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LOAN NUMBER 3959 POL

Loan Agreement

(Power Transmission Project)

between

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION  
AND DEVELOPMENT

and

POLISH POWER GRID COMPANY

Dated January 25, 1996

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LOAN AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT, dated January 25, 1996, between INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT (the Bank) and POLISH POWER GRID COMPANY (the Borrower).

WHEREAS: (A) Republic of Poland (the Guarantor) and the Borrower, having been satisfied as to the feasibility and priority of the Project described in Schedule 2 to this Agreement, have requested the Bank to assist in the financing of the Project;

(B) by an agreement (the Guarantee Agreement) of even date herewith between the Guarantor and the Bank, the Guarantor has agreed to guarantee the obligations of the Borrower in respect of the Loan; 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;

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" of the Bank, dated January 1, 1985, with the modifications set forth below (the General Conditions) constitute an integral part of this Agreement:

(a) The last sentence of Section 3.02 is deleted.

(b) In Section 6.02, sub-paragraph (k) is re-lettered as sub-paragraph (l) and a new sub-paragraph (k) is added to read:

"(k) An extraordinary situation shall have arisen under which any further withdrawals under the Loan would be inconsistent with the provisions of Article III, Section 3 of the Bank's Articles of Agreement."

Section 1.02. Unless the context otherwise requires, the several terms defined in the General Conditions and in the Preamble to this Agreement have the respective meanings therein set forth and the following additional terms have the following meanings:

(a) "PIU" means the Project Implementation Unit established by the Borrower on July 15, 1994;

(b) "Special Account" means the account referred to in Section 2.02 (b) of this Agreement;

(c) "Statutes" means the corporate statutes of the Borrower, dated September 28, 1990, as amended to the date of this Agreement; and

(d) "UCPTE" means the Union for Coordination of Production and Transmission of Electricity established on May 25, 1951.

## 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, various currencies that shall have an aggregate value equivalent to the amount of one hundred sixty million dollars (\$160,000,000), being the sum of withdrawals of the proceeds of the Loan, with each withdrawal valued by the Bank as of the date of such withdrawal.

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 related services, and consultants' services required for the Project described in Schedule 2 to this Agreement and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Loan and in respect of interest and other charges on the Loan.

(b) The Borrower, may for the purposes of the Project, open and maintain in Deutsche Marks (DM) a special deposit account in a commercial bank acceptable to the Bank on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Bank, including appropriate protection against set-off, seizure or attachment. Deposits into, and payments out of, the Special Account shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 5 to this Agreement.

(c) On each of the semiannual interest payment dates specified in Section 2.06 of this Agreement, the Bank shall, on

behalf of the Borrower, withdraw from the Loan Account and pay to itself the amounts required to pay, on such date, interest and other charges on the Loan accrued and payable on or before the date set forth, and up to the amount allocated, in Schedule 1 to this Agreement, as such Schedule may be amended from time to time by agreement between the Bank and the Borrower.

Section 2.03. The Closing Date shall be December 31, 2001 or such later date as the Bank shall establish. The Bank shall promptly notify the Borrower and the Guarantor of such later date.

Section 2.04. 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 2.05. (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 the Cost of Qualified Borrowings determined in respect of the preceding Semester, plus one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%). On each of the dates specified in Section 2.06 of this Agreement, the Borrower shall pay interest accrued on the principal amount outstanding during the preceding Interest Period, calculated at the rate applicable during such Interest Period.

(b) As soon as practicable after the end of each Semester, the Bank shall notify the Borrower and the Guarantor of the Cost of Qualified Borrowings determined in respect of such Semester.

(c) For the purposes of this Section:

- (i) "Interest Period" means a six-month period ending on the date immediately preceding each date specified in Section 2.06 of this Agreement, beginning with the Interest Period in which this Agreement is signed.
- (ii) "Cost of Qualified Borrowings" means the cost, as reasonably determined by the Bank and expressed as a percentage per annum, of the outstanding borrowings of the Bank drawn down after June 30, 1982, excluding such borrowings or portions thereof as the Bank has allocated to fund: (A) the Bank's investments; and (B) loans which may be made by the Bank after July 1, 1989 bearing interest rates determined otherwise than as provided in paragraph (a) of this Section.
- (iii) "Semester" means the first six months or the second six months of a calendar year.

(d) On such date as the Bank may specify by no less than six months' notice to the Borrower, paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) (iii) of this Section shall be amended to read as follows:

"(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 Quarter equal to the Cost of Qualified Borrowings determined in respect of the preceding Quarter, plus one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%). On each of the dates specified in Section 2.06 of this Agreement, the Borrower shall pay interest accrued on the principal amount outstanding during the preceding Interest Period, calculated at the rates applicable during such Interest Period."

"(b) As soon as practicable after the end of each Quarter, the Bank shall notify the Borrower and the Guarantor of the Cost of Qualified Borrowings determined in respect of such Quarter."

"(c) (iii) 'Quarter' means a three-month period commencing on January 1, April 1, July 1 or October 1 in a calendar year."

Section 2.06. Interest and other charges shall be payable semiannually on May 15 and November 15 in each year.

Section 2.07. 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. The Borrower declares its commitment to the objectives of the Project as set forth in Schedule 2 to this Agreement, and, to this end, shall carry out the Project with due diligence and efficiency and in conformity with appropriate administrative, financial, engineering, public utility, and environmental practices, and shall provide, promptly as needed, the funds, facilities, services and other resources required for the Project.

Section 3.02. In order to assist the Borrower in the carrying out of the Project, the Borrower shall employ consultants whose qualifications, experience and terms of reference shall be satisfactory to the Bank.

Section 3.03. Except as the Bank shall otherwise agree, procurement of the goods and related services, 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 4 to this Agreement.

Section 3.04. The Borrower shall:

(a) prepare, by December 31, 1996, a comprehensive program including detailed guidelines, satisfactory to the Bank, for the rehabilitation of the 110 kV network in conjunction with the rehabilitation of the 400 and 220 kV networks; and (b) issue such guidelines by June 30, 1997;

(b) prepare, by June 30, 1996, a program, satisfactory to the Bank, to introduce environmentally constrained economic dispatching in its operations and implement this by December 31, 1996; and

(c) prepare, by December 31, 1995, a study, under terms of reference satisfactory to the Bank, on the use of Poly-Chlorinated Biphenyls for the 110 kV distribution network in the territory of the Guarantor.

Section 3.05. Without limitation upon the provisions of Article IX of the General Conditions, the Borrower shall:

(a) prepare, on the basis of guidelines acceptable to the Bank, and furnish to the Bank not later than six (6) months after the Closing Date or such later date as may be agreed for this purpose between the Borrower and the Bank, a plan for the future operation of the Project;

(b) afford the Bank a reasonable opportunity to exchange views with the Borrower on said plan; and

(c) thereafter, carry out said plan with due diligence and efficiency and in accordance with appropriate practices,

taking into account the Bank's comments thereon.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### Management and Operations of the Borrower

Section 4.01. The Borrower shall carry on its operations and conduct its affairs in accordance with sound administrative, financial and engineering and public utility practices under the supervision of qualified and experienced management assisted by competent staff in adequate numbers.

Section 4.02. Without limitation to the provisions of Section 4.01 of this Agreement, the Borrower shall present, by June 30, 1996, a comprehensive proposal, satisfactory to the Bank, to introduce a sound corporate financial management organization and implement this by December 31, 1996.

Section 4.03. The Borrower shall at all times operate and maintain its plants, machinery, equipment and other property, and from time to time, promptly as needed, make all necessary repairs and renewals thereof, all in accordance with sound engineering, financial and public utility practices.

Section 4.04. The Borrower 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 V

##### Financial Covenants

Section 5.01. (a) The Borrower shall maintain records and accounts adequate to reflect in accordance with sound accounting practices its operations and financial condition.

(b) The Borrower shall:

- (i) have its records, accounts and financial statements (balance sheets, statements of income and expenses and related statements) and the records and accounts 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, (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.

(c) 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, in accordance with paragraph (a) of this Section, records and accounts reflecting such expenditures;
- (ii) retain, 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 or payment out of the Special Account was made, all records (contracts, orders, invoices, bills, receipts and other documents) evidencing such expenditures;

- (iii) enable the Bank's representatives to examine such records; and
- (iv) ensure that such records and accounts are included in the annual audit referred to in paragraph (b) of this Section and that the report of such audit contains 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.

Section 5.02. (a) Except as the Bank shall otherwise agree, the Borrower shall produce, for each fiscal year, funds from internal sources equivalent to not less than 30% of the annual average of the Borrower's capital expenditures incurred, or expected to be incurred, for that year, the previous fiscal year and the next following fiscal year.

(b) Before September 30 in each of its fiscal years, the Borrower shall, on the basis of forecasts prepared by the Borrower and satisfactory to the Bank, review whether it would meet the requirements set forth in paragraph (a) in respect of such year and the next following fiscal year and shall furnish to the Bank a copy of such review upon its completion.

(c) If any such review shows that the Borrower would not meet the requirements set forth in paragraph (a) for the Borrower's fiscal years covered by such review, the Borrower shall promptly take all necessary measures (including, without limitation, adjustments of the structure or levels of its rates) in order to meet such requirements.

(d) For the purposes of this Section:

- (i) The term "funds from internal sources" means the difference between:
  - (A) the sum of revenues from all sources related to operations, consumer deposits and consumer contributions in aid of construction, net non-operating income and any reduction in working capital other than cash; and
  - (B) the sum of all expenses related to operations, including administration, adequate maintenance and taxes and payments in lieu of taxes (excluding provision for depreciation and other non-cash operating charges), debt service requirements, all cash dividends and other cash distributions of surplus, increase in working capital other than cash and other cash outflows other than capital expenditures.
- (ii) The term "net non-operating income" means the difference between:
  - (A) revenues from all sources other than those related to operations; and
  - (B) expenses, including taxes and payments in

lieu of taxes, incurred in the generation of revenues in (A) above.

- (iii) The term "working capital other than cash" means the difference between current assets excluding cash and current liabilities at the end of each fiscal year.
- (iv) The term "current assets excluding cash" means all assets other than cash which could in the ordinary course of business be converted into cash within twelve months, including accounts receivable, marketable securities, inventories and pre-paid expenses properly chargeable to operating expenses within the next fiscal year.
- (v) The term "current liabilities" means all liabilities which will become due and payable or could under circumstances then existing be called for payment within twelve months, including accounts payable, customer advances, debt service requirements, taxes and payments in lieu of taxes, and dividends.
- (vi) The term "debt service requirements" means the aggregate amount of repayments (including sinking fund payments, if any) of, and interest and other charges on, debt.
- (vii) The term "capital expenditures" means all expenditures on account of fixed assets, including interest charged to construction, related to operations.
- (viii) Whenever for the purposes of this Section it shall be necessary to value, in terms of the currency of the Guarantor, debt payable in another currency, such valuation shall be made on the basis of the prevailing lawful rate of exchange at which such other currency is, at the time of such valuation, obtainable for the purposes of servicing such debt, or, in the absence of such rate, on the basis of a rate of exchange acceptable to the Bank.

Section 5.03. (a) Except as the Bank shall otherwise agree, the Borrower shall not incur any debt, unless the net revenues of the Borrower for the fiscal year immediately preceding the date of such incurrence or for a later twelve-month period ended prior to the date of such incurrence, whichever is greater, shall be at least 1.5 times the estimated maximum debt service requirements of the Borrower for any succeeding fiscal year on all debt of the Borrower, including the debt to be incurred.

(b) For the purposes of this Section:

- (i) The term "debt" means any indebtedness of the Borrower maturing by its terms more than one year after the date on which it is originally incurred.
- (ii) Debt shall be deemed to be incurred: (A) under a loan contract or agreement or other instrument providing for such debt or for the modification of its terms of payment on the date of such contract, agreement or instrument; and (B) under a guarantee agreement, on the date the agreement providing for such guarantee has been entered into.
- (iii) The term "net revenues" means the difference

between:

- (A) the sum of revenues from all sources related to operations adjusted to take account of the Borrower's rates in effect at the time of the incurrence of debt even though they were not in effect during the twelve-month period to which such revenues relate and net non-operating income; and
  - (B) the sum of all expenses related to operations including administration, adequate maintenance, taxes and payments in lieu of taxes, but excluding provision for depreciation, other non-cash operating charges and interest and other charges on debt.
- (iv) The term "net non-operating income" means the difference between:
- (A) revenues from all sources other than those related to operations; and
  - (B) expenses, including taxes and payments in lieu of taxes, incurred in the generation of revenues in (A) above.
- (v) The term "debt service requirements" means the aggregate amount of repayments (including sinking fund payments, if any) of, and interest and other charges on, debt.
- (vi) Whenever for the purposes of this Section, it shall be necessary to value, in terms of the currency of the Guarantor, debt payable in another currency, such valuation shall be made on the basis of the prevailing lawful rate of exchange at which such other currency is, at the time of such valuation, obtainable for the purposes of servicing such debt, or, in the absence of such rate, on the basis of a rate of exchange acceptable to the Bank.

#### ARTICLE VI

##### Remedies of the Bank

Section 6.01. Pursuant to Section 6.02 (l) of the General Conditions, the following additional event is specified, namely, that the Statutes shall have been amended, suspended, abrogated, repealed or waived so as to effect materially and adversely the ability of the Borrower to perform any of its obligations under this Agreement.

Section 6.02. Pursuant to Section 7.01 (h) of the General Conditions, the following additional event is specified, namely, that the event specified in Section 6.01 of this Agreement shall occur.

#### ARTICLE VII

##### Termination

Section 7.01. 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 VIII

##### Representative of the Borrower; Addresses



Section 8.01. The President of the Borrower is designated as representative of the Borrower for the purposes of Section 11.03 of the General Conditions.

Section 8.02. The following addresses are specified for the purposes of Section 11.01 of the General Conditions:

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 (RCA)  
82987 (FTCC)  
64145 (WUI) or  
197688 (TRT)

For the Borrower:

Polish Power Grid Company  
Polskie Sieci  
Elektroenergetyczne SA  
00-496 Warszawa, ul  
Mysia 2  
Republic of Poland

Telex:

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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.

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR  
RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

By /s/ Paul Knotter

Authorized Representative

POLISH POWER GRID COMPANY

By /s/ Zbigniew Bicki  
/s/ Zbigniew Kedzierski

Authorized Representatives

#### 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:

Amount of the Loan Allocated	% of
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Category	(Expressed in Dollar Equivalent)	Expenditures to be Financed
(1) Goods and related services	115,000,000	100% of foreign expenditures, 100% of local expenditures (ex-factory cost) and 85% of local expenditures for items procured locally
(2) Consultants' services and training	3,000,000	100%
(3) Interest and other charges on the Loan accrued on or before November 14, 2001	30,000,000	Amount due pursuant to Section 2.02 (c) of this Agreement
(4) Unallocated	12,000,000	
TOTAL	160,000,000 =====	

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 Guarantor for goods and related services or consultants' services supplied from the territory of any country other than that of the Guarantor; and

(b) the term "local expenditures" means expenditures in the currency of the Guarantor or for goods and related services or consultants' services supplied from the territory of the Guarantor.

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1 above, no withdrawals shall be made in respect of payments made for expenditures prior to the date of this Agreement, except that withdrawals, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$16,000,000 may be made in respect of Categories (1) and (2) on account of payments made for expenditures before that date but after April 1, 1995.

4. The Bank may require withdrawals from the Loan Account to be made on the basis of statements of expenditure for expenditures under contracts for goods and related services not exceeding \$300,000 equivalent, under such terms and conditions as the Bank shall specify by notice to the Borrower.

#### SCHEDULE 2

##### Description of the Project

The objectives of the Project are to: (a) improve the reliability of the existing high voltage grid through rehabilitation and reinforcement; (b) enhance security of power supply in Poland by interconnecting the Polish power grid with that of Western Europe, thus improving Poland's power export and wheeling capability; (c) improve the network's operational performance and control through transmission loss reduction and improved dispatching, thereby enhancing energy conservation and efficiency; (d) reduce environmental pollution; and (e) enhance the Borrower's institutional capabilities.

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 objectives:

1. Implementation of a substation modernization program consisting of: (i) modernization of strategic substations in the Western and Central-Western regions of the territory of the Guarantor to meet the design performance levels required for system reliability and international interconnections; and (ii) shunt reactive compensation at specific substations to ensure steady voltage control and avoid having to switch off 400 kV lines under light load conditions.
2. Rehabilitation and upgrading of 220 kV lines to achieve overall system performance levels and interconnect major substations for dispatch purposes.
3. Strengthening the institutional capabilities of the Borrower in the areas of project and financial management through technical assistance and training.

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The Project is expected to be completed by June 30, 2001.

### SCHEDULE 3

#### Amortization Schedule

Date Payment Due	Payment of Principal (expressed in dollars)*
May 15, 2000	3,855,000
November 15, 2000	3,990,000
May 15, 2001	4,130,000
November 15, 2001	4,275,000
May 15, 2002	4,430,000
November 15, 2002	4,585,000
May 15, 2003	4,745,000
November 15, 2003	4,915,000
May 15, 2004	5,090,000
November 15, 2004	5,270,000
May 15, 2005	5,455,000
November 15, 2005	5,650,000
May 15, 2006	5,845,000
November 15, 2006	6,055,000
May 15, 2007	6,270,000
November 15, 2007	6,490,000
May 15, 2008	6,720,000
November 15, 2008	6,955,000
May 15, 2009	7,205,000
November 15, 2009	7,455,000
May 15, 2010	7,720,000
November 15, 2010	7,995,000
May 15, 2011	8,275,000
November 15, 2011	8,570,000
May 15, 2012	8,870,000
November 15, 2012	9,185,000

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\* The figures in this column represent dollar equivalents determined as of the respective dates of withdrawal. See General Conditions, Sections 3.04 and 4.03.

#### Premiums on Prepayment

Pursuant to Section 3.04 (b) of the General Conditions, the premium payable on the principal amount of any maturity of the Loan to be prepaid shall be the percentage specified for the applicable time of prepayment below:

Time of Prepayment	Premium
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The interest rate (expressed as a percentage per annum) applicable to the Loan on the day of prepayment multiplied by:

Not more than three years before maturity	0.18
More than three years but not more than six years before maturity	0.35
More than six years but not more than 11 years before maturity	0.65
More than 11 years but not more than 15 years before maturity	0.88
More than 15 years before maturity	1.00

#### SCHEDULE 4

##### Procurement and Consultants' Services

###### Section I. Procurement of Goods

###### Part A: International Competitive Bidding

1. Except as provided in Part C hereof, goods and related services shall be procured under contracts awarded in accordance with procedures consistent with those set forth in Sections I and II of the "Guidelines for Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits" published by the Bank in May 1992 (the Guidelines).

(a) For fixed-price contracts, the invitation to bid referred to in paragraph 2.13 of the Guidelines shall provide that, when contract award is delayed beyond the original bid validity period, the successful bidder's bid price will be increased for each week of delay by two predisclosed correction factors acceptable to the Bank, one to be applied to all foreign currency components and the other to the local currency component of the bid price. Such an increase shall not be taken into account in the bid evaluation.

(b) In the procurement of goods and related services in accordance with this Part A, the Borrower shall use the relevant standard bidding documents issued by the Bank, with such modifications thereto as the Bank shall have agreed to be necessary for the purposes of the Project. Where no relevant standard bidding documents have been issued by the Bank, the Borrower shall use bidding documents based on other internationally recognized standard forms agreed with the Bank.

###### Part B: Preference for Domestic Manufacturers

In the procurement of goods and related services in accordance with the procedures described in Part A hereof, goods manufactured in the territory of the Guarantor may be granted a margin of preference in accordance with, and subject to, the provisions of paragraphs 2.55 and 2.56 of the Guidelines and paragraphs 1 through 4 of Appendix 2 thereto.

###### Part C: Other Procurement Procedures

1. Items or groups of items which the Bank agrees can be obtained only through a limited number of sources up to an aggregate amount equivalent to \$5,700,000, may be procured

under contracts awarded through limited international bidding procedures on the basis of evaluation and comparison of bids obtained from a list, acceptable to the Bank, of qualified suppliers eligible under the Guidelines and in accordance with procedures set forth in Sections I and II of the Guidelines (excluding paragraphs 2.8, 2.9, 2.55, 2.56 thereof).

2. Items or groups of items estimated to cost the equivalent of \$300,000 or less per contract, up to an aggregate amount equivalent to \$1,200,000, may be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of comparison of price quotations obtained from at least three suppliers from at least three different countries eligible under the Guidelines, in accordance with procedures acceptable to the Bank.

3. Contracts for items the Bank agrees are of a proprietary nature or where compatibility with installed equipment is required, up to an aggregate amount equivalent to \$500,000, may be awarded after direct negotiations with suppliers, in accordance with procedures acceptable to the Bank.

Part D: Review by the Bank of Procurement Decisions

1. Review of invitations to bid and of proposed awards and final contracts:

(a) With respect to each contract estimated to cost the equivalent of \$300,000 or more, the procedures set forth in paragraphs 2 and 4 of Appendix 1 to the Guidelines shall apply. Where payments for such contract are to be made out of the Special Account, such procedures shall be modified to ensure that the two conformed copies of the contract required to be furnished to the Bank pursuant to said paragraph 2 (d) shall be furnished to the Bank prior to the making of the first payment out of the Special Account in respect of such contract.

(b) With respect to each contract not governed by the preceding paragraph, the procedures set forth in paragraphs 3 and 4 of Appendix 1 to the Guidelines shall apply. Where payments for such contract are to be made out of the Special Account, said procedures shall be modified to ensure that the two conformed copies of the contract together with the other information required to be furnished to the Bank pursuant to said paragraph 3 shall be furnished to the Bank as part of the evidence to be furnished pursuant to paragraph 4 of Schedule 5 to this Agreement.

(c) The provisions of the preceding subparagraph (b) shall not apply to contracts on account of which withdrawals are to be made on the basis of statements of expenditure.

2. The figure of 15% is hereby specified for purposes of paragraph 4 of Appendix 1 to the Guidelines.

Section II. Employment of Consultants

1. Consultants' services shall be procured under contracts awarded to: (A) consultants whose qualifications, experience and terms and conditions of employment shall be satisfactory to the Bank; and (B) who shall be selected in accordance with principles and procedures satisfactory to the Bank on the basis 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, the Borrower shall employ such consultants under contracts using the standard form of contract for consultants' services issued by the Bank, with such modifications as shall have been agreed by the Bank. Where no relevant standard contract documents have been issued by the Bank, the Borrower shall use other standard forms agreed with the Bank.

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1 of this Section, 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 individuals estimated to cost less than \$50,000 equivalent each. However, this exception to prior Bank review shall not apply to the terms of reference for such contracts, single source selection of consulting firms or individuals, assignments of a critical nature as reasonably determined by the Bank, amendments to contracts for the employment of consulting firms raising the contract value to \$100,000 equivalent or above, or amendments to contracts for the employment of individual consultants raising the contract value to \$50,000 equivalent or above.

#### SCHEDULE 5

##### Special Account

1. For the purposes of this Schedule:

(a) the term "eligible Categories" means Categories 1 and 2 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 related services, and consultants' 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 equivalent to DM 6,000,000 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 equivalent to DM 3,000,000 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 equivalent of \$20,000,000.

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 a deposit or deposits which do not exceed the aggregate amount of the Authorized Allocation. On the basis of such request or requests, the Bank shall, on behalf of the Borrower, withdraw from the Loan Account and deposit in 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; or

(b) once the total unwithdrawn amount of the Loan allocated to the eligible Categories, less the amount of any outstanding special commitment 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 the 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.

