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Minister of Public Finance
Ministry of Public Finance
Bucharest, Romania

**Re: IBRD Loan 8892-RO (Strengthening Disaster Risk Management Project)
Additional Instructions: Disbursement and Financial Information Letter (DFIL)**

Excellency:

I refer to the Loan Agreement between Romania (the “Borrower”) and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the “Bank” or “IBRD”) for the above-referenced Project. The General Conditions, as defined in the Loan Agreement, provide that the Borrower may from time to time request withdrawals of Loan Amounts from the Loan Account in accordance with the Disbursement and Financial Information Letter, and such additional instructions as the Bank may specify from time to time by notice to the Borrower. The General Conditions also provide that the Disbursement and Financial Information Letter may set out Project specific financial reporting requirements. This letter constitutes such Disbursement and Financial Information Letter (“DFIL”), and may be revised from time to time.

I. Disbursement Arrangements, Withdrawal of Loan Funds, and Reporting on Uses of Loan Funds

The Disbursement Guidelines for Investment Project Financing, dated February 2017, (“Disbursement Guidelines”) are available in the Bank’s public website at <https://www.worldbank.org> and its secure website “Client Connection” at <https://clientconnection.worldbank.org>. The Disbursement Guidelines are an integral part of the DFIL, and the manner in which the provisions in the Disbursement Guidelines apply to the Loan is specified below.

(i) Disbursement Arrangements

The table in Schedule 1 sets out the disbursement methods which may be used by the Borrower, information on registration of authorized signatures, processing of withdrawal applications (including minimum value of applications and processing of advances), instructions on supporting documentation, and frequency of reporting on the Designated Account.

(ii) Electronic Delivery. Section 10.01 (c) of the General Conditions:

The Bank may permit the Borrower to electronically deliver applications (with supporting documents) through the Bank's web-based portal (<https://clientconnection.worldbank.org>) "Client Connection". This option may be effected if: (a) the Borrower has designated in writing, its officials who are authorized to sign and deliver Applications and to receive Secure Identification Credentials ("SIDC") from the Bank for the purpose of delivering such Applications by electronic means; and (b) all such officials designated by the Borrower have registered as users of "Client Connection". The designated officials may deliver Applications electronically by completing the Form 2380, which is accessible through "Client Connection". The Borrower may continue to exercise the option of preparing and delivering Applications in paper form. The Bank reserves the right and may, in its sole discretion, temporarily or permanently disallow the electronic delivery of Applications by the Borrower. By designating officials to use SIDC and by choosing to deliver the Applications electronically, the Borrower 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, available in the Bank's public website at <https://worldbank.org> and "Client Connection"; and (b) to cause such official to abide by those terms and conditions.

II. Financial Reports and Audits

(i) Financial Reports. The Borrower through GIES shall prepare and furnish to the Bank not later than forty-five (45) days after the end of each calendar semester interim unaudited financial reports (IFR) for the Project covering the semester, in form and substance satisfactory to the Bank.

(ii) Project Audits. The Borrower through GIES shall have the Project financial statements periodically audited by independent auditors acceptable to the Bank, in accordance with consistently applied auditing standards acceptable to the Bank. Each audit of the Project Financial Statements shall cover the period of one fiscal year of the Borrower. The audited Project Financial Statements for each such period shall be (a) furnished to the Bank not later than six (6) months after the end of such period and (b) made publicly available in a timely fashion and in a manner acceptable to the Bank.

III. Other Information

For additional information on disbursement arrangements, please refer to the Loan Handbook available on the Bank's public website (<http://www.worldbank.org/>) and "Client Connection". The Bank recommends that you register as a user of "Client Connection". From this website you will be able to prepare and deliver Applications, monitor the near real-time status of the Loan, and retrieve related policy, financial, and procurement information. For more information about the website and registration arrangements, please contact the Bank by email at clientconnection@worldbank.org.



If you have any queries in relation to the above, please contact Luis Schwarz, Senior Finance Officer at lschwarz@worldbank.org, with copy to Darjan Dragičević, Finance Analyst at ddragicevic@worldbank.org using the above reference.

Yours sincerely,

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Attachments

1. Form of Authorized Signatory Letter
2. Form of Statement of Expenditure (SOE)

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Schedule 1: Disbursement Provisions

Basic Information					
Loan Number	Country	Romania		Closing Date	Section III.B.2 of Schedule 2 to the Loan Agreement
	Borrower	Romania (represented by the Ministry of Public Finance)			
	Name of the Project	Strengthening Disaster Risk Management Project		Disbursement Deadline Date <i>(Subsection 3.7 **)</i>	Four months after the Closing Date
Disbursement Methods and Supporting Documentation					
Disbursement Methods <i>(Section 2 **)</i>	Methods	Supporting Documentation <i>(Subsections 4.3 and 4.4 **)</i>			
Direct Payment	No	N/A			
Reimbursement	Yes	Statement of Expenditure (SOE) in the format provided in Attachment 2 of the DFIL			
Designated Account	No	N/A			
Special Commitments	No	N/A			
Designated Account (Sections 5 and 6 **)					
Type	N/A		Ceiling	N/A	
Financial Institution - Name	N/A		Currency	N/A	
Frequency of Reporting <i>(Subsection 6.3 **)</i>	N/A		Amount	N/A	
Minimum Value of Applications (Subsection 3.5)					
The minimum value of applications is EUR 400,000 equivalent.					
Authorized Signatures (Subsection 3.1 and 3.2 **) The form for Authorized Signatories Letter is provided in Attachment 1 of this letter					
Withdrawal and Documentation Applications (Subsection 3.3 and 3.4 **)					
The World Bank Radnicka cesta 80, 9 th floor Zagreb, HR-10000 Croatia Attention: Loan Department (WFACS)					
Additional Information/Instructions					
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** Sections and subsections relate to the "Disbursement Guidelines for Investment Project Financing", dated February 2017.

Attachment 1 – Form of Authorized Signatory Letter

[Letterhead]
[Borrower]
[Street address]
[City] [Country]

[DATE]

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

Attention: [Country Director]

Re: IBRD Loan _____ - ____ (Strengthening Disaster Risk Management Project)

I refer to the Loan Agreement (“Agreement”) between the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the “Bank”) and Romania (the “Borrower”), dated _____, providing the above Loan. 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 Borrower to sign applications for withdrawal [and applications for a special commitment] under this Loan.

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.

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

¹ Instruction to the Borrower: 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 Bank.*

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.*

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.

This Authorization replaces and supersedes any Authorization currently in the Bank records with respect to this Agreement.

[Name], [position] Specimen Signature: _____

[Name], [position] Specimen Signature: _____

[Name], [position] Specimen Signature: _____

Yours truly,

/ signed /

[Position]

Attachment 2 – Form of Statement of Expenditure

Statement of Expenditure (SOE)

Payments made during the period from _____ to _____

Loan No.: _____

Application No.: _____

Category No.: _____

SOE No.: _____

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Supplier's Name	WB Contract Number in Client Connection (for Prior Review Contracts)	Type of Good or Service (CW/GO/CS/OP/TR) / Brief Description	Currency and Total Amount, and Date of Contract	Currency and Total Amount of Invoice Covered by Application	% Financed by IBRD/IDA/TF	Amount Eligible for Financing (5 x 6)	Currency and Amount Paid from Designated Account (if Applicable)	Exchange Rate	Date of Payment	Remarks
TOTALS										

Supporting documents for this SOE retained at _____ (location)

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