment obligations of the Borrower in respect of such loan as provided in this Agreement; and

WHEREAS the Guarantor, in consideration of the Bank's entering into the Loan Agreement with the Borrower, has agreed so to guarantee such obligations of the Borrower;

NOW THEREFORE the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

General Conditions; Definitions

Section 1.01. The "General Conditions Applicable to Loan and Guarantee Agreements for Fixed-Spread Loans" of the Bank dated September 1, 1999 (as amended, through May 1, 2004), with the modifications set forth in Section 1.01 of the Loan Agreement (the General Conditions) constitute an integral part of this Agreement.

Section 1.02. Unless the context otherwise requires, the several terms defined in the General Conditions and in the Preamble to this Agreement, and in the Preamble to and Section 1.02 of the Loan Agreement, have the respective meanings therein set forth.

ARTICLE II

Guarantee

Section 2.01. Without limitation or restriction upon any of its other obligations under the Guarantee Agreement, the Guarantor hereby unconditionally guarantees, as primary obligor and not as surety merely, the due and punctual payment of the principal of, and interest and other charges on, the Loan, and the premium, if any, on the prepayment of the Loan, all as set forth in the Loan Agreement.

ARTICLE III

Representative of the Guarantor; Addresses

Section 3.01. The Minister of Finance of the Guarantor is designated as representative of the Guarantor for the purposes of Section 11.03 of the General Conditions.

Section 3.02. The following addresses are specified for the purposes of Section 11.01 of the General Conditions:

For the Guarantor:

Ministério da Fazenda
Procuradoria Geral da Fazenda Nacional
Esplanada dos Ministérios, Bloco "P" - 8º andar
70048-900 Brasília, DF
Brazil

Facsimile: 55-61-3412-1740

For the Bank:

International Bank for
Reconstruction and Development
1818 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20433
United States of America

Cable address:

Telex:

Facsimile:

INTBAFRAD
Washington, D.C.

248423 (MCI) or
64145 (MCI)

(202) 477-6391

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto, acting through their duly authorized representatives, have caused this Agreement to be signed in their respective names in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, as of the day and year first above written.

FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL

By /s/ Mauricio Cardoso Oliva
Authorized Representative

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR
RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

By /s/ John Briscoe
Authorized Representative