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LOAN NUMBER 4421 CHA

Loan Agreement

(Anhui Provincial Highway Project)

between

PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

and

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

Dated March 11, 1999

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LOAN AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT, dated March 11, 1999, between PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA (the Borrower) and INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT (the Bank).

WHEREAS (A) the Borrower, having satisfied itself as to the feasibility and priority of the Project described in Schedule 2 to this Agreement, has requested the Bank to assist in the financing of the Project;

(B) the Project will be carried out by Anhui Province (Anhui) with the Borrower's assistance and, as part of such assistance, the Borrower will make available to Anhui the proceeds of the Loan as provided in this Agreement; and

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 Project Agreement of even date herewith between the Bank and Anhui;

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 Single Currency Loans" of the Bank, dated May 30, 1995 (as amended

through December 2, 1997) (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 have the respective meanings therein set forth, and the following additional terms, wherever used in this Agreement, have the following meanings:

(a) "Affected Persons" means persons who on account of the execution of the Project had or would have their: (i) standard of living adversely affected; or (ii) right, title or interest in any house, land (including premises, agricultural and grazing land) or any other fixed or movable asset acquired or possessed, temporarily or permanently; or (iii) business, occupation, work or place of residence or habitat adversely affected, and "Affected Person" means any of the Affected Persons.

(b) "Anhui" means the Borrower's Anhui Province, and any successor thereto.

(c) "APCD" means the Anhui Provincial Communications Department, a department of the Anhui Provincial Government, and any successor thereto.

(d) "Category" means a category of items set forth in the table in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to this Agreement.

(e) "Expressway EAP" means the Environmental Action Plan dated June 1998, referred to in paragraph A.1 of Schedule 2 to the Project Agreement, which sets out environmental protection measures in respect of Part A.1 of the Project, as well as administrative and monitoring arrangements to ensure the implementation of said Plan.

(f) "Expressway RAP" means the Resettlement Action Plan dated May 1998 in respect of Part A.1 (d) of the Project, referred to in paragraph A.1 of Schedule 2 to the Project Agreement, which sets out the principles and procedures governing land acquisition, resettlement and compensation, as well as reporting and monitoring arrangements to ensure compliance with said Plan.

(g) "Hefei-Anqing Expressway" means the road from Hefei to Anqing in Anhui to be constructed under Part A.1 of the Project.

(h) "Highways" means the roads in Luan, Shouxian, Nanzhao, Chaolu, Xiaohuai and Yangtao in Anhui to be improved or rehabilitated under Part A.2 of the Project.

(i) "Highway Maintenance EAPs" means, collectively, the Environmental Action Plans dated June 1998 in respect of the highways to be improved or rehabilitated under Part A.2 of the Project, which set out environmental protection measures in respect of Part A.2 of the Project, as well as administrative and monitoring arrangements to ensure the implementation of said Plans; and "Highway Maintenance EAP" means any one of the Highway Maintenance EAPs.

(j) "Project Agreement" means the agreement between the Bank and Anhui of even date herewith, as the same may be amended from time to time, and such term includes all schedules and agreements supplemental to the Project Agreement.

(k) "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 the Loan Agreement, an amount equal to two hundred million dollars (\$200,000,000).

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 described in Schedule 2 to this Agreement and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Loan.

(b) The Borrower may, for the purposes of the Project, open and maintain 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 payments out of, the Special Account shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 4 to this Agreement.

Section 2.03. The Closing Date shall be August 31, 2004 or such later date as the Bank shall establish. The Bank shall promptly notify the Borrower of such later date.

Section 2.04. The Borrower shall pay to the Bank a fee in an amount equal to one percent (1%) of the amount of the Loan. On or promptly after the Effective Date, the Bank shall, on behalf of the Borrower, withdraw from the Loan Account and pay to itself the amount of said fee.

Section 2.05. The Borrower shall pay to the Bank a commitment charge at the rate of three-fourths of one percent (3/4 of 1%) per annum on the principal amount of the Loan not withdrawn from time to time.

Section 2.06. (a) The Borrower shall pay interest on the principal amount of the Loan withdrawn and outstanding from time to time, at a rate for each Interest Period equal to LIBOR Base Rate plus LIBOR Total Spread.

(b) For the purposes of this Section:

(i) "Interest Period" means the initial period from and including the date of this Agreement to, but excluding, the first Interest Payment Date occurring thereafter, and after the initial period, each period from and including an Interest Payment Date to, but excluding the next following Interest Payment Date.

(ii) "Interest Payment Date" means any date specified in Section 2.07 of this Agreement.

(iii) "LIBOR Base Rate" means, for each Interest Period, the London interbank offered rate for six-month deposits in dollars for value the first day of such Interest Period (or, in the case of the initial Interest Period, for value the Interest Payment Date occurring on or next preceding the first day of such Interest Period), as reasonably determined by the Bank and expressed as a percentage per annum.

(iv) "LIBOR Total Spread" means, for each Interest Period: (A) three-fourths of one percent (3/4 of 1%); (B) minus (or plus) the weighted average margin, for such Interest Period, below (or above) the London interbank offered rates, or other reference rates, for six-month deposits, in respect of the Bank's outstanding borrowings or portions thereof allocated by the Bank to fund single currency loans or portions thereof made by it that include the Loan; as reasonably determined by the Bank and expressed as a percentage per annum.

(c) The Bank shall notify the Borrower of LIBOR Base Rate and LIBOR Total Spread for each Interest Period, promptly upon the determination thereof.

(d) Whenever, in light of changes in market practice affecting the determination of the interest rates referred to in this Section 2.06, the Bank determines that it is in the interest of its borrowers as a whole and of the Bank to apply a basis for determining the interest rates applicable to the Loan other than as provided in said Section, the Bank may modify the basis for determining the interest rates applicable to the Loan upon not less than six (6) months' notice to the Borrower of the new basis. The basis shall become effective on the expiry of the notice period unless the Borrower notifies the Bank during said period of its objection thereto, in which case said modification shall not apply to the Loan.

Section 2.07. Interest and other charges shall be payable on February 15 and

August 15 in each year.

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

### ARTICLE III

#### Execution of the Project

Section 3.01. (a) The Borrower declares its commitment to the objectives of the Project as set forth in Schedule 2 to this Agreement, and, to this end, without any limitation or restriction upon any of its other obligations under the Loan Agreement, shall cause Anhui to perform in accordance with the provisions of the Project Agreement all the obligations of Anhui therein set forth, shall take or cause to be taken all action, including the provision of funds, facilities, services and other resources, necessary or appropriate to enable Anhui to perform such obligations, and shall not take or permit to be taken any action which would prevent or interfere with such performance.

(b) The Borrower shall make available to Anhui the proceeds of the Loan on the following principal terms:

(i) the principal amount so made available shall be the amount withdrawn from the Loan Account or paid out from the Special Account, on account of the cost of goods, works and services required for the Project and of the fee referred to in Section 2.04 of this Agreement and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Loan;

(ii) Anhui shall repay the principal amount so made available to it over a period of twenty (20) years, inclusive of a grace period of five (5) years; and

(iii) the Borrower shall charge: (A) interest on the principal amount so made available and withdrawn and remaining unrecovered from time to time at a rate equal to the rate of interest applicable from time to time to the Loan pursuant to Section 2.06 of this Agreement; and (B) a commitment charge on the principal amount so made available not withdrawn from time to time at a rate equal to three-fourths of one percent (3/4 of 1%) per annum.

Section 3.02. Except as the Bank shall otherwise agree, procurement of the goods, works and consultants' services required for the Project and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Loan shall be governed by the provisions of Schedule 1 to the Project Agreement.

Section 3.03. The Bank and the Borrower hereby agree that the obligations set forth in Sections 9.04, 9.05, 9.06, 9.07, 9.08 and 9.09 of the General Conditions (relating to insurance, use of goods and services, plans and schedules, records and reports, maintenance and land acquisition, respectively) shall be carried out by Anhui pursuant to Section 2.03 of the Project Agreement.

### ARTICLE IV

#### Financial Covenants

Section 4.01. (a) For all expenditures with respect to which withdrawals from the Loan Account were made on the basis of statements of expenditure, the Borrower shall:

(i) maintain or cause to be maintained in accordance with sound accounting practices, records and accounts reflecting such expenditures;

(ii) ensure that all records (contracts, orders, invoices, bills, receipts and other documents) evidencing such expenditures are retained until at least one year after the Bank has received

the audit report for the fiscal year in which the last withdrawal from the Loan Account was made; and

(iii) enable the Bank's representatives to examine such records.

(b) The Borrower shall:

(i) have the records and accounts referred to in paragraph (a) (i) of this Section and those for the Special Account for each fiscal year audited, in accordance with appropriate auditing principles consistently applied, by independent auditors acceptable to the Bank;

(ii) furnish to the Bank as soon as available, but in any case not later than six months after the end of each such year the report of such audit by said auditors, of such scope and in such detail as the Bank shall have reasonably requested, including a separate opinion by said auditors as to whether the statements of expenditure submitted during such fiscal year, together with the procedures and internal controls involved in their preparation, can be relied upon to support the related withdrawals; and

(iii) furnish to the Bank such other information concerning said records and accounts and the audit thereof as the Bank shall from time to time reasonably request.

#### ARTICLE V

##### Remedies of the Bank

Section 5.01. Pursuant to Section 6.02 (p) of the General Conditions, the following additional events are specified:

(a) Anhui shall have failed to perform any of its obligations under the Project Agreement.

(b) As a result of events which have occurred after the date of the Loan Agreement, an extraordinary situation shall have arisen which shall make it improbable that Anhui will be able to perform its obligations under the Project 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 paragraph (a) of Section 5.01 of this Agreement shall occur and shall continue for a period of sixty (60) days after notice thereof shall have been given by the Bank to the Borrower.

#### ARTICLE VI

##### Effective Date; Termination

Section 6.01. The following is specified as an additional matter, within the meaning of Section 12.02 (c) of the General Conditions, to be included in the opinion or opinions to be furnished to the Bank, namely, that the Project Agreement has been duly authorized or ratified by Anhui, and is legally binding upon Anhui in accordance with its terms.

Section 6.02. The date ninety (90) 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 Minister of Finance 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:

Ministry of Finance  
Sanlihe  
Beijing  
People's Republic of China

Cable address:

FINANMIN  
Beijing

Telex:

22486 MFPRC CN

For the Bank:

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

Cable address:

INTBAFRAD  
Washington, D.C.

Telex:

248423 (MCI) or  
64145 (MCI)

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

PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

By /s/ Li Zhaoxing

Authorized Representative

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR  
RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

By /s/ Jean-Michel Severino

Authorized Representative

#### SCHEDULE 1

#### 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:

Category	Amount of the Loan Allocated (Expressed in Dollars)	% of Expenditures to be Financed
(1) Works		
(a) under Part A.1(a)	116,700,000	48%

	of the Project		
	(b) under Part A.1(b) of the Project	1,400,000	30%
	(c) under Part A.2 of the Project	20,200,000	40%
	(d) under Part B of the Project	1,400,000	50%
(2)	Supply and installation of equipment under Part A.1 (c) of the Project	12,000,000	80%
(3)	Goods	7,800,000	100% of foreign expenditures 100% of local expenditures (ex-factory cost) and 75% of local expenditures for other items procured locally
(4)	Consultants' services and training	4,900,000	100%
(5)	Fee	2,000,000	Amount due under Section 2.04 of this Agreement
(6)	Unallocated	33,600,000	
	TOTAL	<u>200,000,000</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 Borrower for goods or services supplied from the territory of any country other than that of the Borrower; provided, however, that expenditures in the currency of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the Borrower for goods and services supplied from said region shall be deemed to be "foreign expenditures"; and

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

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1 above, no withdrawals shall be made in respect of: (a) payments made for expenditures prior to the date of this Agreement, except that withdrawals in an aggregate amount not exceeding the equivalent of \$19,000,000, \$500,000 and \$500,000 may be made in respect of Categories (1)(a), (3) and (4) respectively set forth in the table in paragraph 1 of this Schedule on account of payments made for expenditures before that date but after June 1, 1998; and (b) payments made for expenditures under Category (1) (c) for the rehabilitation of a provincial highway under Part A.2 of the Project unless Anhui shall have carried out such resettlement and rehabilitation of Affected Persons, if any, in connection with said highway as required pursuant to paragraph A.2(b) of Schedule 2 to the Project Agreement.

4. The Bank may require withdrawals from the Loan Account to be made on the basis of statements of expenditure for expenditures for:

- (a) goods under contracts costing less than \$250,000 equivalent;
- (b) works under contracts costing less than \$4,000,000 equivalent;
- (c) consultants' services under contracts awarded to: (i) consulting firms

costing less than \$100,000 equivalent each; and (ii) individual consultants costing less than \$50,000 equivalent each; and (d) training; all under such terms and conditions as the Bank shall specify by notice to the Borrower.

## SCHEDULE 2

### Description of the Project

The objective of the Project is to assist the Borrower's Province of Anhui to: (a) relieve traffic congestion and improve mobility and integration of interprovincial trade, commerce and tourism; (b) improve and rehabilitate the existing national and principal highways; (c) improve the safety of road transport; and (d) strengthen highway sector institutional capacity, all in Anhui.

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 objective:

#### Part A: Highway Construction, Rehabilitation and Improvement

1. (a) Construction of a high-grade highway of about 152 kilometers (km) between Hefei and Anqing in Anhui, divided into two sections, one of about 126 km between Hefei and Gaohebu and another of about 26 km between Gaohebu and Anqing, including construction of interchanges; (b) construction of toll stations and auxiliary service and office buildings along said highway; (c) supply and installation of electrical, electronic and mechanical equipment for toll collection, monitoring, telecommunications and lighting systems; and (d) resettlement and rehabilitation of Affected Persons with respect to said highway.

2. Improvement and rehabilitation of about 240 km of provincial highways in the areas of Luan, Shouxian, Nanzhao, Chaolu, Xiaohuai and Yangtao in Anhui, and resettlement and rehabilitation of Affected Persons with respect to said provincial highways.

#### Part B: Highway Safety

Carrying out of a program of improvement in highway safety in Anhui consisting of a study on highway traffic accidents and a pilot program for improvement of accident black spots.

#### Part C: Institutional Strengthening

1. Strengthening the institutional capacity of Anhui Provincial Communications Department and affiliated institutions in the areas of highway planning, design, construction management and supervision, operation and maintenance; traffic safety; financial planning; project implementation management; and environmental protection and monitoring; through the provision of training, equipment and consultants' services.

2. Carrying out of a study with a view to formulate recommendations for the improvement of the planning, financing, management and operation of expressways and other toll highways in Anhui.

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The Project is expected to be completed by February 28, 2004.

## SCHEDULE 3

### Amortization Schedule

Date Payment Due	Payment of Principal (expressed in Dollars)*
August 15, 2004	4,205,000
February 15, 2005	4,335,000
August 15, 2005	4,465,000



February 15, 2006	4,595,000
August 15, 2006	4,735,000
February 15, 2007	4,875,000
August 15, 2007	5,020,000
February 15, 2008	5,175,000
August 15, 2008	5,330,000
February 15, 2009	5,485,000
August 15, 2009	5,650,000
February 15, 2010	5,820,000
August 15, 2010	5,995,000
February 15, 2011	6,175,000
August 15, 2011	6,360,000
February 15, 2012	6,550,000
August 15, 2012	6,745,000
February 15, 2013	6,950,000
August 15, 2013	7,155,000
February 15, 2014	7,370,000
August 15, 2014	7,590,000
February 15, 2015	7,820,000
August 15, 2015	8,055,000
February 15, 2016	8,295,000
August 15, 2016	8,545,000
February 15, 2017	8,800,000
August 15, 2017	9,060,000
February 15, 2018	9,335,000
August 15, 2018	9,615,000
February 15, 2019	9,895,000

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\* The figures in this column represent the amount in Dollars to be repaid, except as provided in Section 4.04 (d) of the General Conditions.

#### SCHEDULE 4

##### Special Account

1. For the purposes of this Schedule:

(a) the term "eligible Categories" means Categories (1), (2), (3) and (4) 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 an amount equal to \$15,000,000 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 an amount equal to \$10,000,000, 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 amount of \$50,000,000.

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 for said Special Account. 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 for the Special Account, minus the total amount of all outstanding special commitments entered into by the Bank pursuant to Section 5.02 of the General Conditions with respect to the Project, 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 any 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.

