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**LOAN NUMBER 7813-BY**

# **Loan Agreement**

**(Development Policy Loan)**

**between**

**REPUBLIC OF BELARUS**

**and**

**INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION  
AND DEVELOPMENT**

**Dated December 3, 2009**

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### **LOAN AGREEMENT**

Agreement dated December 3, 2009, entered into between REPUBLIC OF BELARUS (“Borrower”) and INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT (“Bank”) for the purpose of providing financing in support of the Program (as defined in the Appendix to this Agreement). The Bank has decided to provide this financing on the basis, *inter alia*, of: (a) the actions which the Borrower has already taken under the Program and which are described in Section I. A of Schedule 1 to this Agreement; and (b) the Borrower’s maintenance of an appropriate macro-economic policy framework. The Borrower and the Bank therefore hereby agree as follows:

#### **ARTICLE I - GENERAL CONDITIONS; DEFINITIONS**

- 1.01. The General Conditions (as defined in the Appendix to this Agreement) constitute an integral part of this Agreement.
- 1.02. Unless the context requires otherwise, the capitalized terms used in this Agreement have the meanings ascribed to them in the General Conditions or in the Appendix to this Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE II - LOAN**

- 2.01. The Bank agrees to lend to the Borrower, on the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in this Agreement, the amount of two hundred million Dollars (\$200,000,000), as such amount may be converted from time to time through a Currency Conversion in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.07 of this Agreement (“Loan”).
- 2.02. The Borrower may withdraw the proceeds of the Loan in support of the Program in accordance with Section II of Schedule 1 to this Agreement.
- 2.03. The Front-end Fee payable by the Borrower shall be equal to one quarter of one percent (0.25 percent) of the Loan amount.
- 2.04. The interest payable by the Borrower for each Interest Period shall be at a rate equal to LIBOR for the Loan Currency plus the Variable Spread; provided, that upon a Conversion of all or any portion of the principal amount of the Loan, the interest payable by the Borrower during the Conversion Period on such amount shall be determined in accordance with the relevant provisions of Article IV of the General Conditions. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any amount of the

Withdrawn Loan Balance remains unpaid when due and such non-payment continues for a period of thirty (30) days, then the interest payable by the Borrower shall instead be calculated as provided in Section 3.02 (d) of the General Conditions.

- 2.05. The Payment Dates are April 15 and October 15 in each year.
- 2.06. The principal amount of the Loan shall be repaid in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
- 2.07. (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 withdrawn and outstanding 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 the 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 the General Conditions, and shall be effected in accordance with the provisions of Article IV of the General Conditions and of the Conversion Guidelines.
- 2.08. Without limitation upon the provisions of Section 5.08 of the General Conditions (renumbered as such pursuant to paragraph 4 of Section II of the Appendix to this Agreement and relating to *Cooperation and Consultation*), the Borrower shall promptly furnish to the Bank such information relating to the provisions of this Article II as the Bank may, from time to time, reasonably request.

### **ARTICLE III - PROGRAM**

- 3.01. The Borrower declares its commitment to the Program and its implementation. To this end, and further to Section 5.08 of the General Conditions:
- (a) the Borrower and the Bank shall from time to time, at the request of either party, exchange views on the progress achieved in carrying out the Program;
- (b) prior to each such exchange of views, the Borrower shall furnish to the Bank for its review and comment a report on the progress achieved in

carrying out the Program, in such detail as the Bank shall reasonably request; and

- (c) without limitation upon the provisions of paragraphs (a) and (b) of this Section, the Borrower shall promptly inform the Bank of any situation that would have the effect of materially reversing the objectives of the Program or any action taken under the Program including any action specified in Section I of Schedule 1 to this Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE IV - REMEDIES OF THE BANK**

- 4.01. The Additional Event of Suspension consists of the following, namely, that a situation has arisen which shall make it improbable that the Program, or a significant part of it, will be carried out.

#### **ARTICLE V - TERMINATION**

- 5.01. The Effectiveness Deadline is the date ninety (90) days after the date of this Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE VI - REPRESENTATIVE; ADDRESSES**

- 6.01. The Borrower's Representative is Minister of Finance of the Borrower.
- 6.02. The Borrower's Address is:

Ministry of Finance  
Minsk, 220010  
7 Sovetskaya Street  
Republic of Belarus

Facsimile:

375 17 2264445

- 6.03. The Bank's Address is:

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

Cable address:

Telex:

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Washington, D.C.

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1-202-477-6391

AGREED at Minsk, Republic of Belarus, as of the day and year first above written.

REPUBLIC OF BELARUS

By: /s/ Andrei Kharkovets  
Authorized Representative

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR  
RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

By: /s/ Martin Raiser  
Authorized Representative

**SCHEDULE 1****Program Actions; Availability of Loan Proceeds****Section I. Actions under the Program**

- A. Actions Taken Under the Program.** The actions taken by the Borrower under the Program include the following:
1. The Borrower enacted a Presidential Decree No. 458 dated September 14, 2009, on the Targeted Social Assistance aiming at improving and scaling up the program containing, *inter alia*, the following:
    - (a) increasing income eligibility threshold for targeted social assistance program above the subsistence minimum, namely, up to 150% of subsistence minimum for lump sum assistance;
    - (b) extending the duration of the targeted social assistance from 3 months to 6 months;
    - (c) calculating the total income of an applicant based on a total income during the year preceding the application;
    - (d) integrating housing and utility allowance program in the targeted social assistance program; and
    - (e) incorporating asset test in the eligibility criteria for targeted social assistance.
  2. The Borrower enacted a Presidential Decree No. 510 dated October 16, 2009, reforming the role of control and supervision activities which, *inter-alia*, reduces the burden of state inspections on business and improves the penalty system.
  3. The Borrower has implemented prices liberalization by: (a) issuing a Presidential Decree No. 70, dated February 6, 2009, eliminating the requirements for price registration, including new goods, but excluding paid medical services; and (b) abolishing a Government practice of issuing resolution setting forth administrative limits on increases in producer prices (tariffs) for goods, works and services.
  4. The Borrower removed restrictions on retail trade margins for domestic and imported goods, except for a limited and closed list of social goods and goods subject to monopoly power by issuing a Resolution No. 141 dated August 19, 2009, of the Minister of Economy.

**Section II. Availability of Loan Proceeds**

- A. General.** The Borrower may withdraw the proceeds of the Loan in accordance with the provisions of this Section and such additional instructions as the Bank may specify by notice to the Borrower.
- B. Allocation of Loan Amounts.** The Loan (except for amounts required to pay the Front-end Fee) is allocated in a single withdrawal tranche, from which the Borrower may make withdrawals of the Loan proceeds. The allocation of the amounts of the Loan to this end is set out in the table below:

<b>Allocations</b>	<b>Amount of the Loan Allocated (Expressed in Dollars)</b>
Single Withdrawal Tranche	199,500,000
Front-end Fee	500,000
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT</b>	<u><b>200,000,000</b></u>

- C. Deposits of Loan Amounts.** Except as the Bank may otherwise agree:
1. the single withdrawal from the Loan Account shall be deposited by the Bank into an account designated by the Borrower and acceptable to the Bank; and
  2. the Borrower shall ensure that upon the deposit of an amount of the Loan into this account, an equivalent amount is accounted for in the Borrower's budget management system, in a manner acceptable to the Bank.
- D. Excluded Expenditures.** The Borrower undertakes that the proceeds of the Loan shall not be used to finance Excluded Expenditures. If the Bank determines at any time that an amount of the Loan was used to make a payment for an Excluded Expenditure, the Borrower shall, promptly upon notice from the Bank, refund an amount equal to the amount of such payment to the Bank. Amounts refunded to the Bank upon such request shall be cancelled.
- E. Closing Date.** The Closing Date is June 1, 2010.



**SCHEDULE 2****Amortization Schedule**

1. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 2 of this Schedule, the Borrower shall repay each Disbursed Amount in semiannual installments payable on each April 15 and October 15, the first installment to be payable on the thirteenth (13th) Interest Payment Date following the Maturity Fixing Date for the Disbursed Amount and the last installment to be payable on the thirty-second (32nd) Interest Payment Date following the Maturity Fixing Date for the Disbursed Amount. Each installment shall be equal to one-twenty (1/20) of the Disbursed Amount. The last installment shall be equal to the remaining outstanding amount of the Disbursed Amount.
2. If any one or more installments of principal of the Disbursed Amount would, pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 1 of this Schedule, be payable after April 15, 2026, the Borrower shall also pay on such date the aggregate amount of all such installments.
3. The Bank shall notify the Loan Parties of the amortization schedule for each Disbursed Amount promptly after the Maturity Fixing Date for the Disbursed Amount.
4. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs 1 through 3 of this Schedule, in the event of a Currency Conversion of all or any portion of a Disbursed Amount to an Approved Currency, the amount so converted in the Approved Currency that is 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 the Conversion by either: (i) the exchange rate that reflects the amounts of principal in the Approved Currency payable by the Bank under the Currency Hedge Transaction relating to the Conversion; or (ii) if the Bank so determines in accordance with the Conversion Guidelines, the exchange rate component of the Screen Rate.

## APPENDIX

### Section I. Definitions

1. “Excluded Expenditure” means any expenditure:
- (a) for goods or services supplied under a contract which any national or international financing institution or agency other than the Bank or the Association has financed or agreed to finance, or which the Bank or the Association has financed or agreed to finance under another loan, credit, or grant;
  - (b) for goods included in the following groups or sub-groups of the Standard International Trade Classification, Revision 3 (SITC, Rev.3), published by the United Nations in Statistical Papers, Series M, No. 34/Rev.3 (1986) (the SITC), or any successor groups or subgroups under future revisions to the SITC, as designated by the Bank by notice to the Borrower:

Group	Sub-group	Description of Item
112		Alcoholic beverages
121		Tobacco, un-manufactured, tobacco refuse
122		Tobacco, manufactured (whether or not containing tobacco substitutes)
525		Radioactive and associated materials
667		Pearls, precious and semiprecious stones, unworked or worked
718	718.7	Nuclear reactors, and parts thereof; fuel elements (cartridges), non-irradiated, for nuclear reactors
728	728.43	Tobacco processing machinery
897	897.3	Jewelry of gold, silver or platinum group metals (except watches and watch cases) and goldsmiths’ or silversmiths’ wares (including set gems)

Group	Sub-group	Description of Item
971		Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)

- (c) for goods intended for a military or paramilitary purpose or for luxury consumption;
  - (d) for environmentally hazardous goods, the manufacture, use or import of which is prohibited under the laws of the Borrower or international agreements to which the Borrower is a party, and any other goods designated as environmentally hazardous by agreement between the Borrower and the Bank;
  - (e) on account of any payment prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations; and
  - (f) with respect to which the Bank determines that corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practices were engaged in by representatives of the Borrower or other recipient of the Loan proceeds, without the Borrower (or other such recipient) having taken timely and appropriate action satisfactory to the Bank to address such practices when they occur.
2. “General Conditions” means the “International Bank for Reconstruction and Development General Conditions for Loans”, dated July 1, 2005 (as amended through February 12, 2008) with the modifications set forth in Section II of this Appendix.
  3. “Program” means the program of actions, objectives and policies designed to promote growth and achieve sustainable reductions in poverty and set forth or referred to in the letter dated October 20, 2009, from the Borrower to the Bank declaring the Borrower’s commitment to the execution of the Program, and requesting assistance from the Bank in support of the Program during its execution.
  4. “Single Withdrawal Tranche” means the amount of the Loan allocated to the category entitled “Single Withdrawal Tranche” in the table set forth in Part B of Section II of Schedule 1 to this Agreement.

**Section II. Modifications to the General Conditions**

The modifications to the General Conditions are as follows:

1. The last sentence of paragraph (a) of Section 2.03 (relating to Applications for Withdrawal) is deleted in its entirety.
2. Sections 2.04 (*Designated Accounts*) and 2.05 (*Eligible Expenditures*) are deleted in their entirety, and the remaining Sections in Article II are renumbered accordingly.
3. Paragraph (a) of Section 2.05 (renumbered as such pursuant to paragraph 2 above) is modified to read as follows:

*“Section 2.05. Refinancing Preparation Advance; Capitalizing Front-end Fee and Interest*

(a) If the Loan Agreement provides for the repayment out of the proceeds of the Loan of an advance made by the Bank or the Association (“Preparation Advance”), the Bank shall, on behalf of such Loan Party, withdraw from the Loan Account on or after the Effective Date the amount required to repay the withdrawn and outstanding balance of the advance as at the date of such withdrawal from the Loan Account and to pay all accrued and unpaid charges, if any, on the advance as at such date. The Bank shall pay the amount so withdrawn to itself or the Association, as the case may be, and shall cancel the remaining unwithdrawn amount of the advance.”

4. Sections 5.01 (*Project Execution Generally*), and 5.09 (*Financial Management; Financial Statements; Audits*) are deleted in their entirety, and the remaining Sections in Article V are renumbered accordingly.
5. Paragraph (a) of Section 5.05 (renumbered as such pursuant to paragraph 4 above and relating to *Use of Goods, Works and Services*) is deleted in its entirety.
6. Paragraph (c) of Section 5.06 (renumbered as such pursuant to paragraph 4 above) is modified to read as follows:

*“Section 5.06. Plans; Documents; Records*

... (c) The Borrower shall retain all records (contracts, orders, invoices, bills, receipts and other documents) evidencing expenditures under the Loan until two years after the Closing Date. The Borrower shall enable the Bank’s representatives to examine such records.”

7. Paragraph (c) of Section 5.07 (renumbered as such pursuant to paragraph 4 above) is modified to read as follows:

*Section 5.07. Program Monitoring and Evaluation*

(c) The Borrower shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, and furnish to the Bank not later than six months after the Closing Date, a report of such scope and in such detail as the Bank shall reasonably request, on the execution of the Program, the performance by the Loan Parties and the Bank of their respective obligations under the Legal Agreements and the accomplishment of the purposes of the Loan.

8. The following terms and definitions set forth in the Appendix are modified or deleted as follows, and the following new terms and definitions are added in alphabetical order to the Appendix as follows, with the terms being renumbered accordingly:

- (a) The definition of the term “Conversion Date” is modified to read as follows:

“Conversion Date’ means, in respect of a Conversion, the Execution Date (as herein defined) or such other date as requested by the Borrower and accepted by the Bank, on which the Conversion enters into effect, and as further specified in the Conversion Guidelines.”

- (b) The definition of the term “Eligible Expenditure” is modified to read as follows:

“‘Eligible Expenditure’ means any use to which the Loan is put in support of the Program, other than to finance expenditures excluded pursuant to the Loan Agreement.”

- (c) The term “Financial Statements” and its definition are deleted in their entirety.

- (d) The term “Project” is modified to read “Program” and its definition is modified to read as follows (and all references to “Project” throughout these General Conditions are deemed to be references to “Program”):

“‘Program’ means the program referred to in the Loan Agreement in support of which the Loan is made.”