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H.E. Ato Ahmed Shide
Minister
Ministry of Finance
Addis Ababa

Dear Ato Ahmed,

***Re: Grant No. TF0A8352-ET
(General Education Quality Improvement Program for Equity)
Additional Instructions: Disbursement Letter***

I refer to the Grant Agreement between the International Development Association (“World Bank”), acting as administrator of the General Education Quality Improvement Program for Equity Multi-Donor Trust Fund (MDTF”) and the Federal Republic of Ethiopia (the “Recipient”) for the above-referenced Program of even date herewith. The Agreement provides that the Recipient may from time to time request withdrawals of Grant amounts from the Grant Account in accordance with the Disbursement Letter, and such additional instructions as the Association may specify from time to time by notice to the Recipient. This letter (Disbursement Letter), as revised from time to time, constitutes the additional instructions.

I. Disbursement Arrangements, Withdrawal of Grant Funds, and Reporting of Uses of Grant Funds.

(i) Schedule 1. The table in Schedule 1 sets out the disbursement methods which may be used by the Recipient, information on registration of authorized signatures, processing of withdrawal applications, and instructions on documentation and reporting of advances.

(ii) Withdrawal Applications. Applications for withdrawal from the Grant Account (“Withdrawal Applications”) of amounts of the Grant allocated to individual Disbursement Linked Results (“DLR”) may, pursuant to the provisions of Section IV of Schedule 2 of the Grant Agreement, be sent to the Association at any time after the Association has notified the Recipient in writing that it has accepted evidence of achievement of the specific DLR.

(iii) Withdrawal Amount. The Withdrawal Application may be for an amount not to exceed the amount of the Grant confirmed by the Association for the specific DLR in respect of which the withdrawal is requested, as specified in the Association’s notice to the Recipient.



(vi) **Electronic Delivery.** Section 11.01 (c) of the General Conditions. The Association may permit the Recipient to electronically applications (with supporting documents) through the Association's web-based portal (<https://clientconnection.worldbank.org>) "Client Connection". This option may be effected if the officials designated in writing by the Recipient who are authorized to sign and deliver Applications have registered as users of "Client Connection". The designated officials may deliver Applications electronically by completing the Form 2380, which is accessible through "Client Connection". By signing the Authorized Signatory Letter, the Recipient confirms that it is authorizing such persons to accept Secure Identification Credentials (SIDC) and to deliver the Applications and supporting documents to the Association by electronic means. The Recipient may continue to exercise the option of preparing and delivering Applications in paper form.

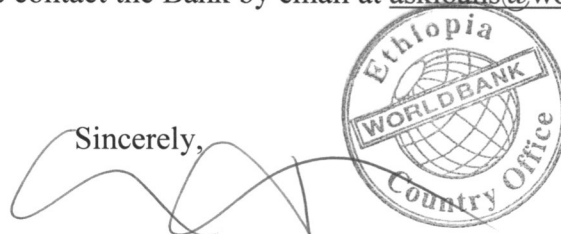
The Association reserves the right and may, in its sole discretion, temporarily or permanently disallow the electronic delivery of Applications by the Recipient. By designating officials to use SIDC and by choosing to deliver the Applications electronically, the Recipient confirms through the authorized 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, available in the Association's public website at <https://worldbank.org> and "Client Connection"; and (b) to cause such official to abide by those terms and conditions.

III. Other Important Information.

For additional information on disbursement arrangements, please refer to the Loan Handbook available on the Bank's website (<http://www.worldbank.org/>) and "Client Connection". The Bank recommends that you register as a user of "Client Connection". From this website you will be able to prepare and deliver Applications, monitor the near real-time status of the Grant, and retrieve related policy, financial, and procurement information.

For more information about the website and registration arrangements, or if you have any queries in relation to the above, please contact the Bank by email at askloans@worldbank.org using the above reference.

Sincerely,



Carolyn Turk
Country Director Eritrea, Ethiopia, Sudan and South Sudan
Africa Region

Attachments

1. Form of Authorized Signatory Letter

Schedule 1 : Disbursement Provisions

Basic Information			
Grant Number	Country	Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia	Closing Date
	Recipient	Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia	Disbursement Deadline Date
	Name of the Program	General Education Quality Improvement Program for Equity	
			Section B.4 of Schedule IV to the Grant Agreement.
			Six months after the closing date.
Disbursement Methods and Supporting Documentation			
Disbursement Methods	Methods	Supporting Documentation	
Reimbursement (financing of achieved results)	Yes	Confirmation issued by the World Bank	
Advance	No		
Reimbursement			
Financial Institution - Name	National Bank of Ethiopia (NBE)	Ceiling	Not Applicable
		Currency	USD
		Amount	Not Applicable
Authorized Signatures The form for Authorized Signatories Letter is provided in Attachment 1 of this letter Withdrawal and Documentation Applications			
(i) Authorized Signatures and (ii) Applications			
An authorized signatory letter in the Form attached (Attachment 2) should be furnished to the Association at the address indicated below providing the name(s) and specimen signature(s) of the official(s) authorized to sign Applications.			
All Withdrawal Applications and its supporting documentation will be electronically sent via the Association's system Client Connection. In instances where paper copies will have to be submitted, please provide completed and signed (a) applications for withdrawal, together with supporting documents, and (b) applications for special commitments, together with a copy of the commercial bank letter of credit, to the address indicated below:			

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Additional [Information][Instructions]

Other

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 SIDC”), the Recipient represents and warrants to the Association that it will cause such persons to abide by those terms and conditions.]

This Authorization replaces and supersedes any Authorization currently in the Association records with respect to this Agreement.

[Name], [position] Specimen Signature: _____

[Name], [position] Specimen Signature: _____

[Name], [position] Specimen Signature: _____

Yours truly,

/ signed /

[Position]