# OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS La 8524-PL



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Re: IBRD Loan Number IBRD 8524-PL (Odra-Vistula Flood Management Project)
Additional Instructions: Disbursement

I refer to the Loan Agreement between the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the "Bank") and the Republic of Poland (the "Borrower") for the above-referenced project, dated September 10. The Loan Agreement provides that the Bank may issue additional instructions regarding the withdrawal of the proceeds of Loan 8524-PL ("Loan"). 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 Loan 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 Loan:
  - Reimbursement
  - Advance
- (ii) Disbursement Deadline Date (subsection 3.7). The Disbursement Deadline Date is 4 months after the Closing Date specified in the Loan Agreement. Any changes to this date will be notified by the Bank.
- (iii) Disbursement Conditions (subsection 3.8). Please refer to the Disbursement Condition(s) in the Loan Agreement, Schedule 2, Section IV.B.1.

### II. Withdrawal of Loan Proceeds

# (i) Authorized Signatures (subsection 3.1).

An authorized signatory letter in the Form attached (Attachment 2) should be furnished to the 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
1818 H Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20433
United States of America
Attention: Mamta Murthi, Country Director, ECCU5

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

The World Bank Radnicka cesta 80, 9th floor Zagreb, HR - 10 000 Croatia Attention: Loan Department

(iii) Electronic Delivery (subsection 3.4) The Bank may permit the Borrower to electronically deliver to the Bank Applications (with supporting documents) through the Bank's Client Connection, web-based portal. The option to deliver Applications to the Bank by electronic means may be effected if: (a) the Borrower 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 Bank for the purpose of delivering such Applications by electronic means; and (b) all such officials designated by the Borrower have registered as users of Client Connection. If the Bank agrees, the Bank will provide the Borrower 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 Borrower may continue to exercise the option of preparing and delivering Applications in paper form. The Bank reserves the right and may, in its sole discretion, temporarily or permanently disallow the electronic delivery of Applications by the Borrower.

(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 Borrower 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). There is no Minimum Value of Applications for the Project.
- (vi) Advances (sections 5 and 6).
  - Type of Designated Account (subsection 5.3): Segregated
  - Currency of Designated Account (subsection 5.4): EUR
  - Financial Institution at which the Designated Account Will Be Opened (subsection 5.5): National Bank of Poland
  - Ceiling (subsection 6.1): Forecast for 2 quarters as provided in the Quarterly Unaudited Interim Financial Report.

## III. Reporting on Use of Loan Proceeds

- (i) Supporting Documentation (section 4). Supporting documentation should be provided with each application for withdrawal as set out below:
  - For requests for Reimbursement and for reporting eligible expenditures paid from the Designated Account:
    - O Quarterly Un-audited Interim Financial Report in the form agreed with the Bank (Attached to the Minutes of Negotiations).
- (ii) Frequency of Reporting Eligible Expenditures Paid from the Designated Account (subsection 6.3): Quarterly.

### IV. Other Disbursement Instructions

In accordance with the provisions of Section IV.A.2. of Schedule 2 to the Loan Agreement, please note that the Percentage of Expenditures to be financed from the Loan proceeds will be determined on an annual basis, through an Annual Work Plan (AWP). AWP should be developed by the Borrower and agreed between the Borrower, the Bank and other partners involved in the project implementation.

## V. Other Important Information

For additional information on disbursement arrangements, please refer to the Disbursement Handbook available on the Bank's public website at <a href="https://www.worldbank.org">https://www.worldbank.org</a> and its secure website "Client Connection" at <a href="https://clientconnection.worldbank.org">https://clientconnection.worldbank.org</a>. Print copies are available upon request.

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

If you have not already done so, the Bank recommends that you register as a user of the Client Connection website (<a href="https://clientconnection.worldbank.org">https://clientconnection.worldbank.org</a>). From this website you will be able to prepare and deliver Applications, monitor the near real-time status of the Loan, and retrieve related policy, financial, and procurement information. All Borrower officials authorized to sign and deliver Applications by electronic means are required to register with Client Connection before electronic delivery can be effected. For more information about the website and registration arrangements, please contact the Bank by email at <cli>clientconnection@worldbank.org>.

If you have any queries in relation to the above, please contact Jasna Mestnik, Finance Officer at jmestnik@worldbank.org, using the above reference.

Yours sincerely,

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Attachments:

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

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