Loan Agreement

(Second National Railways Project)

between

PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

and

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION
AND DEVELOPMENT

Dated October 18, 2004
LOAN AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT, dated October 18, 2004, between PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA (the Borrower) and INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT (the Bank).

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

WHEREAS the Bank has agreed, on the basis, inter alia, of the foregoing, to extend the Loan 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 Loan and Guarantee Agreements for Single Currency Loans” of the Bank, dated May 30, 1995 (as amended through October 6, 1999) with the following modification (the General Conditions) constitute an integral part of this Agreement: the text in Section 5.01 which reads “(a) on account of expenditures in the territories of any country which is not a member of the Bank or for goods produced in, or services supplied from, such territories: or (b)” is deleted in its entirety.

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) “Displaced Person” means a person who, on account of the execution of the Project, has experienced or would experience direct economic and social impacts caused by: (i) the involuntary taking of land, resulting in (A) relocation or loss of shelter; (B) loss of assets or access to assets; or (C) loss of income sources or means of livelihood, whether or not such person must move to another location; or (ii) the involuntary restriction of access to legally designated parks and protected areas, resulting
in adverse impacts on the livelihood of such person; and “Displaced Persons” means, collectively, all such Displaced Persons;

(b) “EMP” means the environmental management plan dated January 2004 and duly adopted by the Borrower in respect of Part A of the Project which sets out the environmental protection measures in respect of Part A of the Project, as well as administrative and monitoring arrangements to ensure the implementation of said plans, as the same may be revised from time to time with the agreement of the Bank;

(c) “Financial Monitoring Report” and “FMR” mean each report prepared in accordance with Section 4.02 of this Agreement;

(d) “Procurement Plan” means the Borrower’s procurement plan, dated April 23, 2004, covering the initial 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 18 month periods (or longer) of Project implementation;

(e) “RAP” means the resettlement action plan for the Provinces of Hunan, Jiangxi and Zhejiang in respect of Part A of the Project, duly adopted by the Borrower and dated May, 2004, which plan sets out the principles and procedures governing land acquisition, resettlement and compensation, as well as reporting and monitoring arrangements to ensure compliance with said plan, as the same may be revised from time to time with the agreement of the Bank;

(f) “RAP Arrangements” means the arrangements entered into between the Ministry of Railways and each of the Provinces of Hunan, Jiangxi and Zhejiang, for the purpose of causing the RAP to be carried out in accordance with paragraph 1 (b) of Schedule 5 to this Agreement; and

(g) “Special Account” means the account referred to in Section 2.02 (b) of this Agreement.

Section 1.03. Each reference in the General Conditions to the Project implementation entity shall be deemed as a reference to the Ministry of Railways.
ARTICLE II

The Loan

Section 2.01. The Bank agrees to lend to the Borrower, on the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in this Agreement, an amount equal to two hundred million Dollars ($200,000,000).

Section 2.02. (a) The amount of the Loan may be withdrawn from the Loan Account in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 1 to this Agreement for expenditures made (or, if the Bank 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 Loan and in respect of the fee referred to in Section 2.04 of this Agreement.

(b) The Borrower may, for the purposes of the Project open and maintain in Dollars a special deposit account in a commercial bank on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Bank, including appropriate protection against set-off, seizure and attachment. Deposits into, and payments out of, the Special Account shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 6 to this Agreement.

Section 2.03. The Closing Date shall be January 31, 2008, or such later date as the Bank shall establish. The Bank shall promptly notify the Borrower of such later date.

Section 2.04. The Borrower shall pay to the Bank a front-end fee in an amount equal to one percent (1%) of the amount of the Loan. On or promptly after the Effective Date, the Bank shall, on behalf of the Borrower, withdraw from the Loan Account and pay to itself the amount of such fee.

Section 2.05. The Borrower shall pay to the Bank a commitment charge at the rate of three-fourths of one percent (3/4 of 1%) per annum on the principal amount of the Loan not withdrawn from time to time.

Section 2.06. (a) The Borrower shall pay interest on the principal amount of the Loan withdrawn and outstanding from time to time, at a rate for each Interest Period equal to LIBOR Base Rate plus LIBOR Total Spread.

(b) For the purposes of this Section:

(i) “Interest Period” means the initial period from and including the date of this Agreement to, but excluding, the first Interest Payment Date occurring thereafter, and after the initial period,
each period from and including an Interest Payment Date to, but
excluding the next following Interest Payment Date.

(ii) “Interest Payment Date” means any date specified in Section
2.07 of this Agreement.

(iii) “LIBOR Base Rate” means, for each Interest Period, the London
interbank offered rate for six-month deposits in Dollars for value
the first day of such Interest Period (or, in the case of the initial
Interest Period, for value the Interest Payment Date occurring on
or next preceding the first day of such Interest Period), as
reasonably determined by the Bank and expressed as a
percentage per annum.

(iv) “LIBOR Total Spread” means, for each Interest Period: (A)
three-fourths of one percent (3/4 of 1%); (B) minus (or plus) the
weighted average margin, for such Interest Period, below (or
above) the London interbank offered rates, or other reference
rates, for six-month deposits, in respect of the Bank’s
outstanding borrowings or portions thereof allocated by the Bank
to fund single currency loans or portions thereof made by it that
include the Loan; as reasonably determined by the Bank and
expressed as a percentage per annum.

(c) The Bank shall notify the Borrower of LIBOR Base Rate and LIBOR
Total Spread for each Interest Period, promptly upon the determination thereof.

(d) Whenever, in light of changes in market practice affecting the
determination of the interest rates referred to in this Section 2.06, the Bank determines
that it is in the interest of its borrowers as a whole and of the Bank to apply a basis for
determining the interest rates applicable to the Loan other than as provided in said
Section, the Bank may modify the basis for determining the interest rates applicable to
the Loan upon not less than six (6) months’ notice to the Borrower of the new basis. The
new basis shall become effective on the expiry of the notice period unless the Borrower
notifies the Bank during said period of its objection thereto, in which case said
modification shall not apply to the Loan.

Section 2.07. Interest and other charges shall be payable semi-annually in arrears
on March 15 and September 15 in each year.

Section 2.08. The Borrower shall repay the principal amount of the Loan in
accordance with the amortization schedule set forth in Schedule 3 to this Agreement.
ARTICLE III

Execution of the Project

Section 3.01. (a) The Borrower declares its commitment to the objectives of the Project, and, to this end, shall carry out the Project through its Ministry of Railways with due diligence and efficiency and in conformity with appropriate administrative, financial, engineering, and railways practices, and social and environmental standards, 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 Bank shall otherwise agree, the Borrower shall carry out the Project in accordance with the Implementation Program set forth in Schedule 5 to this Agreement.

Section 3.02. (a) Except as the Bank shall otherwise agree, procurement of the goods and consultants’ services required for the Project and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Loan shall be governed by the provisions of Schedule 4 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 Bank, and furnish such update to the Bank not later than 12 months after the date of the preceding Procurement Plan, for the Bank’s approval.

Section 3.03. For the purposes of Section 9.07 of the General Conditions and without limitation thereto, the Borrower shall:

(a) prepare, on the basis of guidelines acceptable to the Bank, and furnish to the Bank 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 Bank, a plan for the continued achievement of the objectives of the Project; and

(b) afford the Bank a reasonable opportunity to exchange views with the Borrower on said plan.
ARTICLE IV

Financial Covenants

Section 4.01. (a) The Borrower shall maintain a financial management system, including records and accounts, and prepare financial statements in accordance with consistently applied accounting standards acceptable to the Bank, 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 Bank), audited, in accordance with consistently applied auditing standards acceptable to the Bank, by independent auditors acceptable to the Bank;

(ii) furnish to the Bank as soon as available, but in any case not later than six months after the end of each such year (or such other period agreed to by the Bank), (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 Bank), as so audited, and (B) an opinion on such statements by said auditors, in scope and detail satisfactory to the Bank; and

(iii) furnish to the Bank such other information concerning such records and accounts, and the audit of such financial statements, and concerning said auditors, as the Bank may from time to time reasonably request.

(c) For all expenditures with respect to which withdrawals from the Loan Account were made on the basis of statements of expenditure, the Borrower shall:

(i) retain, until at least one year after the Bank has received the audit report for, or covering, the fiscal year in which the last withdrawal from the Loan Account was made, all records (contracts, orders, invoices, bills, receipts and other documents) evidencing such expenditures;

(ii) enable the Bank’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 Bank), referred to in paragraph (b) of this Section.

Section 4.02. (a) Without limitation upon the Borrower’s progress reporting obligations set out in paragraph 6 of Schedule 5 to this Agreement, the Borrower shall prepare and furnish to the Bank a financial monitoring report, in form and substance satisfactory to the Bank, 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 Loan, 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 Bank not later than 45 days after the end of the first semester 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 semester; thereafter, each FMR shall be furnished to the Bank not later than 45 days after each subsequent semester, and shall cover such semester.

ARTICLE V

Remedies of the Bank

Section 5.01. Pursuant to Section 6.02(p) of the General Conditions, the following additional events are specified, namely, that any of the RAP Arrangements shall have been amended, suspended, abrogated or repealed so as to affect materially and adversely the implementation of the RAP in the respective Provinces of Hunan, Jiangxi and Zhejiang.

Section 5.02. Pursuant to Section 7.01(k) of the General Conditions, the following additional event is specified, namely, that any of the events specified in Section 5.01 shall occur.
ARTICLE VI
Effective Date; Termination

Section 6.01. The following is specified as an additional matter, within the meaning of Section 12.02(c) of the General Conditions, to be included in the opinion or opinions to be furnished to the Bank, namely, that each of the RAP Arrangements has been duly executed on behalf of the Borrower and the Provinces of Hunan, Jiangxi and Zhejiang, respectively, and are legally binding on the Borrower and said Provinces in accordance with their respective terms.

Section 6.02. 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 100820
People’s Republic of China

Cable address: FINANMIN
Facsimile: (86-10) 6855-1125
For the Bank:

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

Cable address: INTBAFRAD Telex: 248423 (MCI) or 64145 (MCI) Facsimile: (202) 477-6391

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto, acting through their duly authorized representatives, have caused this Agreement to be signed in their respective names in Beijing, People’s Republic of China, as of the day and year first above written.

PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

By: /s/ Zou Jiayi

Authorized Representative

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

By: /s/ David Dollar

Authorized Representative
SCHEDULE 1

Withdrawal of the Proceeds of the Loan

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

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<th>Category</th>
<th>Amount of the Loan Allocated (Expressed in Dollars)</th>
<th>% of Expenditures to be financed</th>
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<td>(1) Goods</td>
<td>195,900,000</td>
<td>100% of foreign expenditures, 100% of local expenditures (ex-factory cost) and 75% of local expenditures for other items procured locally</td>
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<td>(2) Consultants’ services</td>
<td>2,100,000</td>
<td>91%</td>
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<td>(3) Front-end fee</td>
<td>2,000,000</td>
<td>Amount due under Section 2.04 of this Agreement</td>
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TOTAL 200,000,000

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, provided, however, that expenditures in the currency of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the Borrower for goods or services supplied from said region, and expenditures in the currency of the Macau Special Administrative Region of the Borrower for goods or services supplied from said region shall be deemed to be “foreign expenditures”; and
(b) the term “local expenditures” means expenditures which are not “foreign expenditures”.

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 $20,000,000, may be made in respect of Category (1) set forth in the table in paragraph 1 of this Schedule on account of payments made for expenditures before that date but after October 1, 2003.

4. The Bank may require withdrawals from the Loan 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) for services of individual consultants costing less than $50,000 equivalent per contract; and (c) for services of consulting firms under contracts costing less than $100,000 equivalent per contract, all under such terms and conditions as the Bank shall specify by notice to the Borrower.
SCHEDULE 2

Description of the Project

The objective of the Project is to assist the Borrower to (i) improve the railway services provided to customers of the Zhe-Gan railway line, and (ii) upgrade the quality of track maintenance on heavily used portions of the railway network.

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

Part A: Raising Speeds on the Zhe-Gan Railway Line

1. Upgrading of the railway line between the city of Hangzhou in Zhejiang Province and the city of Zhuzhou in Hunan Province to allow for higher operating speed of trains, including provision of equipment for overhead catenary, equipment for traction substations, power supply equipment for electrification, and signaling and telecommunications equipment.

2. Resettlement and rehabilitation of Displaced Persons in connection with the carrying out of Part A.1 of the Project.

Part B: Modernizing Track Maintenance Technology

Modernization of the track maintenance technology for the replacement of worn rail and switches, the renewal of ballast and other maintenance tasks on heavy traffic railway lines, including provision of highly mechanized high-capacity equipment and rail-based mobile cranes.

Part C: Strengthening the Ministry of Railways’ Planning, Management and Technology Capacity

Carrying out of studies for the improvement of business processes.

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The Project is expected to be completed by July 31, 2007.
## Schedule 3

### Amortization Schedule

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*The figures in this column represent the amount in Dollars to be repaid, except as provided in Section 4.04 (d) of the General Conditions.*
SCHEDULE 4

Procurement

Section I. General

A. All goods and services (other than consultants’ services) shall be procured in accordance with the provisions of Section I of the “Guidelines for Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits” dated May 2004 (the Procurement Guidelines), and with the provisions of this Schedule. If the Borrower employs any procurement or inspection agents, it shall ensure that the requirements of Section 3.10 and 3.11 of the Procurement Guidelines are met.

B. All consultants’ services shall be procured in accordance with Sections I and IV of, and Appendix 2 to, 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 Bank 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. International Competitive Bidding

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 (other than goods manufactured in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and the Macau Special Administrative Region of the Borrower).
B. Other Procurement Procedures

Shopping: Goods estimated to cost less than $100,000 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.

B. Other Procedures

1. Selection Based on Consultants’ Qualifications

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.

2. Individual Consultants

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 Bank of Procurement Decisions

Except as the Bank shall otherwise determine by notice to the Borrower, the following contracts shall be subject to Prior Review by the Bank: (a) each contract for goods and services (other than consultants’ services) estimated to cost the equivalent of $100,000 or more; and (b) each contract for consultants’ services provided by a firm estimated to cost the equivalent of $100,000 or more. In addition, the record of justification referred to in paragraph 5 of Appendix 1 to the Consultant Guidelines for each contract for the employment of individual consultants estimated to cost the equivalent of $50,000 or more shall be subject to Prior Review by the Bank. All other contracts shall be subject to Post Review by the Bank.
SCHEDULE 5

Implementation Program

1. In carrying out Part A of the Project, the Borrower shall:

   (a) take, or cause to be taken, all necessary actions to minimize to the extent possible any involuntary loss by persons of shelter, productive assets or access to productive assets or of income or means of livelihood, temporarily or permanently;

   (b) carry out, or cause to be carried out, the EMP, the RAP and the RAP Arrangements, in a manner satisfactory to the Bank; and

   (c) furnish, or cause to be furnished, any proposed revision to the EMP or the RAP or the RAP Arrangements referred to in sub-paragraph (b) above to the Bank for its prior approval.

2. In carrying out Part A of the Project, the Borrower shall, through its Ministry of Railways, by not later than August 15, 2006, enter into agreements with power suppliers or relevant Provinces, to ensure adequate electric power supply for the electric traction on the Zhe-Gan railway line.

3. In carrying out Part B of the Project, the Borrower shall, through its Ministry of Railways, exchange views with the Bank on the acquisition and utilization of the electric multiple unit trains, and shall, by February 15, 2005, furnish to the Bank, a timetable for the acquisition and utilization of such trains.

4. In carrying out Part B of the Project, the Borrower shall, through its Ministry of Railways, not later than August 15, 2006, furnish to the Bank the rules of operation for the upgraded Zhe-Gan railway line.

5. In carrying out Part C of the Project, the Borrower shall, through its Ministry of Railways:

   (a) carry out the studies in accordance with terms of reference acceptable to the Bank;

   (b) not later than February 15 in each year, commencing February 15, 2005, furnish to the Bank for comments the recommendations of the studies carried out in the preceding year;
(c) not later than August 15 in each year, commencing August 15, 2005, prepare action plans for the implementation of the recommendations of the studies carried out in the preceding year, taking into account the comments of the Bank on such recommendations, if any; and

(d) promptly thereafter, carry out each of such action plans.

6. The Borrower shall, through its Ministry of Railways:

(a) maintain policies and procedures adequate to enable it to monitor and evaluate on an ongoing basis, in accordance with indicators acceptable to the Bank, the carrying out of the Project and the achievement of the objectives thereof;

(b) prepare, under terms of reference satisfactory to the Bank, and furnish to the Bank, on or about February 15 and August 15 in each year, commencing February 15, 2005, and until completion of the Project, 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 calendar semester preceding the date of each 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 calendar semester following such date; and

(c) review with the Bank, by April 1 and October 1 in each year, commencing April 1, 2005, and until completion of the Project, or such later date as the Bank shall request, each of the reports 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 each of the said reports and the Bank’s views on the matter.
SCHEDULE 6

Special Account

1. For the purposes of this Schedule:

   (a) the term “eligible Categories” means Categories (1) and (2) 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 Loan 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 the amount of $20,000,000 to be withdrawn from the Loan Account and deposited into the Special Account pursuant to paragraph 3 (a) of this Schedule, provided, however, that unless the Bank shall otherwise agree, the Authorized Allocation shall be limited to the amount of $12,000,000 until the aggregate amount of withdrawals from the Loan Account plus the total amount of all outstanding special commitments entered into by the Bank pursuant to Section 5.02 of the General Conditions shall be equal to or exceed the equivalent of $50,000,000.

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 Bank 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 Bank 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 Bank shall, on behalf of the Borrower, withdraw from the Loan 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 Bank requests for deposits into the Special Account at such intervals as the Bank shall specify.
(ii) Prior to or at the time of each such request, the Borrower shall furnish to the Bank 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 Bank shall, on behalf of the Borrower, withdraw from the Loan 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 Bank from the Loan 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 Bank shall reasonably request, furnish to the Bank 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 Bank shall not be required to make further deposits into the Special Account:

(a) if, at any time, the Bank shall have determined that all further withdrawals should be made by the Borrower directly from the Loan 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 Bank, 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 Bank pursuant to said Section in respect of the audit of the records and accounts for the Special Account;

(c) if, at any time, the Bank 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 Loan Account pursuant to the provisions of Section 6.02 of the General Conditions; or

(d) once the total unwithdrawn amount of the Loan allocated to the eligible Categories minus the total amount of all outstanding special commitments entered into by the Bank pursuant to Section 5.02 of the General Conditions, shall equal the equivalent of twice the amount of the Authorized Allocation.
Thereafter, withdrawal from the Loan Account of the remaining unwithdrawn amount of the Loan allocated to the eligible Categories shall follow such procedures as the Bank shall specify by notice to the Borrower. Such further withdrawals shall be made only after and to the extent that the Bank 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 Bank 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 Bank, the Borrower shall, promptly upon notice from the Bank: (A) provide such additional evidence as the Bank may request; or (B) deposit into the Special Account (or, if the Bank shall so request, refund to the Bank) an amount equal to the amount of such payment or the portion thereof not so eligible or justified. Unless the Bank shall otherwise agree, no further deposit by the Bank 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 Bank 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 Bank, refund to the Bank such outstanding amount.

(c) The Borrower may, upon notice to the Bank, refund to the Bank all or any portion of the funds on deposit in the Special Account.

(d) Refunds to the Bank made pursuant to paragraphs 6 (a), (b) and (c) of this Schedule shall be credited to the Loan Account for subsequent withdrawal or for cancellation in accordance with the relevant provisions of this Agreement, including the General Conditions.