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Project Agreement

(Coal Sector Restructuring Implementation Assistance Project)

between

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

and

FOUNDATION FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE COAL INDUSTRY

Dated June 28, 1996

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PROJECT AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT, dated June 28, 1996, between INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT (the Bank) and FOUNDATION FOR THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE COAL INDUSTRY (REFORMUGOL).

WHEREAS by the Loan Agreement of even date herewith between the Russian Federation (the Borrower) and the Bank, the Bank has agreed to make available to the Borrower an amount equal to twenty five million dollars (\$25,000,000), on the terms and conditions set forth in the Loan Agreement, but only on condition that REFORMUGOL agree to undertake such obligations toward the Bank as are set forth in this Agreement; and

WHEREAS REFORMUGOL, in consideration of the Bank entering into the Loan Agreement with the Borrower, has agreed to undertake the obligations set forth in this Agreement;

NOW THEREFORE the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE II

Execution of the Project

Section 2.01. REFORMUGOL declares its commitment to the objectives of the Project as set forth in Schedule 2 to the Loan Agreement, and, to this end, shall carry out the Project with due diligence and efficiency and in conformity with appropriate

administrative and financial practices, and shall provide, or cause to be provided, promptly as needed, the funds, facilities, services and other resources required for the Project.

Section 2.02. 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 this Agreement.

Section 2.03. REFORMUGOL shall carry out 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) in respect of the Project Agreement.

Section 2.04. (a) REFORMUGOL shall, at the request of the Bank, exchange views with the Bank with regard to progress of the Project, the performance of its obligations under this Agreement and other matters relating to the purposes of the Loan.

(b) REFORMUGOL shall promptly inform the Bank of any condition which interferes or threatens to interfere with the progress of the Project, the accomplishment of the purposes of Loan, or the performance by REFORMUGOL of its obligations under this Agreement.

ARTICLE III

Management and Operations of REFORMUGOL

Section 3.01. REFORMUGOL shall carry on its operations and conduct its affairs in accordance with sound administrative and financial practices under the supervision of qualified and experienced management assisted by competent staff in adequate numbers.

Section 3.02. REFORMUGOL shall at all times operate and maintain its equipment and other property, and from time to time, promptly as needed, make all necessary repairs and renewals thereof, all in accordance with sound financial and administrative practices.

Section 3.03. REFORMUGOL shall take out and maintain with responsible insurers, or make other provision satisfactory to the Bank for, insurance against such risks and in such amounts as shall be consistent with appropriate practice.

ARTICLE IV

Financial Covenants

Section 4.01. (a) REFORMUGOL shall maintain records and accounts adequate to reflect in accordance with sound accounting practices its operations and financial condition.

- (b) REFORMUGOL shall:
 - have its records and accounts, including separate records and accounts in respect of the Project, and financial statements (balance sheets, statements of income and expenses and related statements) 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 (6) months after the end of each such year, (A) certified copies of its financial statements for such year as so audited and (B) the report of such audit by said auditors of such scope and in such detail as the Bank shall have reasonably requested; and
 - (iii) furnish to the Bank such other information concerning said records, accounts and financial statements as

well as the audit thereof, as the Bank shall from time to time reasonably request.

ARTICLE V

Effective Date; Termination; Cancellation and Suspension

Section 5.01. This Agreement shall come into force and effect on the date upon which the Loan Agreement becomes effective.

Section 5.02. This Agreement and all obligations of the Bank and of REFORMUGOL thereunder shall terminate on the date on which the Loan Agreement shall terminate in accordance with its terms, and the Bank shall promptly notify REFORMUGOL thereof.

Section 5.03. All the provisions of this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect notwithstanding any cancellation or suspension under the General Conditions.

ARTICLE VI

Miscellaneous Provisions

Section 6.01. Any notice or request required or permitted to be given or made under this Agreement and any agreement between the parties contemplated by this Agreement shall be in writing. Such notice or request shall be deemed to have been duly given or made when it shall be delivered by hand or by mail, telegram, cable, telex or radiogram to the party to which it is required or permitted to be given or made at such party's address hereinafter specified or at such other address as such party shall have designated by notice to the party giving such notice or making such request. The addresses so specified are:

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:

INTBAFRAD		197688	(TRT),
Washington,	D.C.	248423	(RCA),
		64145	(WUI) or
		82987	(FTCC)

For REFORMUGOL:

Foundation for the Promotion of the Restructuring of the Coal Industry Novvy Arbat, 15 121910 Moscow Russian Federation

Section 6.02. Any action required or permitted to be taken, and any document required or permitted to be executed, under this Agreement on behalf of REFORMUGOL may be taken or executed by the Director General or such other person or persons as the Director General shall designate in writing, and REFORMUGOL shall furnish to the Bank sufficient evidence of the authority and the authenticated specimen signature of each such person.

Section 6.03. This Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original, and all collectively but one instrument. 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.

> INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

By /s/ Yukon Huang Acting Regional Vice President Europe and Central Asia

FOUNDATION FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE COAL INDUSTRY

By /s/ Yakov Urinson

Authorized Representative

SCHEDULE 1

Procurement and Consultants' Services

Section I. Procurement of Goods and Works

Part A: General

Goods shall be procured in accordance with the provisions of Section I of the "Guidelines for Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits" published by the Bank in January 1995 and revised in January 1996 (the Guidelines) and the following provisions of this Section, as applicable.

Part B: Procurement Procedures

1. International Shopping

Goods shall be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of international shopping procedures in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 3.5 and 3.6 of the Guidelines.

2. National Shopping

Goods estimated to cost less than \$50,000 equivalent, up to an aggregate amount not to exceed \$300,000 equivalent shall be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of national shopping procedures in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 3.5 and 3.6 of the Guidelines.

Part C: Review by the Bank of Procurement Decisions

1. Procurement Planning

Prior to the issuance of any invitations to bid for contracts, the proposed procurement plan for the Project shall be furnished to the Bank for its review and approval, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 1 of Appendix 1 to the Guidelines. Procurement of all goods and works shall be undertaken in accordance with such procurement plan as shall have been approved by the Bank, and with the provisions of said paragraph 1.

2. Prior Review

With respect to the first two contracts for goods procured in accordance with the provisions of Part B.1 of this Schedule, the

procedures set forth in paragraphs 2 and 3 of Appendix 1 to the Guidelines shall apply.

3. Post Review

With respect to each contract not governed by paragraph 2 of this Part, the procedures set forth in paragraph 4 of Appendix 1 to the Guidelines shall apply.

Section II. Employment of Consultants

1. Consultants' services shall be procured under contracts awarded in accordance with the provisions of the "Guidelines for the Use of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers and by The World Bank as Executing Agency" published by the Bank in August 1981 (the Consultant Guidelines). For complex, time-based assignments, such contracts shall be based on the standard form of contract for consultants' services issued by the Bank, with such modifications thereto as shall have been agreed by the Bank. Where no relevant standard contract documents have been issued by the Bank, other standard forms acceptable to the Bank shall be used.

Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1 of this Section, 2. the provisions of the Consultant Guidelines requiring prior Bank review or approval of budgets, short lists, selection procedures, letters of invitation, proposals, evaluation reports and contracts, shall not apply to (a) contracts for the employment of consulting firms estimated to cost less than \$100,000 equivalent each or (b) contracts for the employment of individual consultants estimated to cost less than \$50,000 equivalent each. However, said exceptions to prior Bank review shall not apply to (a) the terms of reference for such contracts, (b) single-source selection of consulting firms, (c) assignments of a critical nature, as reasonably determined by the Bank, (d) amendments to contracts for the employment of consulting firms raising the contract value to \$100,000 equivalent or above, or (e) amendments to contracts for the employment of individual consultants raising the contract value to \$50,000 equivalent or above.