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**Re: Republic of Congo : Proposed Integrated Public Sector Reform Project
Project Preparation Advance IDA Credit N°IBRD P4810-CG
Additional Instructions: Disbursement**

I refer to the Financing Agreement (the “Agreements”) between the International Development Association (collectively the “Bank”), and the Republic of the Congo (the “Recipient”) for the above-referenced project, of even date herewith. The Agreement provides that the World Bank may issue additional instructions regarding the withdrawal of the proceeds of Credit IBRD P4810-CG (“PPA”). This letter (“Disbursement Letter”), as revised from time to time, constitutes the additional instructions.

The attached *Disbursement Guidelines for Investment Project Financing*, dated February 1, 2017, (“Disbursement Guidelines”) (Attachment 1), are an integral part of the Disbursement Letter. The manner in which the provisions in the Disbursement Guidelines apply to the Credit is specified below. Sections and subsections in parentheses below refer to the relevant sections and subsections in the Disbursement Guidelines and, unless otherwise defined in this letter, the capitalized terms used have the meanings ascribed to them in the Disbursement Guidelines.

I. Disbursement Arrangements

(i) Disbursement Methods (section 2). The following Disbursement Methods may be used under the Credit:

- Reimbursement
- Advance
- Direct Payment
- Special Commitment

(ii) Disbursement Deadline Date (subsection 3.7). The Disbursement Deadline Date is 4 months after the Closing Date specified in the Financing Agreement. Any changes to this date will be notified by the Bank.

iii) Conditions de décaissement (sous-section 3.8). Please refer to the Disbursement Conditions in the Financing Agreement, Schedule 2, Section IV B.

II. Withdrawal of Financing Proceeds

(i) Authorized Signatures (subsection 3.1).

An authorized signatory letter in the Form attached (Attachment 2) should be furnished to the Bank at the address indicated below providing the name(s) and specimen signature(s) of the official(s) authorized to sign Applications:

Banque Mondiale
Boulevard de la Révolution
2ème étage, Immeuble BDEAC
BP :14536
Brazzaville CONGO
Attention: Mr. Ahmadou Moustapha Ndiaye, Country Director

(ii) Applications (subsections 3.2 - 3.3). 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:

The World Bank
Loan Department
13th Floor -Delta Center, Menengai Road
Upper Hill - P.O. Box 30577-00100
Nairobi, Kenya - Tel: +254 20 2936 000

(iii) Electronic Delivery (subsection 3.4). The Bank may permit the Recipient to electronically deliver to the World Bank Applications (with supporting documents) through the World Bank's Client Connection, web-based portal. The option to deliver Applications to the World Bank by electronic means may be effected if: (a) the Recipient has designated in writing, pursuant to the terms of subparagraph (i) of this Section, its officials who are authorized to sign and deliver Applications and to receive secure identification credentials ("SIDC") from the World Bank for the purpose of delivering such Applications by electronic means; and (b) all such officials designated by the Recipient have registered as users of Client Connection. If the World Bank agrees, the World Bank will provide the Recipient with Tokens for the designated officials. Following which, the designated officials may deliver Applications electronically by completing Form 2380, which is accessible through Client Connection (<https://clientconnection.worldbank.org>). The Recipient may continue to exercise the option of preparing and delivering Applications in paper form. The World Bank reserves the right and may, in its sole discretion, temporarily or permanently disallow the electronic delivery of Applications by the Recipient.

(iv) Terms and Conditions of Use of SIDC to Process Applications. 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* ("Terms and Conditions of Use of Secure Identification Credentials") provided in Attachment 3; and (b) to cause such official to abide by those terms and conditions.

(v) Minimum Value of Applications (subsection 3.5). The Minimum Value of Applications for reimbursement, direct payment and special commitment is 20% of the ceiling of the Designated Account.

(vi) Advances (sections 5 and 6).

- **Type of Designated Account (subsection 5.3):** Segregated
- **Currency of Designated Account (subsection 5.4):** CFAF
- **Financial Institution at which the Designated Account Will Be Opened (subsection 5.5):**
 - A Commercial Bank Acceptable to the Association
- **Ceiling (subsection 6.1):** CFAF 1,3 million

III. Reporting on Use of Financing Proceeds

(i) Supporting Documentation (section 4). Supporting documentation should be provided with each application for withdrawal as set out below:

- **For requests for Reimbursement for reporting eligible expenditures paid from the Designated Account:**
 - Statement of Expenditure (SOE) in the form attached (Attachment 4) for all expenditures / contracts; and
 - List of payments against contracts that are subject to the Association's prior review, in the form attached (Attachment 5)
- **For requests for Direct Payment:** records evidencing eligible expenditures, e.g., copies of receipts, supplier invoices

(ii) Frequency of Reporting Eligible Expenditures Paid from the Designated Accounts (subsection 6.3): monthly

(iii) Other Supporting Documentation Instructions

A reconciliation statement for this Account (Attachment 6) should be submitted with each application for advances to the DA. Copies of the bank statements of the DA may be requested as needed.

All other supporting documentation for SOEs should be retained by the project management or Recipient and must be made available for review by periodic World Bank missions and internal and external auditors.

IV. Other Important Information

For additional information on disbursement arrangements, please refer to the Disbursement Handbook available on the Association's public website at <https://www.worldbank.org> and its secure website "Client Connection" at <https://clientconnection.worldbank.org>. Print copies are available upon request.

From the Client Connection website, you will be able to prepare and deliver Applications, monitor the near real-time status of the Credit, and retrieve related policy, financial, and procurement information.

If you have not already done so, the Association recommends that you register as a user of the Client Connection website (<https://clientconnection.worldbank.org>). From this website you will be able to prepare and deliver Applications, monitor the near real-time status of the Credit, and retrieve related policy, financial, and procurement information. All Recipient officials authorized to sign and deliver Applications by electronic means are required to register with Client Connection before electronic delivery can be effected. For more information about the website and registration arrangements, please contact the Association by email at <clientconnection@worldbank.org>.

If you have any queries in relation to the above, please contact Issa Thiam, Finance Officer at LOA-AFR@worldbank.org using the above reference.

Yours sincerely,
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By 
Ahmadou Moustapha Ndiaye
Country Director for the Republic of Congo
Africa Region

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Attachments

1. *Disbursement Guidelines for Investment Project Financing*, dated February 1, 2017
2. Form for Authorized Signatures
3. *Terms and Conditions of Use of Secure Identification Devices in connection with Use of Electronic Means to Process Applications and Supporting Documentation*, dated March 1, 2013
4. Form of "Statement of Expenditure"
5. Form of Payments Against Contracts Subject to the Bank's Prior Review
6. Form of Designated Account reconciliation

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Attachment [2]

Form of Authorized Signatory Letter
[Letterhead]
Ministry of Finance
[Street address]

[DATE]
The World Bank
1818 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20433
United States of America

Attention: [Country Director]

Re: Republic of Congo
IDA Credit XXXX-CG
Integrated Public Sector Reform Project
Additional Instructions: Disbursement

I refer to the Financing Agreement (the "Agreements") between the International Development Association ("the "Bank"), and the Republic of Congo (the "Recipient") for the above-referenced project, dated _____. For the purposes of Section 2.03 of the General Conditions as defined in the Agreement, any ¹[one] of the persons whose authenticated specimen signatures appear below is authorized on behalf of the Recipient to sign applications for withdrawal [and applications for a special commitment] under this Credit.

For the purpose of delivering Applications to the Bank, ²[each] of the persons whose authenticated specimen signatures appears below is authorized on behalf of the Borrower, acting ³[individually] ⁴[jointly], to deliver Applications, and evidence in support thereof on the terms and conditions specified by the Bank.

¹ Instruction to the Recipient: Stipulate if more than one person needs to sign Applications, and how many or which positions, and if any thresholds apply. *Please delete this footnote in final letter that is sent to the Association.*

² Instruction to the Borrower: Stipulate if more than one person needs to *jointly* sign Applications, if so, please indicate the actual number. *Please delete this footnote in final letter that is sent to the Bank.*

³ Instruction to the Borrower: Use this bracket if any one of the authorized persons may sign; if this is not applicable, please delete. *Please delete this footnote in final letter that is sent to the Bank.*

⁴ Instruction to the Borrower: Use this bracket only if several individuals must jointly sign each Application; if this is not applicable, please delete. *Please delete this footnote in final letter that is sent to the Bank.*

⁵[This confirms that the Borrower is authorizing such persons to accept Secure Identification Credentials (SIDC) and to deliver the Applications and supporting documents to the Bank by electronic means. In full recognition that the Bank shall rely upon such representations and warranties, including without limitation, the representations and warranties contained in the *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 Borrower represents and warrants to the Bank that it will cause such persons to abide by those terms and conditions.]

[Name], [position] Specimen Signature: _____

[Name], [position] Specimen Signature: _____

[Name], [position] Specimen Signature: _____

Yours truly,

/ signed /

[Position]

⁵ Instruction to the Borrower: Add this paragraph if the Borrower wishes to authorize the listed persons to accept Secure Identification Credentials and to deliver Applications by electronic means; if this is not applicable, please delete the paragraph. *Please delete this footnote in final letter that is sent to the Bank.*

Attachment 3

**Terms and Conditions of Use of Secure Identification Credentials
in connection with Use of Electronic Means
to Process Applications
and Supporting Documentation**

March 1, 2013

The World Bank (Bank)⁶ will provide secure identification credentials (SIDC) to permit the Borrower⁷ to deliver applications for withdrawal and applications for special commitments under the Agreement(s) and supporting documentation (such applications and supporting documentation together referred to in these Terms and Conditions of Use as Applications) to the Bank electronically, on the terms and conditions of use specified herein.

SIDC can be either: (a) hardware-based (Physical Token), or (b) software-based (Soft Token). The Bank reserves the right to determine which type of SIDC is most appropriate.

A. Identification of Users

1. The Borrower will be required to identify in a completed Authorized Signatory Letter (ASL) duly delivered to and received by the Bank each person who will be authorized to deliver Applications. The Bank will provide SIDC to each person identified in the ASL (Signatory), as provided below. The Borrower shall also immediately notify the Bank if a Signatory is no longer authorized by the Borrower to act as a Signatory.
2. Each Signatory must register as a user on the Bank's Client Connection (CC) website (<https://clientconnection.worldbank.org>) prior to receipt of his/her SIDC. Registration on CC will require that the Signatory establish a CC password (CC Password). The Signatory shall not reveal his/her CC Password to anyone or store or record the CC Password in written or other form. Upon registration as a CC user, the Signatory will be assigned a unique identifying account name.

B. Initialization of SIDC

1. Prior to initialization of SIDC by a Signatory, the Signatory will acknowledge having read, understood and agreed to be bound by these Terms and Conditions of Use.

⁶ "Bank" includes IBRD and IDA.

⁷ "Borrower" includes the borrower of an IBRD loan, IDA credit, or Project Preparation Facility advance and the recipient of a grant.

2. Where a Physical Token is to be used, promptly upon receipt of the Physical Token, the Signatory will access CC using his/her account name and CC Password and register his/her Physical Token and set a personal identification number (PIN) to be used in connection with the use of his/her Physical Token, after which the Physical Token will be initialized for use by the Signatory exclusively for purposes of delivering Applications. Where a Soft Token is to be used, the Signatory will access CC using his/her account name and CC Password and set a personal identification number (PIN) to be used in connection with the use of his/her Soft Token, after which the Soft Token will be initialized for use by the Signatory exclusively for purposes of delivering Applications. Upon initialization of the SIDC, the Signatory will be a "SIDC User". The Bank will maintain in its database a user account (Account) for each SIDC User for purposes of managing the SIDC of the SIDC User. Neither the Borrower nor the SIDC User will have any access to the Account.

3. Prior to first use of the SIDC by the SIDC User, the Borrower shall ensure that the SIDC User has received training materials provided by the Bank in use of the SIDC.

C. Use of SIDC

1. Use of the SIDC is strictly limited to use in the delivery of Applications by the SIDC User in the manner prescribed by the Bank in the Agreement(s) and these Terms and Conditions. Any other use of the SIDC is prohibited.

2. The Bank assumes no responsibility or liability whatsoever for any misuse of the SIDC by the SIDC User, other representatives of the Borrower, or third parties.

3. The Borrower undertakes to ensure, and represents and warrants to the Bank (such representation and warranty being expressly relied upon by the Bank in granting SIDC) that each SIDC User understands and will abide by, these Terms and Conditions of Use, including without limitation the following:

4. *Security*

4.1. The SIDC User shall not reveal his/her PIN to anyone or store or record the PIN in written or other form.

4.2. The SIDC User shall not allow anyone else to utilize his/her SIDC to deliver an Application to the Bank.

4.3. The SIDC User shall always logout from CC when not using the system. Failure to logout properly can create a route into the system that is unprotected.

4.4. If the SIDC User believes a third party has learned his/her PIN or has lost his/her Physical Token he/she shall immediately notify clientconnection@worldbank.org.

4.5. The Borrower shall immediately notify the Bank at clientconnection@worldbank.org of any lost, stolen or compromised SIDC, and take other reasonable steps to ensure such SIDC are disabled immediately.

5. ***Reservation of Right to Disable SIDC***

5.1. The Borrower shall reserve the right to revoke the authorization of a SIDC User to use a SIDC for any reason.

5.2. The Bank reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to temporarily or permanently disable a SIDC, de-activate a SIDC User's Account or both.

6. ***Care of Physical Tokens***

6.1. Physical Tokens will remain the property of the Bank.

6.2. The Bank will physically deliver a Physical Token to each Signatory designated to receive one in a manner to be determined by and satisfactory to the Bank.

6.3. Physical Tokens contain delicate and sophisticated instrumentation and therefore should be handled with due care, and should not be immersed in liquids, exposed to extreme temperatures, crushed or bent. Also, Physical Tokens should be kept more than five (5) cm from devices that generate electromagnetic radiation (EMR), such as mobile phones, phone-enabled PDAs, smart phones and other similar devices. Physical Tokens should be carried and stored separate from any EMR device. At close range (less than 5 cm), these devices can output high levels of EMR that can interfere with the proper operation of electronic equipment, including the Physical Token.

6.4. Without derogating from these Terms and Conditions of Use, other technical instructions on the proper use and care of Physical Tokens are available at <http://www.rsa.com>.

7. ***Replacement***

7.1. Lost, damaged, compromised (in terms of 4.5, above) or destroyed Physical Tokens will be replaced at the expense of the Borrower.

7.2. The Bank reserves the right, in its sole discretion, not to replace any Physical Token in the case of misuse, or not to reactivate a SIDC User's Account.

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Item No.	Category No. *	Name of Supplier, Contract or Consultant	Brief Description of Goods, Works or Services	Total Amount of Contract (Include all currencies)	Currency of Expenditure	Total invoice amount covered by this application (net of retention)	Eligible % of Credit	Currency and eligible amount paid (7)x(8)	US\$ Equivalent paid from Special Account*	Date of Payment	Exchange Rate**	Remarks or Invoice references, including no-objection telex date
TOTALS									\$			

**Payments Made during Reporting Period
Against Contracts Subject to the Association's Prior Review**

Contract Number	Supplier	Contract Date	Contract Amount	Date of WB's Non-Objection to Contract	Amount Paid to Supplier during Period	WB's Date of Supplier Review

DESIGNATED ACCOUNT RECONCILIATION STATEMENT

CREDIT NUMBER _____
 ACCOUNT NUMBER _____ WITH (BANK) _____

1. TOTAL ADVANCED BY WORLD BANK (OR COFINANCIER) \$ _____
2. LESS: TOTAL AMOUNT RECOVERED BY WORLD BANK - \$ _____
3. EQUALS PRESENT OUTSTANDING AMOUNT ADVANCED TO
 THE DESIGNATED ACCOUNT (NUMBER 1 LESS NUMBER 2) = \$ _____

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4. BALANCE OF DESIGNATED ACCOUNT PER ATTACHED BANK
 STATEMENT AS OF DATE _____ \$ _____
5. PLUS: TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED IN THIS
 APPLICATION NO. _____ + \$ _____ *
6. PLUS: TOTAL AMOUNT WITHDRAWN AND NOT YET CLAIMED
 REASON: _____ + \$ _____ *
7. PLUS: AMOUNTS CLAIMED IN PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS
 NOT YET CREDITED AT DATE OF BANK STATEMENTS

APPLICATION NO. AMOUNT *

SUBTOTAL OF PREVIOUS
 APPLICATIONS NOT YET CREDITED + \$ _____

8. MINUS: INTEREST EARNED - \$ _____ *
9. TOTAL ADVANCE ACCOUNTED FOR (NO. 4 TOUGH NO. 9) = \$ _____

10. EXPLANATION OF ANY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TOTALS APPEARING ON LINES 3 AND 9:

11. DATE: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

TITLE: _____

* ALL ITEMS SHOULD BE INDICATED ON THE BANK STATEMENT