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Guarantee Agreement

(Rural Environmental Protection Project)

between

REPUBLIC OF POLAND

and

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

Dated January 20, 2000

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GUARANTEE AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT, dated January 20, 2000, between REPUBLIC OF POLAND (the Guarantor) and INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT (the Bank).

WHEREAS (A) the Guarantor and NATIONAL FUND FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND WATER MANAGEMENT (the Borrower), having been satisfied as to the feasibility and priority of the Project described in Schedule 2 to the Loan Agreement, have requested the Bank to assist in the financing of the Project;

(B) by the Loan Agreement of even date herewith between the Bank and the Borrower, the Bank has agreed to extend to the Borrower a loan in an amount equal to one million two hundred fifty thousand Dollars (\$1,250,000) and an amount equal to one million one hundred thousand Euro (EUR 1,100,000), on the terms and conditions set forth in the Loan Agreement, but only on condition that the Guarantor agree to guarantee the obligations of the Borrower in respect of such loan as provided in this Agreement; and

WHEREAS the Guarantor, in consideration of the Bank's entering into the Loan Agreement with the Borrower, has agreed so to guarantee such obligations of the Borrower;

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), with the modifications set forth in Section 1.01 of the Loan Agreement (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 and Section 1.02 of the Loan Agreement have the respective meanings therein set forth.

ARTICLE II

Guarantee

Section 2.01. Without limitation or restriction upon any of its other obligations under the Guarantee Agreement, the Guarantor hereby unconditionally guarantees, as primary obligor and not as surety merely, the due and punctual payment of the principal of, and interest and other charges on, the Loan, and the premium, if any, on the prepayment of the Loan, all as set forth in the Loan Agreement.

ARTICLE III

Representative of the Guarantor; Addresses

Section 3.01. The Minister of Finance of the Guarantor is designated as representative of the Guarantor for the purposes of Section 11.03 of the General Conditions.

Section 3.02. The following addresses are specified for the purposes of Section 11.01 of the General Conditions:

For the Guarantor:

Ministry of Finance
ul. Swietokrzyska 12
Warszawa 00-916
Republic of Poland

Cable address:

MINF
Poland

Telex:

815592 PL
814386 PL

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 City of Warsaw, Republic of Poland, as of the day and year first above written.

REPUBLIC OF POLAND

By /s/ Jaroslaw Bauc

Authorized Representative

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR
RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

By /s/ Basil G. Kavalsky

Acting Regional Vice President
Europe and Central Asia

