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**LOAN NUMBER 7756 RO**

# **Loan Agreement**

**(First Development Policy Loan)**

**between**

**ROMANIA**

**and**

**INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION  
AND DEVELOPMENT**

**Dated September 1, 2009**

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## **LOAN NUMBER 7756 RO**

### **LOAN AGREEMENT**

Agreement dated September 1, 2009, entered into between ROMANIA (“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 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 three hundred million Euros (EUR 300,000,000), 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%) of the Loan amount. The Borrower shall pay the Front-end Fee not later than sixty (60) days after the Effective Date.
- 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 Fixed 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 May 15 and November 15 in each year.
- 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.

### **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 - EFFECTIVENESS; TERMINATION**

5.01. The Effectiveness Deadline is the date one hundred and twenty (120) days after the date of this Agreement.

**ARTICLE VI - REPRESENTATIVE; ADDRESSES**

6.01. The Borrower's Representative is the Ministry of Public Finance.

6.02. The Borrower's Address is:

Ministry of Public Finance  
17, Apolodor Street  
Bucharest  
Romania

Telex:

Facsimile:

11239

4021 312 6792

6.03. The Bank's Address is:

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

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Telex:

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AGREED at Bucharest, Romania, as of the day and year first above written.

ROMANIA

By /s/ Gheorghe Pogea

Authorized Representative

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR  
RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

By /s/ Benoit P. Blarel

Authorized Representative

## SCHEDULE 1

### Program Actions; Availability of Loan Proceeds

#### **Section I. Actions Taken under the Program**

The actions taken by the Borrower under the Program include the following:

1. The Government has approved the MTEF (as in the Convergence Programme) prior to the budget instructions being sent to line ministries.
2. The Government has adopted an Emergency Ordinance No. 35 dated April 14, 2009 (Official Gazette No. 249 dated April 14, 2009) introducing reductions of non wage personnel expenditures in 2009.
3. The Government has adopted the Emergency Ordinance No. 29 dated March 25, 2009 (Official Gazette No. 194 dated March 27, 2009) to increase the overall tobacco excise duty from ₦50.0 to ₦57.0 per 1,000 cigarettes.
4. The Borrower has issued: (i) through the MoH, the Ministerial Order No. 75 dated January 30, 2009 on drug pricing; and (ii) through the MoH and NHIH, the joint Order dated March 31, 2009 promoting the prescription of generic drugs in framework contracts with service providers.
5. The Government has adopted Emergency Ordinance No. 57 dated May 27, 2009 (Official Gazette No. 391 dated June 10, 2009) to: (i) increase the Guaranteed Minimum Income (GMI) eligibility threshold level by 15% starting in July 2009; and (ii) finance 100% of the GMI from the State budget.
6. The NBR and the MoPF have approved a strategic Action Plan for further strengthening of the financial sector.

#### **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 shall be withdrawn in a single tranche. 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 Euro)</b>
Single Tranche	300,000,000
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT</b>	<u>300,000,000</u>

- C. **Payment of Front-end Fee.** No withdrawal shall be made from the Loan Account until the Bank has received payment in full of the Front-end Fee.
- D. **Deposits of Loan Amounts.** Except as the Bank may otherwise agree:
1. all withdrawals 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 each 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.
- E. **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.
- F. **Closing Date.** The Closing Date is December 31, 2009.



**SCHEDULE 2**

**Amortization Schedule**

The Borrower shall repay the principal amount of the Loan in full on November 15, 2022.

## APPENDIX

### **Section I. Definitions**

1. “Convergence Programme” means the Convergence Programme 2008-2011, dated May 2009, and submitted by the Borrower to the European Commission.
2. “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)
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;
  - (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.
3. “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.
  4. “MoH” means the Borrower’s Ministry of Health, or any successor thereto.
  5. “MoPF” means the Borrower’s Ministry of Public Finance, or any successor thereto.
  6. “MTEF” means the Government’s Medium Term Expenditure Framework.
  7. “NBR” means the National Bank of Romania.
  8. “NHIH” means the National Health Insurance House, a public entity established pursuant to Law 145/1997.
  9. “Program” means the program of actions, objectives and policies designed to strengthen public financial management, social protection and the financial sector and set forth or referred to in the letter dated June 11, 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.
  10. “Single Tranche” means the amount of the Loan allocated to the category entitled “Single 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 “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.”

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

- (c) 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.”