CREDIT NUMBER 4135-YEM

Development Credit Agreement

(Fisheries Resource Management and Conservation Project)

between

REPUBLIC OF YEMEN

and

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

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DEVELOPMENT CREDIT AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT, dated March 7, 2006, between the REPUBLIC OF YEMEN (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; 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;

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 (as amended through May 1, 2004), with the modifications set forth below (the General Conditions), constitute an integral part of this Agreement:

(a) Section 6.03. (c) of the General Conditions is amended by replacing the words "corrupt or fraudulent" with the words "corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive".

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) "Environmental Management Framework" or "EMF" means the Borrower's framework furnished to the Association on July 16, 2005, as such EMF may be updated from time to time by agreement between the Borrower and the Association, setting forth the environmental issues and impacts associated with the Project, outlining the actions to be taken during the implementation of the Project in order to reduce adverse environmental aspects to acceptable levels. The EMF describes, *inter alia*: (i) the criteria for environmental screening for a specific Project Site (as this term is

defined hereinafter); and (ii) the procedures to be followed for the preparation of the Project Site Specific Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (as this term is defined hereinafter) as appropriate as well as the preparation of environmental management plans consisting of a mitigating plan, a monitoring plan and the institutional strengthening measures;

- (b) "Financial Monitoring Report" or "FMR" means each report prepared in accordance with Section 4.02 of this Agreement;
- (c) "FA" means the fisheries' authority to be established and maintained in accordance with the provisions of paragraph A.4 of Schedule 4 to this Agreement;
- (d) "MFW" means the Borrower's Ministry of Fish Wealth, or any successor thereof;
- (e) "Procurement Plan" means the Borrower's procurement plan, dated October 25, 2005 covering the initial eighteen (18) month period (or longer) of Project implementation, as the same shall be updated from time to time in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.02 to this Agreement, to cover succeeding eighteen (18) month periods (or longer) of Project implementation;
- (f) "PIP" means the Borrower's Project implementation plan, furnished to the Association on August 6, 2005, setting forth the procedures, guidelines, criteria, terms of references and formats acceptable to the Association, and required for carrying out the Project, as such plan may be updated from time to time by agreement of the Borrower and the Association;
- (g) "Project Site" means the auction facility, fishing port or marine aquaculture center selected in accordance with the criteria and procedures set forth in the PIP and the provisions of paragraph A.8 of Schedule 4 to this Agreement;
- (h) "Project Site Specific Environmental and Social Assessment" or "PSSESA" means the environmental and social assessment, acceptable to the Association, to be prepared by the Borrower in accordance with the EMF agreed upon between the Borrower and the Association. The said PSSESA identifies and assesses the potential environment and social impacts of the proposed Project Site, evaluates alternatives and designs appropriate mitigation, management and monitoring measures in the form of an environmental management plan;
- (i) "PSC" means the Project service center to be maintained in accordance with the provisions of paragraph A.3 of Schedule 4 to this Agreement;
- (j) "Resettlement Policy Framework" means the Borrower's resettlement policy framework for carrying out the Project, satisfactory to the Association, furnished to the Association on June 25, 2005, as such framework may be amended from time to

time by agreement of the Borrower and the Association, which sets out, *inter alia*, the principles defining the procedures to be followed by the Borrower in order to identify, mitigate and compensate any adverse impacts on the assets and livelihoods of the people affected, the institutional and implementation arrangements, the requirements of a resettlement action plan or a land acquisition plan including, the eligibility criteria for compensation, assistance and rehabilitation entitlements, as well as the monitoring and reporting arrangements to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Resettlement Policy Framework;

- (k) "SMART" means the sector management adjustment and restructuring team to be established and maintained in accordance with the provisions of paragraph A.5 of Schedule 4 to this Agreement;
- (l) "Special Account" means the account referred to in Section 2.02(b) of this Agreement; and
- (m) "Steering Committee" means the Steering Committee to be established and maintained in accordance with the provisions of paragraph A.2 of Schedule 4 to 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 this Agreement, an amount in various currencies equivalent to seventeen million three hundred thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 17,300,000).

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, works and services required for the Project and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Credit.

(b) The Borrower may, for the purposes of the Project, open and maintain in United States dollars a special deposit account in its Central Bank 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 5 to this Agreement.

Section 2.03. The Closing Date shall be September 30, 2011, 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 the date sixty (60) 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 canceled; and (ii) at the rate set as of the June 30 immediately preceding the accrual date and 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 from the next date in that year specified in Section 2.06 of this Agreement.
- (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 percent (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 March 15 and September 15 in each year.

Section 2.07. (a) Subject to paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) below, the Borrower shall repay the principal amount of the Credit in semiannual installments payable on each March 15 and September 15, commencing March 15, 2016 and ending September 15, 2045. Each installment to and including the installment payable on September 15, 2025 shall be one percent (1%) of such principal amount, and each installment thereafter shall be two percent (2%) of such principal amount.

(b) Whenever: (i) the Borrower's per capita gross national product (GNP), as determined by the Association, shall have exceeded for three consecutive years the level established annually by the Association for determining eligibility to access the Association's resources; 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 Directors of the Association and after due consideration by them of the development of the Borrower's economy, modify the repayment of installments under paragraph (a) above by:

- (A) 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; and
- (B) requiring the Borrower to commence repayment of the principal amount of the Credit as of the first semiannual payment date referred to in paragraph (a) above falling six months or more after the date on which the Association notifies the Borrower that the events set out in this paragraph (b) have occurred, provided, however, that there shall be a grace period of a minimum of five years on such repayment of principal.
- (c) If so requested by the Borrower, the Association may revise the modification referred to in paragraph (b) above to include, in lieu of some or all of the increase in the amounts 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.
- (d) 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, shall carry out the Project through the Ministry of Fish Wealth with due diligence and efficiency and in conformity with appropriate administrative, economic, financial, technical, engineering and environmental practices, and shall provide, promptly as needed, the funds, facilities, services and other resources required for the Project.

(b) Without limitation upon the provisions of paragraph (a) of this Section and except as the Borrower and the Association shall otherwise agree, the Borrower shall carry out the Project in accordance with the PIP, the EMF and the Implementation Program set forth in Schedule 4 to this Agreement.

Section 3.02. (a) Except as the Association shall otherwise agree, procurement of the goods, works and 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, as said provisions may be further elaborated in the Procurement Plan.

(b) The Borrower shall update the Procurement Plan in accordance with guidelines acceptable to the Association, and furnish such update to the Association not later than twelve (12) months after the date of the preceding Procurement Plan, for the Association's approval.

Section 3.03. For the purposes of Section 9.06 of the General Conditions and without limitation thereto, the Borrower shall:

- (a) prepare, on the basis of guidelines acceptable to the Association, and furnish to the Association 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 Association, a plan for the future operation of the Project; and
- (b) afford the Association a reasonable opportunity to exchange views with the Borrower on said plan.

ARTICLE IV

Financial Covenants

Section 4.01. (a) The Borrower shall establish and maintain a financial management system, including records and accounts, and prepare financial statements in accordance with consistently applied accounting standards acceptable to the Association, adequate to reflect the operations, resources and expenditures related to the Project.

(b) The Borrower shall:

- (i) have the financial statements referred to in paragraph (a) of this Section for each fiscal year (or other period agreed to by the Association), audited, in accordance with consistently applied auditing standards acceptable to the Association, by independent auditors acceptable to the Association;
- (ii) furnish to the Association as soon as available, but in any case not later than six (6) months after the end of each such year (or such other period agreed to by the Association), (A) certified copies of the financial statements referred to in paragraph (a) of this Section for such year (or other period agreed to by the Association), as so audited, and (B) an opinion on such statements by said auditors, in scope and detail satisfactory to the Association; and

- (iii) furnish to the Association such other information concerning such records and accounts, and the audit of such financial statements, and concerning said auditors, as the Association may from time to time reasonably request.
- (c) For all expenditures with respect to which withdrawals from the Credit Account were made on the basis of statements of expenditure, the Borrower shall:
 - (i) retain, until at least one year after the Association has received the audit report for, or covering, the fiscal year in which the last withdrawal from the Credit Account was made, all original records (contracts, orders, invoices, bills, receipts and other documents) evidencing such expenditures;
 - (ii) enable the Association's representatives to examine such records; and
 - (iii) ensure that such statements of expenditure are included in the audit for each fiscal year (or other period agreed to by the Association), referred to in paragraph (b) of this Section.

Section 4.02. (a) Without limitation upon the Borrower's progress reporting obligations set out in Schedule 4, the Borrower shall prepare and furnish to the Association a financial monitoring report, in form and substance satisfactory to the Association, which:

- (i) sets forth sources and uses of funds for the Project, both cumulatively and for the period covered by said report, showing separately funds provided under the Credit, and explains variances between the actual and planned uses of such funds;
- (ii) describes physical progress in Project implementation, both cumulatively and for the period covered by said report, and explains variances between the actual and planned Project implementation; and
- (iii) sets forth the status of procurement under the Project, as at the end of the period covered by said report.
- (b) The first FMR shall be furnished to the Association not later than forty five (45) days after the end of the first calendar quarter after the Effective Date, and shall cover the period from the incurrence of the first expenditure under the Project through the end of such first calendar quarter; thereafter, each FMR shall be furnished to the

Association not later than forty five (45) days after each subsequent calendar quarter, and shall cover such calendar quarter.

ARTICLE V

Termination

Section 5.01. The date one hundred and twenty (120) days after the date of this Agreement is hereby specified for the purposes of Section 12.04 of the General Conditions.

ARTICLE VI

Representative of the Borrower; Addresses

Section 6.01. The Minister of Planning and International Cooperation of the Borrower is designated as representative of the Borrower for the purposes of Section 11.03 of the General Conditions.

Section 6.02. The following addresses are specified for the purposes of Section 11.01 of the General Conditions:

For the Borrower:

Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation P.O. Box 175 Sana'a Republic of Yemen

Facsimile:

967 1 250 665

For the Association:

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

Cable address: Telex: Facsimile:

INDEVAS 248423 (MCI) or (202) 477-6391

Washington, D.C. 64145 (MCI)

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.

REPUBLIC OF YEMEN

By /s/ Abdulwahab A. Al-Hajjri

Authorized Representative

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By /s/ Christiaan J. Poortman

Regional Vice President Middle East and North Africa

Withdrawal of the Proceeds of the Credit

1. The table below sets forth the Categories of items to be financed out of the proceeds of the Credit, the allocation of the amounts of the Credit 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)	% of Expenditures to be Financed
(1)	Works under:		100%
	(a) Part A.1 of the Project	1,000,000	
	(b) Part B.1 of the Project	5,800,000	
	(c) Part B.2 of the Project	3,600,000	
(2)	Goods	2,800,000	100%
(3)	Consultants' Services and audit:		100%
	(a) for design and supervision under Parts A.1, B.1 and B.2 of the Project	1,100,000	
	(b) under other Parts of the Project	2,300,000	
(4)	Training	600,000	100
(5)	Incremental Operating Costs	100,000	100%

TOTAL 17,300,000

- 2. For the purposes of this Schedule, the term "Incremental Operating Costs" means expenditures incurred by the PSC on account of maintenance of vehicles, fuel, office supplies, banking charges, communication services, travel costs, salaries and labor costs but excluding salaries of officials of the Borrower.
- 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1 above, no withdrawals shall be made in respect of: (a) payments made for expenditures prior to the date of this Agreement, except that withdrawals, in an aggregate amount not exceeding the equivalent of twenty one thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR21,000), may be made in respect of Categories (2) and (3) on account of payments made for expenditures before that date but after October 1, 2005; and (b) payments made for expenditures under: (i) Category (1)(a), (1)(b), or (1)(c) unless the Borrower shall have submitted to the Association evidence, satisfactory to the Association that the selected Project Site has met the criteria set forth under paragraph A.8 of Schedule 4 to this Agreement.
- 4. The Association may require withdrawals from the Credit Account to be made on the basis of statements of expenditure for expenditures under contracts for: (a) goods costing less than \$100,000 equivalent per contract; (b) works costing less than \$300,000 equivalent per contract; (c) services of consulting firms under contracts costing less than \$100,000 equivalent per contract; (d) services of individual consultants costing less than \$50,000 equivalent per contract; and (e) Incremental Operating Costs, all under such terms and conditions as the Association shall specify by notice to the Borrower.

Description of the Project

The objectives of the Project are to achieve sustainable use of marine resources and increase the household income of fishing communities through improved fish preservation, quality and marketing.

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:

Part A: Strengthening of fisheries resource management

- 1. Restructuring MFW including the establishment of an FA in each of the coastal governorates and the establishment of marine aquaculture centers through the carrying out of works and the provision of goods, consultants' services and training.
- 2. Strengthening the institutional capacity of MFW by introducing modern management methods to administer the fisheries sector resources through the provision of goods, consultants' services and training.

Part B: Improvement of fisheries' infrastructure and fish quality

- 1. The rehabilitation and expansion of fishing ports located in Nishtun, Alkhoba and Hodeidah, through the carrying out of works and the provision of goods and consultants' services.
- 2. The management and improvement of fish auctions' facilities by: (a) upgrading and/or expansion of existing auctions' facilities; (b) preparing a detailed design for ice plants; (c) construction of two jetties and three access roads; and (d) supporting a pilot program for the protection of exposed beach landing sites, through the carrying out of works and the provision of goods and consultants' services.
- 3. Establishing a quality control system, improving laboratory quality assurance and management and promoting public awareness through the provision of consultants' services and training.
- 4. Establishing a system for fishery management information system through the provision of goods, consultants' services and training.

Part C: Cooperatives' development and income generation for fishing communities

- 1. Assisting fishing cooperatives in improving fish marketing through the provision of consultants' services and training.
- 2. Assisting fishing communities in income-generating activities, especially targeting women and youth through the provision of goods and training.

Part D: Implementation Support and preparation of a follow-up project

- 1. Support to MFW and PSC for project implementation.
- 2. Conducting a technical and economic analysis of the need for future fishing ports and other landing sites along the Qusayer-Mukalla-Bir Ali corridor and the Red Sea Coast through the provision of consultants' services.
- 3. Supporting the preparation of fisheries' management plans and appropriate environmental management plans in accordance with the EMF and the PSSESA for each of the coastal governorates including marine aquaculture centers through the provision of consultants' services.

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The Project is expected to be completed by March 31, 2011.

Procurement

Section I. General

- A. All goods, works and services (other than consultants' services) shall be procured in accordance with the provisions of Section I of the "Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits" dated May 2004 (the Procurement Guidelines), and with the provisions of this Schedule.
- B. All consultants' services shall be procured in accordance with Sections I and IV of the "Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers" dated May 2004 (the Consultant Guidelines), and with the provisions of this Schedule.
- C. The capitalized terms used below in this Schedule to describe particular procurement methods or methods of review by the Association of particular contracts, have the meanings ascribed to them in the Procurement Guidelines, or Consultant Guidelines, as the case may be.

Section II. Particular Methods of Procurement of Goods, Works and Services (other than Consultants' Services)

A. <u>International Competitive Bidding.</u> Except as, otherwise provided in Part B of this Section, contracts shall be awarded on the basis of International Competitive Bidding. The provisions of paragraphs 2.55 and 2.56 of the Procurement Guidelines, providing for domestic preference in the evaluation of bids, shall apply to goods manufactured in the territory of the Borrower and works to be carried out by domestic contractors.

B. Other Procurement Procedures

- 1. <u>National Competitive Bidding</u>. (a) Goods estimated to cost less than \$100,000 equivalent per contract and works estimated to cost less than \$500,000 equivalent per contract, may be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of National Competitive Bidding, including the clarifications set forth in paragraph (b) of this Part B.1 required for compliance with the provisions of the Guidelines.
- (b) The procedures to be followed for National Competitive Bidding under this Part B.1 shall be those set forth in Law No. 3 for 1997 concerning Government Tenders, Auctions and Stores, and its Regulations, with the following modifications required for compliance with paragraph 3.3 of the Guidelines:

- (i) a Borrower-owned enterprise in the Republic of Yemen shall be eligible to bid only if it can establish that it is legally and financially autonomous, operates under commercial law, and is not a dependent agency of the Borrower;
- (ii) bidding (or pre-qualification, if required) shall not be restricted to any particular class of contractors or suppliers, and non-registered contractors and suppliers shall also be eligible to participate;
- (iii) tenders shall be advertised for at least two (2) consecutive days in two (2) local newspapers of wide circulation;
- (iv) prospective bidders shall be allowed a minimum of thirty (30) days for the preparation and submission of bids, such thirty (30) days to begin with the availability of the bidding documents or the advertisement, whichever is later:
- (v) until national standard bidding documents acceptable to the Association are available, bidding documents approved by the Association shall be used, and may be prepared in Arabic;
- (vi) registration shall not be used to assess bidders' qualifications; qualification criteria (in case pre-qualification was not carried out) and the method of evaluating the qualification of each bidder shall be stated in the bidding documents, and before contract award the bidder having submitted the lowest evaluated responsive bid shall be subject to post-qualification;
- (vii) a foreign bidder shall not be required to register or to appoint an agent as a condition for submitting its bid and, if determined to be the lowest evaluated responsive bidder, shall be given reasonable opportunity to register, without let or hindrance; the registration process shall not be applicable to sub-contractors;
- (viii) all bids shall be submitted in sealed envelopes and may be submitted, at the bidder's option, in person or by courier service;
- (ix) all bids shall be opened at the same time in a public bid opening which bidders shall be allowed to attend and which shall follow immediately after the deadline for submission of bids:
- (x) evaluation of bids shall be carried out in strict adherence to the criteria declared in the bidding documents and contracts shall be awarded to the lowest evaluated responsive bidder, without resorting to the rejection of

- bids above or below a certain percentage of the pre-bid estimate (bid price bracketing);
- (xi) no bidder shall be requested or permitted to modify its bid after the bid closing date shall have elapsed and bids submitted after the deadline for submission of bids shall be returned to the bidder unopened;
- (xii) post-bidding negotiations with the lowest or any other bidder shall not be permitted;
- (xiii) under exceptional circumstances, the procuring entity may, before the expiration of bid validity, request all bidders in writing to extend the validity of their bids, in which case bidders shall not be requested nor permitted to amend the price or any other condition of their bids; a bidder shall have the right to refuse to grant such an extension without forfeiting its bid security, but any bidder granting such extension shall be required to provide a corresponding extension of its bid security;
- (xiv) price adjustment provisions may be included in contracts for works with a duration of more than one (1) year;
- (xv) rejection of all bids is justified when there is lack of effective competition, or bids are not substantially responsive, however, lack of competition shall not be determined solely on the basis of the number of bidders; and
- (xvi) each contract financed from the proceeds of the Credit shall provide that the contractor or supplier shall permit the Association, at its request, to inspect their accounts and records relating to the performance of the contract and to have such accounts and records audited by auditors appointed by the Association.
- 2. <u>Shopping</u>. Goods estimated to cost less than \$50,000 equivalent per contract, may be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of Shopping.

Section III. Particular Methods of Procurement of Consultants' Services

A. Quality- and Cost-based Selection. Except as otherwise provided in Part B of this Section, consultants' services shall be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of Quality- and Cost-based Selection. For purposes of paragraph 2.7 of the Consultant Guidelines, the short list of consultants for services estimated to cost less than \$100,000 equivalent per contract may comprise entirely national consultants.

B. Other Procedures

- 1. <u>Quality-based Selection</u>. Services for assignments which the Association agrees meet the requirements set forth in paragraph 3.2 of the Consultant Guidelines may be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of Quality-based Selection in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 3.1 through 3.4 of the Consultant Guidelines.
- 2. <u>Least-cost Selection</u>. Services for assignments which the Association agrees meet the requirements of paragraph 3.6 of the Consultant Guidelines may be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of Least-cost Selection in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 3.1 and 3.6 of the Consultant Guidelines.
- 3. <u>Selection Based on Consultants' Qualifications</u>. Services estimated to cost less than \$100,000 equivalent per contract may be procured under contracts awarded in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 3.1, 3.7 and 3.8 of the Consultant Guidelines.
- 4. <u>Single Source Selection</u>. Services for tasks in circumstances which meet the requirements of paragraph 3.10 of the Consultant Guidelines for Single Source Selection, may, with the Association's prior agreement, be procured in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 3.9 through 3.13 of the Consultant Guidelines.
- 5. <u>Individual Consultants</u>. Services for assignments that meet the requirements set forth in the first sentence of paragraph 5.1 of the Consultant Guidelines may be procured under contracts awarded to individual consultants in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 5.2 through 5.3 of the Consultant Guidelines. Under the circumstances described in paragraph 5.4 of the Consultant Guidelines, such contracts may be awarded to individual consultants on a sole-source basis.

Section IV. Review by the Association of Procurement Decisions

The Procurement Plan shall set forth those contracts which shall be subject to the Association's Prior Review. All other contracts shall be subject to Post Review by the Association.

Implementation Program

A. Overall Project Implementation and Coordination

- 1. The Borrower shall vest the overall responsibility for the implementation of the Project in MFW and shall cause MFW to implement the Project in accordance with the PIP and the Environmental Management Framework. Except as the Association shall otherwise agree, the Borrower may not amend or waive any provision of the PIP or the Environmental Management Framework if, in the opinion of the Association, such amendment or waiver may materially and adversely affect the carrying out of the Project or the achievement of the objectives thereof.
- 2. For the purpose of ensuring the proper coordination and execution of the Project, the Borrower shall establish no later than June 30, 2006 and thereafter maintain throughout Project implementation, the Steering Committee chaired by the Minister of Fish Wealth, with membership of one representative from each of the Borrower's Ministry of Fish Wealth, Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation. In relation to the Project, Steering Committee shall, *inter alia*, be responsible for: (a) providing general Project oversight; (b) setting policy guidelines; and (c) monitoring the achievement of the Project objectives.
- 3. For the purpose of ensuring the proper supervision of the execution of the Project, the Borrower shall maintain the PSC throughout the Project implementation with organization, staffing and terms of reference satisfactory to the Association. The PSC shall be located in Aden and shall be reporting directly to the Minister of Fish Wealth. The PSC in Aden shall be responsible for carrying out all procurement, financial management, including maintaining Project accounts and organizing account audits.
- 4. Upon the establishment of an FA in each coastal governorate, the FA director generals shall become the focal point for the PSC at the governorate level, and shall be responsible for the technical aspects and implementation of the Project, including the monitoring and progress reporting.
- 5. The Borrower shall by no later than June 30, 2006, establish and maintain thereafter SMART with organization, staffing and terms of reference satisfactory to the Association. The Borrower shall maintain SMART throughout the Project implementation at the office of the Minister of Fish Wealth in Sana'a. SMART shall be electronically linked to the PSC office to facilitate timely delivery of goods, consultants' services, and training required for Part A of the Project.
- 6. The Borrower shall ensure that any activity to be undertaken under the Project involving the acquisition of land or resettlement of occupants or owners of such land or

displacement of their economic activities shall be acquired pursuant to the Resettlement Policy Framework.

- 7. The Borrower shall no later than June 30, 2008 prepare and submit to the Association under terms of reference acceptable to the Association fishing management plans referred to under Part D.3 of the Project.
- 8. The Borrower shall, in carrying out any activity under Parts A.1, B.1 and B.2 of the Project, select the Project Site in accordance with criteria, procedures and under terms and conditions acceptable to the Association, as set forth in the PIP, the EMF and the Resettlement Policy Framework. Such criteria shall include the following:
- (a) the preparation and submission of the conceptual and detailed engineering designs for such activities and the respective techno-economic feasibility studies:
 - (b) the completion of a PSSESA acceptable to the Association;
- (c) the preparation and submission of the relevant bidding documents which include the Project Site specific environmental management plan satisfactory to the Association; and
- (d) the preparation and submission of an abbreviated or full resettlement action plan, or a land acquisition plan which is in conformity with the Resettlement Policy Framework and satisfactory to the Association in form and substance, whenever land is being acquired.

B. Progress Reports and Mid-Term Review

The Borrower shall:

- 1. maintain policies and procedures adequate to enable it to monitor and evaluate on an ongoing basis, in accordance with indicators satisfactory to the Association, the carrying out of the Project and the achievement of the objectives thereof;
- 2. prepare, under terms of reference satisfactory to the Association, and furnish to the Association, on or about September 30, 2008, a report integrating the results of the monitoring and evaluation activities performed pursuant to paragraph (a) of this Section, on the progress achieved in the carrying out of the Project during the period preceding the date of said report and setting out the measures recommended to ensure the efficient carrying out of the Project and the achievement of the objectives thereof during the period following such date; and

3. review with the Association, by December 31, 2008, or such later date as the Association shall request, the report referred to in paragraph (b) of this Section, and, thereafter, take all measures required to ensure the efficient completion of the Project and the achievement of the objectives thereof, based on the conclusions and recommendations of the said report and the Association's views on the matter.

Special Account

- 1. For the purposes of this Schedule:
- (a) the term "eligible Categories" means Categories (1)(a), (1)(b), (1)(c), (2), (3)(a), (3)(b), (4) and (5) 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, works and services required for the Project and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Credit 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 US\$1,500,000 to be withdrawn from the Credit Account and deposited into the Special Account pursuant to paragraph 3(a) of this Schedule, provided, however, that unless the Association shall otherwise agree, the Authorized Allocation shall be limited to an amount equivalent to US\$1,000,000 until the aggregate amount of withdrawals from the Credit Account plus the total amount of all outstanding special commitments entered into by the Association pursuant to Section 5.02 of the General Conditions shall be equal to or exceed the equivalent of SDR 6,900,000.
- 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 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 shall be made as follows:
- (a) For withdrawals of the Authorized Allocation, the Borrower shall furnish to the Association a request or requests for deposit into the Special Account of an amount or amounts which do not exceed the aggregate amount of the Authorized Allocation. On the basis of such request or requests, the Association shall, on behalf of the Borrower, withdraw from the Credit Account and deposit into 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 Association requests for deposits into the Special Account at such intervals as the Association shall specify.
 - (ii) Prior to or at the time of each such request, the Borrower shall furnish to the Association 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 Association shall, on behalf of the Borrower, withdraw from the Credit 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 Association from the Credit 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 Association shall reasonably request, furnish to the Association 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 Association shall not be required to make further deposits into the Special Account:
- (a) if, at any time, 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 this Agreement;
- (b) if the Borrower shall have failed to furnish to the Association, within the period of time specified in Section 4.01 (b)(ii) of this Agreement, any of the audit reports required to be furnished to the Association pursuant to said Section in respect of the audit of the records and accounts for the Special Account;
- (c) if, at any time, the Association shall have notified the Borrower of its intention to suspend in whole or in part the right of the Borrower to make withdrawals from the Credit Account pursuant to the provisions of Section 6.02 of the General Conditions; or
- (d) once the total unwithdrawn amount of the Credit allocated to the eligible Categories, minus the total amount of all outstanding special commitments entered into by the Association 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 Credit Account of the remaining unwithdrawn amount of the Credit 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 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 Association, the Borrower shall, promptly upon notice from the Association: (A) provide such additional evidence as the Association may request; or (B) deposit into the Special Account (or, if the Association shall so request, refund to the Association) an amount equal to the amount of such payment or the portion thereof not so eligible or justified. Unless the Association shall otherwise agree, no further deposit by the Association 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 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 such outstanding amount.
- (c) The Borrower may, upon notice to the Association, refund to the Association all or any portion of the funds on deposit in the Special Account.
- (d) Refunds to the Association made pursuant to paragraphs 6 (a), (b) and (c) of this Schedule shall be credited to the Credit Account for subsequent withdrawal or for cancellation in accordance with the relevant provisions of this Agreement, including the General Conditions.