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Development Credit Agreement

(Sichuan Provincial Highway Project)

between

PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

and

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Dated February 27, 1989

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DEVELOPMENT CREDIT AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT, dated February 27, 1989, between PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA (the Borrower) and INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (the Association).

WHEREAS (A) the Borrower, having satisfied itself as to the feasibility and priority of the Project described in Schedule 2 to this Agreement, has requested the Association to assist in the financing of the Project;

(B) the Borrower has also requested the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the Bank) to provide additional assistance towards the financing of the Project and by an agreement of even date herewith between the Borrower and the Bank (the Loan Agreement), the Bank is agreeing to provide such assistance in an aggregate principal amount equivalent to seventy five million dollars (\$75,000,000) (the Loan);

(C) the Borrower and the Association intend, to the extent practicable, that the proceeds of the Credit provided for in this Agreement be disbursed on account of expenditures on the Project before disbursements of the proceeds of the Loan provided for in the Loan Agreement are made;

(D) the Project will be carried out by Sichuan Province (Sichuan) with the Borrower's assistance and, as part of such assistance, the Borrower will make available to Sichuan the proceeds of the Credit as provided in this Agreement and the proceeds of the Loan as provided in the Loan Agreement; and

WHEREAS the Association has agreed, on the basis, inter alia, of the foregoing, to extend the Credit to the Borrower upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement and in the Project Agreement of even date herewith among the Association, the Bank and Sichuan;

NOW THEREFORE the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

General Conditions; Definitions

Section 1.01. The "General Conditions Applicable to development Credit Agreements" of the Association, dated January 1, 1985, with the last sentence of Section 3.02 deleted (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 this Agreement have the respective meanings therein set forth and the following additional terms have the following meanings:

(a) "Sichuan" means Sichuan Province, a political sub-division of the Borrower, or any successor thereto;

(b) "Loan Agreement" means the agreement of even date herewith between the Borrower and the Bank for the Project, as such agreement may be amended from time to time; and such term includes the "General Conditions Applicable to Loan and Guarantee Agreements" of the Bank, dated January 1, 1985, as applied to such agreement, and all schedules and agreements supplemental to the Loan Agreement;

(c) "Project Agreement" means the agreement among the Association, the Bank and Sichuan of even date herewith, as the same may be amended from time to time, and such term includes all schedules and agreements supplemental to the Project Agreement;

(d) "MOC" means the Borrower's Ministry of Communications and any successor thereto;

(e) "SPTD" means Sichuan Provincial Transport Department and any successor thereto; and

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

ARTICLE II

The Credit

Section 2.01. The Association agrees to lend to the Borrower, on the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in the Development Credit Agreement, an amount in various currencies equivalent to thirty six million one hundred thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 36,100,000).

Section 2.02. (a) The amount of the Credit may be withdrawn from the Credit Account in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 1 to this Agreement for expenditures made (or, if the Association shall so agree, to be made) in respect of the reasonable cost of goods and services required for the Project and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Credit.

(b) The Borrower shall, for the purposes of the Project, open and maintain in dollars a special account in a bank and on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Association. Deposits into, and payments out of, the Special Account shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 4 to this Agreement.

Section 2.03. The Closing Date shall be December 31, 1994 or such later date as the Association shall establish. The Association shall promptly notify the Borrower of such later date.

Section 2.04. (a) The Borrower shall pay to the Association a commitment charge on the principal amount of the Credit not withdrawn from time to time at a rate to be set by the Association as of June 30 of each year, but not to exceed the rate of one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%) per annum.

(b) The commitment charge shall accrue: (i) from a date sixty days after the date of this Agreement (the accrual date) to the respective dates on which amounts shall be withdrawn by the Borrower from the Credit Account or cancelled; (ii) at the rate set as of the June 30 immediately preceding the accrual date or at such other rates as may be set from time to time thereafter pursuant to paragraph (a) above. The rate set as of June 30 in each year shall be applied as of the next payment date in that year specified in Section 2.06 of this Agreement, except that the rate set as of June 30, 1988 shall be applied as of July 1, 1988.

(c) The commitment charge shall be paid: (i) at such places as the Association shall reasonably request; (ii) without restrictions of any kind imposed by, or in the territory of, the Borrower; and (iii) in the currency specified in this Agreement for the purposes of Section 4.02 of the General Conditions or in such other eligible currency or currencies as may from time to time be designated or selected pursuant to the provisions of that Section.

Section 2.05. The Borrower shall pay to the Association a service charge at the rate of three-fourths of one per cent ($3/4$ of 1%) per annum on the principal amount of the Credit withdrawn and outstanding from time to time.

Section 2.06. Commitment charges and service charges shall be payable semiannually on February 15 and August 15 in each year.

Section 2.07. (a) Subject to paragraphs (b) and (c) below, the Borrower shall repay the principal amount of the Credit in semi-annual installments payable on each February 15 and August 15 commencing August 15, 1998, and ending February 15, 2023. Each installment to and including the installment payable on February 15, 2008 shall be one and one-fourth percent ($1-1/4\%$) of such principal amount, and each installment thereafter shall be two and one-half percent ($2-1/2\%$) of such principal amount.

(b) Whenever (i) the Borrower's gross national product per capita, as determined by the Association, shall have exceeded \$790 in constant 1985 dollars for five consecutive years and (ii) the Bank shall consider the Borrower creditworthy for Bank lending, the Association may, subsequent to the review and approval thereof by the Executive Director of the Association and after due consideration by them of the development of the Borrower's economy, modify the terms of repayment of installments under paragraph (a) above by requiring the Borrower to repay twice the amount of each such installment not yet due until the principal amount of the Credit shall have been repaid. If so requested by the Borrower, the Association may revise such modification to include, in lieu of some or all of the increase in the amount of such installments, the payment of interest at an annual rate agreed with the Association on the principal amount of the Credit withdrawn and outstanding from time to time, provided that, in the judgment of the Association, such revision shall not change the grant element obtained under the above mentioned repayment modification.

(c) If, at any time after a modification of terms pursuant to paragraph (b) above, the Association determines that the Borrower's economic condition has deteriorated significantly, the Association may, if so requested by the Borrower, further modify the terms of repayment to conform to the schedule of installments as provided in paragraph (a) above.

Section 2.08. The currency of the United States of America is hereby specified for the purposes of Section 4.02 of the General Conditions.

ARTICLE III

Execution of the Project

Section 3.01. (a) The Borrower declares its commitment to the objectives of the Project as set forth in Schedule 2 to this Agreement, and, to this end, without any limitation or restriction upon any of its other obligations under the Development Credit Agreement, shall cause Sichuan to perform in accordance with the provisions of the Project Agreement all the obligations of Sichuan therein set forth, shall take and cause to be taken all action, including the provision of funds,

facilities, services and other resources, necessary or appropriate to enable Sichuan to perform such obligations, and shall not take or permit to be taken any action which would prevent or interfere with such performance.

(b) The Borrower shall make the proceeds of the Credit and the proceeds of the Loan available to Sichuan under arrangements satisfactory to the Association and the Bank.

Section 3.02. Except as the Association 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 Credit shall be governed by the provisions of Schedule 3 to this Agreement.

Section 3.03. The Borrower and the Association hereby agree that the obligations set forth in Sections 9.03, 9.04, 9.05, 9.06, 9.07 and 9.08 of the General Conditions (relating to insurance, use of goods and services, plans and schedules, records and reports, maintenance and land acquisition, respectively) shall be carried out by Sichuan pursuant to Section 2.03 of the Project Agreement.

ARTICLE IV

Financial Covenants

Section 4.01. (a) For all expenditures with respect to which withdrawals from the Credit Account were made on the basis of statements of expenditures, the Borrower shall:

- (i) maintain or cause to be maintained in accordance with sound accounting practices, records and accounts reflecting such expenditures;
- (ii) ensure that all records (contracts, orders, invoices, bills, receipts and other documents) evidencing such expenditures are retained until at least one year after the Association has received the audit report for the fiscal year in which the last withdrawal from the Credit Account was made; and
- (iii) enable the Association's representatives to examine such records.

(b) The Borrower shall:

- (i) have the records and accounts referred to in paragraph (a) (i) of this Section and those for the Special Account for each fiscal year audited, in accordance with appropriate auditing principles consistently applied, by independent auditors acceptable to the Association;
- (ii) furnish to the Association as soon as available, but in any case not later than six months after the end of such year the report of such audit by said auditors, of such scope and in such detail as the Association shall have reasonably requested, including 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; and
- (iii) furnish to the Association such other information concerning said records and accounts and the audit thereof as the Association shall from time to time reasonably request.

ARTICLE V

Remedies of the Association

Section 5.01. Pursuant to Section 6.02 (h) of the General Conditions, the following additional events are specified:

(a) Sichuan shall have failed to perform any of its obligations under the Project Agreement.

(b) As a result of events which have occurred after the date of the Development Credit Agreement an extraordinary situation shall have arisen which shall make it improbable that Sichuan will be able to perform its obligations under the Project Agreement.

Section 5.02. Pursuant to Section 7.01 (d) of the General Conditions, the following additional event is specified, namely that the event specified in paragraph (a) of Section 5.01 of this Agreement shall occur and shall continue for a period of sixty days after notice thereof shall have been given by the Association to the Borrower.

ARTICLE VI

Effective Date; Termination

Section 6.01. The following events are specified as additional conditions to the effectiveness of the Development Credit Agreement within the meaning of Section 12.01 (b) of the General Conditions:

(a) the Borrower's State Council has approved the Development Credit Agreement; and

(b) all conditions precedent to the effectiveness of the Loan Agreement have been fulfilled, other than those related to the effectiveness of this Agreement.

Section 6.02. The following is specified as an additional matter, within the meaning of Section 12.02 (b) of the General Conditions, to be included in the opinion or opinions to be furnished to the Association, namely, that the Project Agreement has been duly authorized or ratified by Sichuan, and is legally binding upon Sichuan in accordance with its terms.

Section 6.03. 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 VII

Representative of the Borrower; Addresses

Section 7.01. The Minister of Finance of the Borrower is designated as representative of the Borrower for the purposes of Section 11.03 of the General Conditions.

Section 7.02. The following addresses are specified for the purposes of Section 11.01 of the General Conditions:

For the Borrower:

Ministry of Finance
Sanlihe
Beijing
People's Republic of China

Cable address:

FINANMIN
Beijing

Telex:

22486 MFPRC CN

For the Association:

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

Cable address:

INDEVAS
Washington, D.C.

Telex:

440098 (ITT)
248423 (RCA) or
64145 (WUI)

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.

PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

By /s/ Zhao Xixin

Authorized Representative

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By /s/ A. Karaosmanoglu

Regional Vice President
Asia

SCHEDULE 1

Withdrawal of the Proceeds of the Credit
and of the Loan

1. The table below sets forth the Categories of items to be financed out of the proceeds of the Credit and of the Loan, the allocation of the amounts of the Credit and of the Loan to each Category and the percentage of expenditures for items so to be financed in each Category:

Category	Amount of the Credit Allocated (Expressed in SDR Equivalent)	Amount of the Loan Allocated (Expressed in Dollar Equivalent)	% of Expendi- tures to be Financed
(1) Civil works for Part A of the Project	33,500,000	60,200,000	38%
(2) Goods	2,200,000	4,100,000	100% of foreign expenditures, 100% of local expenditures (ex-factory cost) and 75% of local ex- penditures for other items procured locally
(3) Consultants'	400,000	1,400,000	100%

services and
training

(4) Unallocated ----- 9,300,000

TOTAL 36,100,000 75,000,000

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 Borrower for goods or services supplied from the territory of any country other than that of the Borrower; and

(b) the term "local expenditures" means expenditures in the currency of the Borrower or for goods or services supplied from the territory of the Borrower.

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 exceeding the equivalent of SDR 3,600,000 may be made in respect of Category 1 on account of payments made for expenditures before that date but after January 31, 1988.

SCHEDULE 2

Description of the Project

The objectives of the Project are to assist the Borrower in: (i) expanding and improving the capacity of the heavily developed corridor between Chengdu and Chongqing; and (ii) increasing the efficiency and cost-effectiveness in the highway subsector in Sichuan.

The Project consists of the following parts, subject to such modifications thereof as the Borrower and the Association may agree upon from time to time to achieve such objectives:

(A) construction of about 340 km (about 88 km of Class I standard near Chengdu and Chongqing and about 252 km of Class II standard) of highway connecting Chengdu with Chongqing, including: (i) about 329.2 km of normal highway construction; (ii) about 2.8 km and 5.1 km in the municipal areas of Chengdu and Chongqing, respectively; (iii) a bridge across the Tuojiang River at Qijiatan; (iv) about 2.9 km of access roads from Laifengyi to the Jinyanshan tunnel site; and (v) a 770-meter tunnel at Longquanshan;

(B) construction and improvement of about 105 km of rural roads in the Ya'an and Mianyang prefectures in Sichuan;

(C) provision of consultants' services to assist in construction supervision of the Chengdu-Chongqing Highway;

(D) assisting SPTD in improving road planning through provision of a computerized road data bank;

(E) Evaluation of the paved roads to prepare a program for road strengthening, betterment and maintenance;

(F) provision of equipment for:

(i) road management, operation, and maintenance;

(ii) highway laboratory testing; and

(iii) pavement evaluation;

- (G) provision of staff training; and
- (H) carrying out a road safety program,

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The Project is expected to be completed by June 30, 1994.

SCHEDULE 3

Procurement and Consultants' Services

Section I. Procurement of Goods and Works

Part A: International Competitive Bidding

1. Except as provided in Part D hereof, goods and works 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 1985 (the Guidelines).

2. Bidders for civil works to be procured in accordance with the procedures described in this Part A shall be prequalified as described in paragraph 2.10 of the Guidelines.

Part B: Preference for Domestic Manufacturers

In the procurement of goods in accordance with the procedures described in Part A.1 hereof, goods manufactured in China 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: Preference for Domestic Contractors

In the procurement of works in accordance with the procedures described in Part A.1 hereof, the Borrower may grant a margin of preference to domestic contractors in accordance with, and subject to, the provisions of paragraphs 2.55 and 2.56 of the Guidelines and paragraph 5 of Appendix 2 thereto.

Part D: Other Procurement Procedures

1. Items or groups of items estimated to cost less than the equivalent of \$200,000 per contract, up to an aggregate amount not to exceed the equivalent of \$1,500,000, may be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of comparison of price quotations solicited from a list of at least three suppliers eligible under the Guidelines, in accordance with procedures acceptable to the Association.

2. Civil works under Parts A (ii), (iii), (iv) and (v) of the Project may be carried out through force account in accordance with procedures satisfactory to the Association.

Part E: Review by the Association of Procurement Decisions

1. Review of prequalification:

With respect to the prequalification of bidders as provided in Part A.3 hereof, the procedures set forth in paragraph 1 of Appendix 1 to the Guidelines shall apply.

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

(a) With respect to each contract estimated to cost the equivalent of \$500,000 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 Association pursuant to said paragraph 2 (d) shall be furnished to the Association 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, such 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 Association pursuant to said paragraph 3 shall be furnished to the Association as part of the evidence to be furnished pursuant to paragraph 4 of Schedule 4 to this Agreement.

(c) The provisions of the preceding subparagraphs (a) and (b) shall not apply to contracts on account of which the Association has authorized withdrawals from the Credit Account on the basis of statements of expenditure. Such contracts shall be retained in accordance with Section 4.01 (c) (ii) of this Agreement.

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

Section II. Employment of Consultants

In order to assist in carrying out the Project, the Borrower and Sichuan shall employ consultants whose qualifications, experience and terms and conditions of employment shall be satisfactory to the Association. Such consultants 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.

SCHEDULE 4

Special Account

1. For the purposes of this Schedule:

(a) the term "eligible Categories" means Categories (1), (2) and (3) 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 services required for the Project and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Credit or the Loan allocated from time to time to the eligible Categories in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 1 to the Development Credit Agreement; and

(c) the term "Authorized Allocation" means an amount equivalent to SDR 5,000,000 to be withdrawn from the Credit Account or the Loan Account and deposited in the Special Account pursuant to paragraph 3 (a) of this Schedule.

2. Except as the Association shall otherwise agree, payments out of the Special Account shall be made exclusively for eligible expenditures in accordance with the provisions of this Schedule.

3. After the Association 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 may be made as follows:

(a) On the basis of a request or requests by the Borrower for a deposit or deposits which add up to the aggregate amount of the Authorized Allocation, the Association shall, on behalf of the Borrower, withdraw from the Credit Account or the Loan Account and deposit in the Special Account such amount or amounts as the Borrower shall have requested.

(b) The Borrower shall furnish to the Association requests for replenishment of the Special Account at such intervals as the Association shall specify. On the basis of such requests, the Association shall withdraw from the Credit Account or the Loan Account and deposit into the Special Account such amounts as shall be required to replenish the Special Account with amounts not exceeding the amount of payments made out of the Special Account for eligible expenditures. All such deposits shall be withdrawn by the Association from

the Credit Account or from the Loan Account under the respective eligible Categories, and in the respective equivalent amounts, as shall have been justified by the evidence supporting the request for such deposit furnished pursuant to paragraph 4 of this Schedule.

4. For each payment made by the Borrower out of the Special Account for which the Borrower requests replenishment pursuant to paragraph 3 (b) of this Schedule, the Borrower shall furnish to the Association, prior to or at the time of such request, such documents and other evidence as the Association shall reasonably request, showing that such payment was made for eligible expenditures.

5. (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 3 of this Schedule, no further deposit into the Special Account shall be made by the Association when either of the following situations first arises:

(i) the Association shall have determined that all further withdrawals should be made by the Borrower directly from the Credit Account in accordance with the provisions of Article V of the General Conditions and paragraph (a) of Section 2.02 of the Development Credit Agreement, or from the Loan Account in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.02 of the Loan Agreement and Article V of the General Conditions applicable thereto; or

(ii) the total unwithdrawn amount of the Credit and of the Loan allocated to the eligible Categories, minus the amount of any outstanding special commitment entered into by the Association or the Bank pursuant to Section 5.02 of the respective General Conditions with respect to the Project, shall be equal to the equivalent of twice the amount of the Authorized Allocation.

(b) Thereafter, withdrawal from the Credit Account and the Loan Account of the remaining unwithdrawn amount of the Credit and the Loan allocated to the eligible Categories shall follow such procedures as the Association shall specify by notice to the Borrower. Such further withdrawals shall be made only after and to the extent that the Association 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 Association shall have determined at any time that any payment out of the Special Account (i) was made for any expenditure or in any amount not eligible pursuant to paragraph 2 of this Schedule, or (ii) was not justified by the evidence furnished to the Association, the Borrower shall, promptly upon notice from the Association deposit into the Special Account (or, if the Association shall so request, refund to the Association or the Bank) an amount equal to the amount of such payment or the portion thereof not so eligible or justified. No further deposit by the Association into the Special Account shall be made until the Borrower has made such deposit or refund.

(b) If the Association 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 Association, refund to the Association or the Bank such outstanding amount for crediting to the Credit Account or to the Loan Account, as the case may be.

