

18 MONTHS PROCUREMENT PLAN (Textual Part)

Project information: Vietnam Forest Sector Modernization and Coastal Resilience Enhancement Project (P157127)

Project Implementation agency: MARD, Provinces of Quang Ninh; Hai Phong; Thanh Hoa; NgheAn; Ha Tinh; Quang Binh; Quang Tri; Thua Thien Hue

Date of the Procurement Plan: [Date to beinserted]

Period covered by this Procurement Plan: 18 months

Preamble

In accordance with paragraph 5.9 of the “World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” (July 2016) (“Procurement Regulations”) the Bank’s Systematic Tracking and Exchanges in Procurement (STEP) system will be used to prepare, clear and update Procurement Plans and conduct all procurement transactions for the Project.

This textual part along with the Procurement Plan tables in STEP constitute the Procurement Plan for the Project. The following conditions apply to all procurement activities in the Procurement Plan. The other elements of the Procurement Plan as required under paragraph 4.4 of the Procurement Regulations are set forth in STEP.

A. The Bank’s Standard Procurement Documents (SPDs): The Bank’s SPDs shall be used for all contracts subject to international competitive procurement and those contracts as specified in the Procurement Plan tables in STEP.

B. National Procurement Arrangements: In accordance with paragraph 5.3 of the Procurement Regulations, when approaching the national market (as specified in the Procurement Plan tables in STEP), the country’s own procurement procedures may be used.

1. Open Competitive Procurement: When the Recipient uses its own national open competitive procurement arrangements as set forth in (a) Article 20 on Open Bidding of the Recipient’s Law on Procurement No. 43/2013/QH13 dated November 26, 2013 and related provisions necessary to effect the same; and (b) the Recipient’s Decree No. 63/2014/ND-CP dated June 26, 2014 Guiding Implementation of the Law on the Procurement (collectively, “National Procurement Laws”), such arrangements shall be subject to paragraph 5.4 of the Procurement Regulations and the following conditions.

(i) No domestic preference over foreign bidders shall be granted to national bidders in bid evaluation, nor shall foreign bidders be asked or required to form joint ventures with or be subcontractors to national bidders in order to submit a bid.

(ii) The model bidding documents (harmonized model bidding documents) agreed with the Association shall be used.

(iii) No bid shall be eliminated from detailed evaluation on the basis of minor, non-substantive deviations. The evaluation of bidder's qualifications shall be conducted separately subsequent to the technical and commercial evaluation of the bid.

(iv) A bidder shall neither be required nor permitted, as a condition for award, to undertake obligations not specified in the bidding documents or otherwise to modify the bid as originally submitted.

(v) No bid shall be rejected on the basis of a comparison with the employer's estimate and budget ceiling.

(vi) The Recipient shall implement an effective mechanism allowing bidders to complain and have their complaints handled in a timely manner. The complaints mechanism shall allow the submission of anonymous complaints.

2. National Procurement Arrangements Other Than National Open Competitive Procurement: Not applicable.

C. Leased Assets as specified under paragraph 5.10 of the Procurement Regulations: Not Applicable.

D. Procurement of Second-Hand Goods as specified under paragraph 5.11 of the Procurement Regulations: Not Applicable.

E. Domestic Preference as specified under paragraph 5.51 of the Procurement Regulations (**Goods and Works**): Not Applicable.

F. Hands-on Expanded Implementation Support (HEIS) as specified under paragraphs 3.10 and 3.11 of the Procurement Regulations: Not Applicable.

G. Other Relevant Procurement Information: Not Applicable.

