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Islamic Republic of Mauritania

**Re: Islamic Republic of Mauritania: Preparation of the Proposed
Nouadhibou Free Zone Support and Project
Preparation Advance No. Q960
Additional Instructions: Disbursement**

Excellency:

I refer to the Advance Agreement ("Agreement") between the Islamic Republic of Mauritania ("Recipient") and the International Development Association ("World Bank") for the preparation of the above-referenced Project of even date, herewith. The Agreement provides that the World Bank may issue additional instructions regarding the withdrawal of the proceeds of Project Preparation Advance Q960 ("PPA"). This letter ("Disbursement Letter"), as revised from time to time, constitutes the additional instructions.

The attached *World Bank Disbursement Guidelines for Projects*, dated May 1, 2006, ("Disbursement Guidelines") (Attachment 1), are an integral part of the Disbursement Letter. The manner in which the provisions in the Disbursement Guidelines apply to the PPA is specified below. Sections and subsections in parentheses below refer to the relevant sections and subsections in the Disbursement Guidelines and, unless otherwise defined in this letter, the capitalized terms used have the meanings ascribed to them in the Disbursement Guidelines.

I. Disbursement Arrangements

(i) **Disbursement Methods (section 2).** The following Disbursement Methods may be used under the PPA:

- Advance
- Direct Payment
- Reimbursement

(ii) Disbursement Deadline Date (subsection 3.7). The Disbursement Deadline Date is the Refinancing Date specified in the Agreement. Any changes to this date will be notified by the World Bank.

(iii) Disbursement Conditions (subsection 3.8). Please refer to the Disbursement Condition(s) in Section 3.02 of the Annex to the Agreement.

II. Withdrawal of PPA Proceeds

(i) Authorized Signatures (subsection 3.1). (Attachment 2) should be furnished to the World Bank at the address indicated below providing the name(s) and specimen signature(s) of the official(s) authorized to sign Applications:

The World Bank
Resident Mission
Nouakchott, Mauritania
Attention: Ms Vera Songwe, Country Director for Mauritania

(ii) Applications (subsections 3.2 - 3.3). Please provide completed and signed (a) applications for withdrawal, together with supporting documents to the address indicated below:

The World Bank.
Loan Department
Delta Center, 13th Floor
Menengai Road, Upper Hill
Nairobi, Kenya
Contact Telephone number: +254 20 293 6000
Attention: Loan Department

(iii) Electronic Delivery (subsection 3.4) The World Bank may permit the Recipient to electronically deliver to the World Bank Applications (with supporting documents) through the World Bank's Client Connection, web-based portal. The option to deliver Applications to the World Bank by electronic means may be effected if: (a) the Recipient has designated in writing, pursuant to the terms of subparagraph (i) of this Section, its officials who are authorized to sign and deliver Applications and to receive secure identification credentials ("SIDC") from the World Bank for the purpose of delivering such Applications by electronic means; and (b) all such officials designated by the Recipient have registered as users of Client Connection. If the World Bank agrees, the World Bank will provide the Recipient with SIDC for the designated officials. Following which, the designated officials may deliver Applications electronically by completing Form 2380, which is accessible through Client Connection (<https://clientconnection.worldbank.org>). The Recipient may continue to exercise the option of preparing and delivering Applications in paper form. The World Bank reserves the right and may, in its sole discretion, temporarily or permanently disallow the electronic delivery of Applications by the Recipient.

(iv) Terms and Conditions of Use of SIDC to Process Applications. By designating officials to use SIDC and by choosing to 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 Use of Electronic Means to Process Applications and Supporting Documentation* (“Terms and Conditions of Use of Secure Identification Credentials”) provided in Attachment 3; and (b) to cause such official to abide by those terms and conditions.

(v) Minimum Value of Applications (subsection 3.5). The Minimum Value of Applications is twenty percent (20%) of the Designated Account Ceiling.

(vi) Advances (sections 5 and 6).

- **Type of Designated Account (subsection 5.3):** Segregated
- **Currency of Designated Account (subsection 5.4):** USD
- **Financial Institution at which the Designated Account Will Be Opened (subsection 5.5):** ORABANK
- **Ceiling (subsection 6.1):** USD 1,000,000

III. Reporting on Use of PPA Proceeds

(i) Supporting Documentation (section 4). Supporting documentation should be provided with each application for withdrawal as set out below:

- **For reporting eligible expenditures paid from the Designated Account and Reimbursement:**
 - Statement of Expenditure in the form attached (Attachment 4); and
 - List of payments against contracts that are subject to the World Bank’s prior review, in the form attached (Attachment 5)
- **For requests for Direct Payment:** records evidencing eligible expenditures, e.g., copies of receipts, supplier invoices

(ii) Frequency of Reporting Eligible Expenditures Paid from the Designated Account (subsection 6.3): Monthly

IV. Other Important Information

For additional information on disbursement arrangements, please refer to the Disbursement Handbook available on the World Bank’s public website at

<http://www.worldbank.org> and its secure website "Client Connection" at <http://clientconnection.worldbank.org>. Print copies are available upon request.

From the Client Connection website, you will be able to download Applications, monitor the near real-time status of the PPA, and retrieve related policy, financial, and procurement information.

If you have not already done so, the World Bank recommends that you register as a user of the Client Connection website (<http://clientconnection.worldbank.org>). From this website you will be able to download Applications, monitor the near real-time status of the PPA, and retrieve related policy, financial, and procurement information. For more information about the website and registration arrangements, please contact the World Bank by email at <clientconnection@worldbank.org>.

If you have any queries in relation to the above, please contact Ms Aissatou Diallo, Senior Finance Officer at loa-atf@worldbank.org, using the above reference.

Yours sincerely,


Vera Songwe
Country Director of Mauritania
Africa Region

Attachments

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1. *World Bank Disbursement Guidelines for Projects*, dated May 1, 2006
 2. Form for Authorized Signatures
 3. *Terms and Conditions of Use of Secure Identification Credentials in connection with Use of Electronic Means to Process Applications and Supporting Documentation*, dated March 1, 2013
 4. Form of "Statement of Expenditure"
 5. Form of Payments Against Contracts Subject to the World Bank's Prior Review

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