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LOAN NUMBER 7272-RO

ENERGY COMMUNITY OF SOUTH EAST EUROPE PROGRAM

Loan Agreement

(ROMANIA COMPONENT – LOTRU PROJECT)

between

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

and

HIDROELECTRICA S.A.

Dated July 13, 2005

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LOAN AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT, dated July 13, 2005 between INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT (the Bank) and HIDROELECTRICA S.A. (the Borrower), a joint stock company established and operating under the laws of Romania and further defined in Section 1.02 (a) of this Agreement.

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

(B) by an agreement of even date herewith between the Guarantor and the Bank (the Guarantee Agreement), the Guarantor has agreed to guarantee the obligations of the Borrower in respect of the loan provided for in Article II of this Agreement (the Loan) and to undertake such other obligations as set forth in the Guarantee Agreement;

(C) the Guarantor has expressed its commitment to the Energy Community of South East Europe (ECSEE) which serves as the framework for policy reform, institutional development and investments in the energy sector in the participating countries;

(D) the Guarantor has sought assistance from the Bank's regional ECSEE program which is designed to help the countries of South East Europe meet their commitments for ECSEE's development by implementing priority investments supporting electricity market and power system operations and technical assistance for institutional/systems development and project preparation and implementation.

WHEREAS the Bank has agreed, on the basis, inter alia, of the foregoing, to extend the Loan to the Borrower upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement and in the aforesaid Guarantee Agreement;

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) (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 have the respective meanings therein set forth and the following additional terms have the following meanings:

(a) "EMP" means the Environmental Management Plan, dated September 13, 2004 and approved by the Bank describing the environmental issues, mitigation, monitoring and institutional measures for the Project;

(b) "Financial Monitoring Report" or "FMR" means each report prepared in accordance with Section 4.02 of this Agreement;

(c) "Hidroelectrica S.A." means the national hydro power generating joint stock company established pursuant to Decision No. 627/2000 of the Government of the Guarantor, dated July 30, 2000;

(d) "Procurement Plan" means the Borrower's procurement plan, dated November 8, 2004 covering the initial eighteen (18) month period (or longer) of Project implementation, as the same shall be updated from time to time in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.02 to this Agreement, to cover succeeding eighteen (18) month periods (or longer) of Project implementation; and

(e) "Special Account" means the account referred to in Section 2.02 (b) of this Agreement.

ARTICLE II

The Loan

Section 2.01. The Bank agrees to lend to the Borrower, on the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in this Agreement, an amount equal to sixty-six million Euro (66,000,000) as such amount may be converted from time to time through a Currency Conversion in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.09 of this Agreement.

Section 2.02. (a) The amount of the Loan may be withdrawn from the Loan Account in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 1 to this Agreement for expenditures made (or, if the Bank shall so agree, to be made) in respect of the reasonable cost of goods and services required for the Project and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Loan, or in respect of any premium in respect of an Interest Rate Cap or Interest Rate Collar payable by the Borrower in accordance with Section 4.04 (c) of the General Conditions.

(b) The Borrower may, for the purposes of the Project, open and maintain in Euro a special deposit account in a commercial bank on terms and conditions satisfactory

to the Bank, including appropriate protection against set-off, seizure and attachment. Deposits into and payment out of, the Special Account shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 6 to this Agreement.

Section 2.03. The Closing Date shall be June 30, 2010, or such later date as the Bank shall establish. The Bank shall promptly notify the Borrower and the Guarantor of such later date.

Section 2.04. (a) The Borrower shall pay to the Bank a front-end fee in an amount equal to one percent (1%) of the amount of the Loan, subject to any waiver of a portion of such fee as may be determined by the Bank from time to time. Such fee shall be payable not later than sixty (60) days after the Effective Date.

Section 2.05. The Borrower shall pay to the Bank a commitment charge on the principal amount of the Loan not withdrawn from time to time, at a rate equal to: (i) eighty-five one-hundredths of one percent (0.85%) per annum from the date on which such charge commences to accrue in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.02 of the General Conditions to but not including the fourth anniversary of such date; and (ii) seventy-five one-hundredths of one percent (0.75%) per annum thereafter.

Section 2.06. The Borrower shall pay interest on the principal amount of the Loan withdrawn and outstanding from time to time, in respect of each Interest Period at the Variable Rate; provided, that upon a Conversion of all or any portion of the principal amount of the Loan, the Borrower shall, during the Conversion Period, pay interest on such amount in accordance with the relevant provisions of Article IV of the General Conditions.

Section 2.07. Interest and commitment charges shall be payable semiannually in arrears on March 15 and September 15 in each year.

Section 2.08. The Borrower shall repay the principal amount of the Loan in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 3 to this Agreement.

Section 2.09. (a) The Borrower may at any time request any of the following conversions of the terms of the Loan in order to facilitate prudent debt management:

- (i) a change of the Loan Currency of all or any portion of the principal amount of the Loan, withdrawn or unwithdrawn, to an Approved Currency;
- (ii) a change of the interest rate basis applicable to all or any portion of the principal amount of the Loan from a Variable Rate to a Fixed Rate, or vice versa; and

(iii) the setting of limits on the Variable Rate applicable to all or any portion of the principal amount of the Loan withdrawn and outstanding by the establishment of an Interest Rate Cap or Interest Rate Collar on said Variable Rate.

(b) Any conversion requested pursuant to paragraph (a) of this Section that is accepted by the Bank shall be considered a "Conversion", as defined in Section 2.01(7) of the General Conditions, and shall be effected in accordance with the provisions of Article IV of the General Conditions and of the Conversion Guidelines.

(c) Promptly following the Execution Date for an Interest Rate Cap or Interest Rate Collar in respect of which the Borrower has requested that the premium be paid out of the proceeds of the Loan, the Bank shall, on behalf of the Borrower, withdraw from the Loan Account and pay to itself the amounts required to pay any premium payable in accordance with Section 4.04 (c) of the General Conditions up to the amount allocated from time to time for such purpose in the table in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to this Agreement.

ARTICLE III

Execution of the Project

Section 3.01. The Borrower declares its commitment to the objectives of the Project as set forth in Schedule 2 to this Agreement, and, to this end, shall carry out the Project with due diligence and efficiency and in conformity with appropriate administrative, engineering, financial and environmental practices, and shall provide, promptly as needed, the funds, facilities, services and other resources required for the Project.

Section 3.02. (a) Except as the Bank shall otherwise agree, procurement of the goods and services required for the Project and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Loan shall be governed by the provisions of Schedule 4 to this Agreement, as said provisions may be further elaborated in the Procurement Plan.

(b) The Borrower shall update the Procurement Plan in accordance with guidelines acceptable to the Bank, and furnish such update to the Bank not later than twelve (12) months after the date of the preceding Procurement Plan, for the Bank's approval.

Section 3.03. For the purposes of Section 9.07 of the General Conditions and without limitation thereto, the Borrower shall:

(a) prepare, on the basis of guidelines acceptable to the Bank, and furnish to the Bank not later than six (6) months after the Closing Date or such later date as may be

agreed for this purpose between the Borrower and the Bank, a plan for future operation of the Project; and

(b) afford the Bank a reasonable opportunity to exchange views with the Borrower on said plan.

Section 3.04. The Borrower shall:

(a) maintain policies and procedures adequate to enable it to monitor and evaluate on an ongoing basis, in accordance with indicators acceptable to the Bank, the carrying out of the Project and the achievement of the objectives thereof;

(b) submit to the Bank, within thirty (30) days of the end of each calendar quarter, quarterly progress reports, in form and substance satisfactory to the Bank;

(c) prepare, under terms of reference satisfactory to the Bank, and furnish to the Bank, on or about December 31, 2006, a mid-term review report integrating the results of the monitoring and evaluation activities performed pursuant to sub-paragraph (a) of this paragraph, on the progress achieved in the carrying out of the Project during the period preceding the date of said report and setting out the measures recommended to ensure the efficient carrying out of the Project, protection of the environment, and the achievement of the objectives of the Project during the period following such date; and

(d) review with the Bank, by March 31, 2007, or such later date as the Bank shall request, the report referred to in sub-paragraph (c) of this paragraph, and, thereafter, take all measures required to ensure the efficient completion of the Project and the achievement of the objectives thereof, based on the conclusions and recommendations of the said report and the Bank's views on the matter.

Section 3.05. The Borrower shall:

(a) submit annually to the Bank: (i) reports of statutory and its own inspections of the Vidra dam; and (ii) reports on the implementation of their recommendations; and

(b) discuss the inspections and reports with the Bank and undertake additional measures suggested by the Bank in consultation with Romania's National Commission for Dam Safety.

Section 3.06. The Borrower shall:

(a) submit the updated emergency preparedness plan (EPP) for the Project:
(i) in draft for Bank review no later than March 31, 2005; and (ii) in final form for Bank records no later than December 31, 2005; and

(b) keep the Bank informed of future reviews and updates of the EPP.

Section 3.07. The Borrower shall implement the Environmental Management Plan and shall include in the quarterly progress reports to the Bank specific environmental reports providing results of the monitoring programs included in the EMP.

Section 3.08. Not later than December 31, 2005, or such later date as may be agreed between the Borrower and the Bank, the Borrower shall enter into a concession contract, satisfactory to the Bank, for its public domain assets with the Guarantor.

ARTICLE IV

Financial Covenants

Section 4.01. (a) The Borrower shall maintain a financial management system, including records and accounts, and prepare financial statements, all in accordance with consistently applied accounting standards acceptable to the Bank, adequate to reflect its operations and financial condition and to register separately the operations, resources and expenditures related to the Project.

- (b) The Borrower shall:
 - have its financial statements (balance sheets, statements of income and expenses and related statements) for each fiscal year (or other period agreed to by the Bank), audited, in accordance with consistently applied auditing standards acceptable to the Bank, by independent auditors acceptable to the Bank;
 - (ii) furnish to the Bank as soon as available, but in any case not later than six (6) months after the end of each such year (or such other period agreed to by the Bank), (A) certified copies of the financial statements referred to in paragraph (a) of this Section for such year (or other period agreed to by the Bank), as so audited, and (B) an opinion on such statements by said auditors, in scope and detail satisfactory to the Bank; and
 - (iii) furnish to the Bank such other information concerning such records, accounts and the audit of such financial statements, and concerning said auditors, as the Bank may from time to time reasonably request.

(c) For all expenditures with respect to which withdrawals from the Loan Account were made on the basis of statements of expenditure, the Borrower shall:

- retain, until at least one year after the Bank has received the audit report for, or covering, the fiscal year in which the last withdrawal from the Loan Account was made, all records (contracts, orders, invoices, bills, receipts and other documents) evidencing such expenditures;
- (ii) enable the Bank's representatives to examine such records; and
- (iii) ensure that such statements of expenditure are included in the audit for each fiscal year (or other period agreed to by the Bank), referred to in paragraph (b) of this Section.

Section 4.02. (a) Without limitation upon the Borrower's progress reporting obligations set out in Section 3.04 to this Agreement, the Borrower shall prepare and furnish to the Bank a Financial Monitoring Report (FMR), in form and substance satisfactory to the Bank, which:

- sets forth sources and uses of funds for the Project, both cumulatively and for the period covered by said report, showing separately funds provided under the Loan and explains variances between the actual and planned uses of such funds;
- (ii) describes physical progress in Project implementation, both cumulatively and for the period covered by said report, and explains variances between the actual and planned Project implementation; and
- (iii) sets forth the status of procurement under the Project, as at the end of the period covered by said report.

(b) The first FMR shall be furnished to the Bank not later than forty-five (45) days after the end of the first calendar quarter after the Effective Date, and shall cover the period from the incurrence of the first expenditure under the Project through the end of such first calendar quarter; thereafter, each FMR shall be furnished to the Bank not later than forty-five (45) days after each subsequent calendar quarter, and shall cover such calendar quarter.

Section 4.03. (a) Except as the Bank shall otherwise agree, the Borrower shall not incur any debt, unless the net revenues of the Borrower for the fiscal year immediately preceding the date of such incurrence or for a later twelve-month period ended prior to the date of such incurrence, whichever is the greater, shall be at least 1.5 times the estimated maximum debt service requirements of the Borrower for any succeeding fiscal year on all debt of the Borrower, including the debt to be incurred.

- (b) For the purposes of this Section:
 - (i) The term "debt" means any indebtedness of the Borrower maturing by its terms more than one (1) year after the date on which it is originally incurred.
 - (ii) Debt shall be deemed to be incurred: (A) under a loan contract or agreement or other instrument providing for such debt or for the modification of its terms of payment on the date of such contract, agreement or instrument; and (B) under a guarantee agreement, on the date the agreement providing for such guarantee has been entered into.
 - (iii) The term "net revenues" means the difference between:
 - (A) the sum of revenues from all sources related to operations adjusted to take account of the Borrower's rates in effect at the time of the incurrence of debt even though they were not in effect during the twelve (12) month period to which such revenues relate and net nonoperating income; and
 - (B) the sum of all expenses related to operations including administration, adequate maintenance, taxes and payments in lieu of taxes, but excluding provision for depreciation, other non-cash operating charges and interest and other charges on debt.
 - (iv) The term "net non-operating income" means the difference between:
 - (A) revenues from all sources other than those related to operations; and
 - (B) expenses, including taxes and payments in lieu of taxes, incurred in the generation of revenues in (A) above.
 - (v) The term "debt service requirements" means the aggregate amount of repayments (including sinking fund payments, if any) of, and interest and other charges on debt.
 - (vi) Whenever for the purposes of this Section it shall be necessary to value, in terms of the currency of the Guarantor, debt payable in another currency, such valuation shall be made on the basis of the prevailing lawful rate of exchange at which such other

currency is, at the time of such valuation, obtainable for the purposes of servicing such debt, or, in the absence of such rate, on the basis of a rate of exchange acceptable to the Bank.

Section 4.04. (a) Except as the Bank shall otherwise agree, the Borrower shall maintain, for each of its fiscal years commencing from the year 2005, a ratio of current assets to current liabilities of not less than 1.2.

(b) Before June 30 of each year, the Borrower shall, on the basis of forecasts prepared by the Borrower and satisfactory to the Bank, review whether it would meet the requirements set forth in paragraph (a) in respect of such year and the next following fiscal year and shall furnish to the Bank the results of such review upon its completion.

(c) If any such review shows that the Borrower would not meet the requirements set forth in paragraph (a) for the Borrower's fiscal years covered by such review, the Borrower shall promptly take all necessary measures (including, without limitation, adjustments of the structure or levels of its rates) in order to meet such requirements.

- (d) For the purposes of this Section:
 - (i) The term "current assets" means cash, all assets which could in the ordinary course of business be converted into cash within twelve (12) months, including accounts receivable, marketable securities, inventories and pre-paid expenses properly chargeable to operating expenses within the next fiscal year.
 - (ii) The term "current liabilities" means all liabilities which will become due and payable or could under circumstances then existing be called for payment within twelve (12) months, including accounts payable, customer advances, taxes and payments in lieu of taxes, and dividends.
 - (iii) Whenever for the purposes of this Section it shall be necessary to value, in terms of the currency of the Guarantor, debt payable in another currency, such valuation shall be made on the basis of the prevailing lawful rate of exchange at which such other currency is, at the time of such valuation, obtainable for the purposes of servicing such debt, or, in the absence of such rate, on the basis of a rate of exchange acceptable to the Bank.
 - (iv) The term "net non-operating income" means the difference between:

- (A) revenues from all sources other than those related to operations; and
- (B) expenses, including taxes and payments in lieu of taxes, incurred in the generation of revenues in (A) above.
- (v) The term "debt service requirements" means the aggregate amount of repayments (including sinking fund payments, if any) of, and interest and other charges on debt.

Section 4.05. Without limitation upon the provisions of the preceding Sections of this Article IV or the provisions of Section 9.01 and 9.07 of the General Conditions, the Borrower shall furnish to the Bank, not later than December 31 of each year during Project execution, updated business plan including an investment program and financial reports for the previous twelve-month period and projections for the next five (5) years of its revenues, capital expenditures, borrowings and debt service, and accounts receivables, and financing and monitoring indicators which, in the Bank's opinion, are relevant for determining the Borrower's financial condition and its operational performance.

ARTICLE V

Remedies of the Bank

Section 5.01. Pursuant to Section 6.02 (p) of the General Conditions, the following additional event is specified, namely, that Law No. 318/2003 of the Guarantor, or Government Decision No. 627/2000 dated July 30, 2000, shall have been amended, suspended, abrogated, repealed or waived or the Guarantor shall have enacted new legislation or issued new directives so as to affect materially and adversely the ability of the Borrower to perform any of its obligations under this Agreement.

Section 5.02. Pursuant to Section 7.01 (k) of the General Conditions, the following additional event is specified, namely, that the event specified in Section 5.01 of this Agreement shall have occurred.

ARTICLE VI

Effective Date; Termination

Section 6.01. The date one hundred and twenty (120) days after the date of this Agreement is hereby specified for the purposes of Section 12.04 of the General Conditions.

ARTICLE VII

Representative of the Borrower; Addresses

Section 7.01. The Director General of the Borrower is designated as representative of the Borrower for the purposes of Section 11.03 of the General Conditions.

Section 7.02. The following addresses are specified for the purposes of Section 11.01 of the General Conditions:

For the Borrower:

Hidroelectrica S.A. Str. Constantin Nacu, Nr. 3 Sector 2, Bucaresti 020995 Romania

Facsimile:

021 303.25.64

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 Bucharest, Romania, as of the day and year first above written.

HIDROELECTRICA S.A.

By /s/ Traian Oprea

Authorized Representative

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

By /s/ Arabela Aprahamian

Authorized Representative

Withdrawal of the Proceeds of the Loan

1. The table below sets forth the Categories of items to be financed out of the proceeds of the Loan, the allocation of the amounts of the Loan to each Category and the percentage of expenditures for items so to be financed in each Category:

	<u>Category</u>	Amount of the Loan Allocated (Expressed in Euro)	% of Expenditures <u>To be Financed</u>
(1)	Goods (including installation)	59,300,000	100% of foreign expenditures and 100% of local expenditures (ex- factory), and 80% for other items procured locally
(2)	Consultants Services	3,000,000	85% incurred by foreign consultants and 75% incurred by local consultants
(3)	Unallocated	3,700,000	
(4)	Premia for Interest Rate Caps and Interest Rate Collars	0	Amount due under Section 2.09 (c) of this Agreement
	TOTAL	<u>66,000,000</u>	

2. For the purposes of this Schedule:

(a) the term "foreign expenditures" means expenditures in the currency of any country other than that of the Guarantor for goods or services supplied from the territory of any country other than that of the Guarantor;

(b) the term "local expenditures" means expenditures in the currency of the Guarantor or for goods or services supplied from the territory of the Guarantor;

(c) the term "local consultants" means individuals who are the Romanian nationals and are legal residents on the territory of the Guarantor for taxation purposes, and companies registered as Romanian legal entities under applicable laws of the Guarantor; and

(d) the term "foreign consultants" means individual consultants and consulting firms who are not "local consultants" as defined in sub-paragraph (c) of this paragraph.

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1 above, no withdrawals shall be made: (i) in respect of payments made for expenditures prior to the date of this Agreement, except that withdrawals, in an aggregate amount not exceeding 300,000 may be made in respect of Category 2 set forth in the table in paragraph 1 of this Schedule on account of payments made for expenditures before that date but after November 1, 2004; and (ii) in respect of payments made under any Category set forth in the table in paragraph 1 of this Schedule until the fee referred to in Section 2.04 of this Agreement has been paid.

4. The Bank may require withdrawals from the Loan Account to be made on the basis of statements of expenditure for expenditures for services under contracts costing less than 100,000 equivalent each for the employment of consulting firms and under contracts costing less than 20,000 each for the employment of individual consultants, under such terms and conditions as the Bank shall specify by notice to the Borrower.

Description of the Project

The objective of the Project is to restore the Lotru hydro power plant as a reliable source of ancillary power services and support Hidroelectrica's institutional development.

The Project consists of the following parts, subject to such modifications thereof as the Borrower and the Bank may agree upon from time to time to achieve such objectives:

<u>Part A</u>: Rehabilitation of the Lotru hydro power plant, including the replacement of the main equipment in the underground power station and the switchyard.

<u>Part B:</u> Provision of consultants' services to assist the Borrower in its institutional development, including a twinning program for technical, financial and risk management, and in the supervision of rehabilitation works, and in contract management.

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The Project is expected to be completed by December 31, 2009.

Amortization Schedule

1. The following table sets forth the Principal Payment Dates of the Loan and the percentage of the total principal amount of the Loan payable on each Principal Payment Date (Installment Share). If the proceeds of the Loan shall have been fully withdrawn as of the first Principal Payment Date, the principal amount of the Loan repayable by the Borrower on each Principal Payment Date shall be determined by the Bank by multiplying: (a) the total principal amount of the Loan withdrawn and outstanding as of the first Principal Payment Date; by (b) the Installment Share for each Principal Payment Date, such repayment amount to be adjusted, as necessary, to deduct any amounts referred to in paragraph 4 of this Schedule, to which a Currency Conversion applies.

Payment Date	Installment Share Expressed as a %
On each March 15 and September 15	4.17
Beginning on March 15, 2010 through March 15, 2021	
On September 15, 2021	4.09

2. If the proceeds of the Loan shall not have been fully withdrawn as of the first Principal Payment Date, the principal amount of the Loan repayable by the Borrower on each Principal Payment Date shall be determined as follows:

(a) To the extent that any proceeds of the Loan shall have been withdrawn as of the first Principal Payment Date, the Borrower shall repay the amount withdrawn and outstanding as of such date in accordance with paragraph 1 of this Schedule.

(b) Any withdrawal made after the first Principal Payment Date shall be repaid on each Principal Payment Date falling after the date of such withdrawal in amounts determined by the Bank by multiplying the amount of each such withdrawal by a fraction, the numerator of which shall be the original Installment Share specified in the table in paragraph 1 of this Schedule for said Principal Payment Date (the Original Installment Share) and the denominator of which shall be the sum of all remaining Original Installment Shares for Principal Payment Dates falling on or after such date, such repayment amounts to be adjusted, as necessary, to deduct any amounts referred to in paragraph 4 of this Schedule, to which a Currency Conversion applies.

3. (a) Withdrawals made within two calendar months prior to any Principal Payment Date shall, for the purposes solely of calculating the principal amounts payable

on any Principal Payment Date, be treated as withdrawn and outstanding on the second Principal Payment Date following the date of withdrawal and shall be repayable on each Principal Payment Date commencing with the second Principal Payment Date following the date of withdrawal.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-paragraph (a) of this paragraph 3, if at any time the Bank shall adopt a due date billing system under which invoices are issued on or after the respective Principal Payment Date, the provisions of such sub-paragraph shall no longer apply to any withdrawals made after the adoption of such billing system.

4. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Schedule, upon a Currency Conversion of all or any portion of the withdrawn principal amount of the Loan to an Approved Currency, the amount so converted in said Approved Currency that shall be repayable on any Principal Payment Date occurring during the Conversion Period, shall be determined by the Bank by multiplying such amount in its currency of denomination immediately prior to said Conversion by either: (i) the exchange rate that reflects the amounts of principal in said Approved Currency payable by the Bank under the Currency Hedge Transaction relating to said Conversion; or (ii) if the Bank so determines in accordance with the Conversion Guidelines, the exchange rate component of the Screen Rate.

5. If the principal amount of the Loan withdrawn and outstanding from time to time shall be denominated in more than one Loan Currency, the provisions of this Schedule shall apply separately to the amount denominated in each Loan Currency, so as to produce a separate amortization schedule for each such amount.

Procurement

Section I. General

A. All goods and services (other than consultants' services) shall be procured in accordance with the provisions of Section I of the "Guidelines for Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits" dated May 2004 (the Procurement Guidelines), and with the provisions of this Schedule.

B. All consultants' services shall be procured in accordance with Sections I and IV of the "Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers" dated May 2004 (the Consultant Guidelines), and with the provisions of this Schedule.

C. The capitalized terms used below in this Schedule to describe particular procurement methods or methods of review by the Bank of particular contracts, have the meanings ascribed to them in the Procurement Guidelines, or Consultant Guidelines, as the case may be.

Section II. Particular Methods of Procurement of Goods and Services (other than Consultants' Services)

International Competitive Bidding. Contracts shall be awarded on the basis of International Competitive Bidding. The provisions of paragraphs 2.55 and 2.56 of the Procurement Guidelines, providing for domestic preference in the evaluation of bids, shall apply to goods manufactured in the territory of the Guarantor and works to be carried out by domestic contractors.

Section III. Particular Methods of Procurement of Consultants' Services

<u>Quality- and Cost-based Selection</u>. Consultants' services, other than individual consultants, shall be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of Quality- and Cost-based Selection.

<u>Individual Consultants</u>. Individual consultants shall be procured in accordance with paragraphs 5.1-5.4 of the Consultant Guidelines.

Section IV. Review by the Bank of Procurement Decisions

Except as the Bank shall otherwise determine by notice to the Borrower, the following contracts shall be subject to Prior Review by the Bank: (a) each contract procured on the basis of International Competitive Bidding; (b) each contract for consultants' services provided by a firm estimated to cost the equivalent of $\\mathcal{E}100,000$ or

more; and (c) each contract for individual consultants estimated to cost the equivalent of &20,000 or more. All other contracts shall be subject to Post Review by the Bank.

Special Account

1. For the purposes of this Schedule:

(a) the term "eligible Categories" means Categories (1) and (2) set forth in the table in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to this Agreement;

(b) the term "eligible expenditures" means expenditures in respect of the reasonable cost of goods and services required for the Project and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Loan allocated from time to time to the eligible Categories in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 1 to this Agreement; and

(c) the term "Authorized Allocation" means the amount of 6,600,000 in respect of the Special Account for the Project to be withdrawn from the Loan Account and deposited into the Special Account pursuant to paragraph 3 (a) of this Schedule, provided, however, that unless the Bank shall otherwise agree, the Authorized Allocation shall be limited to the amount of 4,000,000 in respect of the Special Account until the aggregate amount of withdrawals from the Loan Account plus the total amount of all outstanding special commitments entered into by the Bank pursuant to Section 5.02 of the General Conditions shall be equal to or exceed the equivalent of 12,000,000.

2. Payments out of the Special Account shall be made exclusively for eligible expenditures in accordance with the provisions of this Schedule.

3. After the Bank has received evidence satisfactory to it that the Special Account has been duly opened, withdrawals of the Authorized Allocation and subsequent withdrawals to replenish the Special Account shall be made as follows:

(a) For withdrawals of the Authorized Allocation, the Borrower shall furnish to the Bank a request or requests for deposit into the Special Account of an amount or amounts which do not exceed the aggregate amount of the Authorized Allocation. On the basis of such request or requests, the Bank shall, on behalf of the Borrower, withdraw from the Loan Account and deposit into the Special Account such amount or amounts as the Borrower shall have requested.

- (b) (i) For replenishment of the Special Account, the Borrower shall furnish to the Bank requests for deposits into the Special Account at such intervals as the Bank shall specify.
 - (ii) Prior to or at the time of each such request, the Borrower shall furnish to the Bank the documents and other evidence required pursuant to paragraph 4 of this Schedule for the payment or payments in respect of which replenishment is requested. On the

basis of each such request, the Bank shall, on behalf of the Borrower, withdraw from the Loan Account and deposit into the Special Account such amount as the Borrower shall have requested and as shall have been shown by said documents and other evidence to have been paid out of the Special Account for eligible expenditures. All such deposits shall be withdrawn by the Bank from the Loan Account under the respective eligible Categories, and in the respective equivalent amounts, as shall have been justified by said documents and other evidence.

4. For each payment made by the Borrower out of the Special Account, the Borrower shall, at such time as the Bank shall reasonably request, furnish to the Bank such documents and other evidence showing that such payment was made exclusively for eligible expenditures.

5. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 3 of this Schedule, the Bank shall not be required to make further deposits into the Special Account:

(a) if, at any time, the Bank shall have determined that all further withdrawals should be made by the Borrower directly from the Loan Account in accordance with the provisions of Article V of the General Conditions and paragraph (a) of Section 2.02 of this Agreement;

(b) if the Borrower shall have failed to furnish to the Bank, within the period of time specified in Section 4.01 (b) (ii) of this Agreement, any of the audit reports required to be furnished to the Bank pursuant to said Section in respect of the audit of the records and accounts for the Special Account;

(c) if, at any time, the Bank shall have notified the Borrower of its intention to suspend in whole or in part the right of the Borrower to make withdrawals from the Loan Account pursuant to the provisions of Section 6.02 of the General Conditions; or

(d) once the total unwithdrawn amount of the Loan allocated to the eligible Categories minus the total amount of all outstanding special commitments entered into by the Bank pursuant to Section 5.02 of the General Conditions shall equal the equivalent of twice the amount of the Authorized Allocation.

Thereafter, withdrawal from the Loan Account of the remaining unwithdrawn amount of the Loan allocated to the eligible Categories shall follow such procedures as the Bank shall specify by notice to the Borrower. Such further withdrawals shall be made only after and to the extent that the Bank shall have been satisfied that all such amounts remaining on deposit in the Special Account as of the date of such notice will be utilized in making payments for eligible expenditures. 6. (a) If the Bank shall have determined at any time that any payment out of the Special Account: (i) was made for an expenditure or in an amount not eligible pursuant to paragraph 2 of this Schedule; or (ii) was not justified by the evidence furnished to the Bank, the Borrower shall, promptly upon notice from the Bank: (A) provide such additional evidence as the Bank may request; or (B) deposit into the Special Account (or, if the Bank shall so request, refund to the Bank) an amount equal to the amount of such payment or the portion thereof not so eligible or justified. Unless the Bank shall otherwise agree, no further deposit by the Bank into the Special Account shall be made until the Borrower has provided such evidence or made such deposit or refund, as the case may be.

(b) If the Bank shall have determined at any time that any amount outstanding in the Special Account will not be required to cover further payments for eligible expenditures, the Borrower shall, promptly upon notice from the Bank, refund to the Bank such outstanding amount.

(c) The Borrower may, upon notice to the Bank, refund to the Bank all or any portion of the funds on deposit in the Special Account.

(d) Refunds to the Bank made pursuant to paragraphs 6 (a), (b) and (c) of this Schedule shall be credited to the Loan Account for subsequent withdrawal or for cancellation in accordance with the relevant provisions of this Agreement, including the General Conditions.