

LOAN NO. 16 /SFR-GUY



LOAN AGREEMENT
(Towns Development - Guyana)

BETWEEN

CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

AND

GUYANA

Dated: February 11, 2004

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LOAN AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT dated the 11th day of February, 2004 between the Caribbean Development Bank (hereinafter called the Bank) of the one part and the Government of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana (hereinafter called the Borrower) of the other part.

ARTICLE I

General Provisions, Interpretation, Definitions

Section 1.01 **General Provisions.** The "General Provisions Applicable to Loan Agreements with Borrower Only" of the Bank dated June 30, 1995, set forth in Schedule I (hereinafter called the General Provisions) shall apply to this Loan Agreement subject, however, to any modifications thereof set forth herein.

Section 1.02 **Interpretation.** Unless otherwise stated, references to Sections are to Sections of this Loan Agreement and references to Schedules are to the Schedules immediately following Section 7.01.

Section 1.03 **Definitions.** (a) Wherever used in this Loan Agreement, unless the context otherwise requires, the several terms defined in the General Provisions shall have the respective meanings therein set forth, and for the purposes of sub-paragraphs (v), (xiv) and (xv) respectively of Section 2.01 of the General Provisions, the terms:

- (i) "Due Dates" shall mean January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1 in each year, except in the case of interest payable under Section 3.09 of the General Provisions and other charges, which are payable on demand;
- (ii) "Project" shall mean the services of consultants to prepare a project for the development of an appropriate and sustainable programme of works to improve infrastructure and basic services provision in Bartica, Charity, Parika and Supenaam in the Project Country in accordance with the Terms of Reference; and

(iii) "Project Country" shall mean the Co-operative Republic of Guyana.

(b) Wherever used in this Loan Agreement, the following additional terms shall have the following meanings:

- (i) "Budget" means the budget for the Project set out in Schedule 2;
- (ii) "CDB" means the Bank;
- (iii) "Consultants" means the consultants referred to in paragraph (a)(ii) of this Section;
- (iv) "GOG" means the Borrower;
- (v) "PSC" means the project steering committee formed within the Project Country to oversee the preparation of the Project;
- (vi) "Terms of Reference" means the terms of reference set out in Schedule 3; and
- (vii) "United States dollars" or "USD" means dollars in the currency of the United States of America.

ARTICLE II

The Loan and its Purpose

Section 2.01 **Amount of Loan.** The Bank agrees to lend to the Borrower from the Special Funds Resources of the Bank, on the terms and conditions set out in this Loan Agreement, an amount not exceeding the equivalent of six hundred and eighty-three thousand United States dollars (USD 683,000).

Section 2.02 **Purpose.** The purpose for which the Loan is being made is to assist the Borrower in financing the Project.

ARTICLE III

Repayment and Interest

Section 3.01 **Repayment.** Except as provided in paragraph (b) of Section 3.02 of the General Provisions, the Borrower shall repay to the Bank the amount withdrawn from the Loan Account in thirty-two (32) equal or approximately equal and consecutive quarterly instalments on each Due Date commencing on the first Due Date after the expiry of two (2) years from the date of the first disbursement of the Loan or on such later Due Date as may be specified in writing by the Bank.

Section 3.02 **Interest.** The Borrower shall pay interest on the Principal at the rate of two percent (2%) per annum. Such interest shall be payable quarterly in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.03 of the General Provisions.

Section 3.03 **Commission and Commitment Charge.** Sections 3.04 and 3.05 of the General Provisions shall not apply to this Loan Agreement.

ARTICLE IV

Withdrawal of Loan

Section 4.01 **Withdrawal and Application of Loan.** (a) Except as the Bank may otherwise specify in writing, withdrawals from the Loan Account may be made only on account of expenditures allocated for financing by the Bank as shown in the Budget up to the limits specified therein.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this Section the Bank shall not be obliged to make any disbursement until it has received the reports and other documents required for the time being to be submitted by the Consultants in accordance with the Terms of Reference, and the Bank shall not be obliged to disburse more than ninety percent (90%) of the Loan until:

- (i) the Bank and the Borrower shall have received two (2) and (4) four copies, respectively, of each report to be furnished in accordance with the Terms of Reference; and

- (ii) the Bank shall have received a certified statement of the expenditures incurred by the Borrower in connection with the Project.
- (c) The amount withdrawn from the Loan Account shall not be used to meet:
 - (i) directly or indirectly any part of the cost of the Project which consists of identifiable Taxes imposed under the laws of the Project Country; and
 - (ii) expenditures in respect of the item "Contingencies" allocated for financing by the Bank in the Budget unless such expenditures have been incurred with the prior written approval of the Bank.
- (d) Total disbursements shall not exceed eighty-five percent (85%) of the cost of the Project.

Section 4.02 **Period of Disbursement.** The date to be specified pursuant to Section 4.03 of the General Provisions is December 31, 2005.

Section 4.03 **Procurement.** (a) Procurement shall be in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.04 of the General Provisions.

- (b) The Borrower hereby acknowledges that it has been furnished with a copy of the Bank's:
 - (i) "Procedures for the Selection and Engagement of Consultants by Recipients of CDB Financing" published by the Bank in February 1998; and
 - (ii) "Handbook for use with Procedures for the Selection and Engagement of Consultants by Recipients of CDB Financing" published in March 1998,

both of which publications are in effect at the date of this Loan Agreement.

ARTICLE V

Particular Conditions

Section 5.01 **Engagement of Consultants.** The Borrower shall engage the Consultants in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.04 of the General Provisions.

Section 5.02 **Supervision of the Project.** Except as the Bank may otherwise agree, the Chairman of the PSC shall be responsible for the day-to-day supervision of the Consultants whilst carrying out the Project.

Section 5.03 **Commencement of Phase II of the Project.** The Consultants shall not commence any aspect of the services to be provided in accordance with Phase II of the Project, as set out in the Terms of Reference, until the recommendations of the Consultants arising out of Phase I of the Project have been approved by the Bank and the Borrower.

Section 5.04 **Additional Funds.** For the purpose of Section 7.05 of the General Provisions, the estimated cost of the Project is eight hundred and three thousand United States dollars (USD 803,000).

Section 5.05 **Borrower's Contribution to the Project.** Without prejudice to the provisions of Section 7.05 of the General Provisions, the Borrower shall meet the cost of the items identified for financing by the Borrower in the Budget.

Section 5.06 **Limitation of Obligations of the Bank.** The part financing of the Project by the Bank shall not imply any obligation on the part of the Bank to finance, either totally or partially any project or programme that may result directly or indirectly from the Project.

Section 5.07 **Submission of Reports.** The Borrower shall ensure the submission by the Consultants to the Bank, of the number of copies of the reports required to be submitted to the Bank in accordance with the Terms of Reference, within the time frame(s) specified therein or such later time(s) as the Bank may specify in writing.

ARTICLE VI

Cancellation and Suspension

Section 6.01 **Cancellation by the Bank**. The date referred to in sub-paragraph (iii) of Section 8.03 of the General Provisions is May 31, 2004 or such later date as the Bank may specify in writing from time to time.

ARTICLE VII

Miscellaneous

Section 7.01 **Addresses for Service**. The following addresses are specified for the purpose of Section 12.03 of the General Provisions:

For the Bank:

Caribbean Development Bank
Wilkey
St. Michael
BARBADOS, W.I.

Cable Address: CARIBANK, Bridgetown
Telex No.: WB 2287
Telefax: (246) 426-7269

For the Borrower:

Secretary of the Treasury
Ministry of Finance
Georgetown
GUYANA, S.A.

Cable Address: MINFIN, GUYANA
Telex No.: 9Y 3038
Telefax: (592) 02-72965

SCHEDULE I

(Section 1.01)

CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE
TO LOAN AGREEMENTS WITH
BORROWER ONLY

DATED: June 30, 1995

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CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

**GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE
TO LOAN AGREEMENTS WITH
BORROWER ONLY**

DATED: June 30, 1995

ARTICLE I

**Application of General Provisions,
Inconsistency with Loan Agreement**

Section 1.01 Application of General Provisions. These General Provisions set forth certain terms and conditions generally applicable to loans made by the Bank and shall apply to Loan Agreements without an Executing Agency to such extent, and subject to such modifications, as may be provided in such Loan Agreements, provided however that, where there is no Guarantor, references in these General Provisions to Guarantor and Guarantee Agreement shall be disregarded.

Section 1.02 Inconsistency with Loan Agreement. If any provision of a Loan Agreement is inconsistent with a provision of these General Provisions, the provision of the Loan Agreement shall prevail.

ARTICLE II

Definitions, References, Headings

Section 2.01 Definitions. The following expressions have the following meanings wherever used in these General Provisions unless the context otherwise requires:

- (i) "Aid Donor(s)" means such of the Donors or Lenders to the Bank which may be providing financing through the Bank for the Project;
- (ii) "Bank" means the Caribbean Development Bank;
- (iii) "Borrower" means the party to the Loan Agreement to which the Bank has agreed to make the Loan;
- (iv) "Closing Date" means the date referred to in Section 4.03;
- (v) "Due Dates" means the dates specified in the Loan Agreement for payment of instalments of the Principal and the interest (excluding interest payable pursuant to Section 3.09), commission, commitment charge and other charges in respect of the Loan;
- (vi) "Guarantee Agreement" means the agreement between the Guarantor and the Bank whereby the Guarantor guarantees the payment of the instalments of the Principal and the interest, commission, commitment charge and other charges in respect of the Loan, as such agreement may be amended from time to time, and includes all agreements amending such agreement or supplemental thereto and all schedules to such agreement;
- (vii) "Guarantor" means the party to the Guarantee Agreement which is the member of the Bank guaranteeing the payment of the instalments of the Principal and the interest, commission, commitment charge and other charges in respect of the Loan;
- (viii) "interest" means interest payable pursuant to Sections 3.03 and 3.09;

- (ix) "Loan" means the loan provided for in the Loan Agreement and includes portions of the Loan which are separately provided for in the Loan Agreement;
- (x) "Loan Account" means the account referred to in Section 3.01;
- (xi) "Loan Agreement" means the agreement between the Bank and the Borrower providing for the Loan, to which some or all of these General Provisions shall have been made applicable, as such agreement may be amended from time to time, and includes such of these General Provisions as thus made applicable thereto, all agreements amending such agreement or supplemental thereto and all schedules to such agreement;
- (xii) "other charges" means expenditure incurred by the Bank for or in connection with the remittance by the Bank of amounts withdrawn from the Loan Account, the purchase by the Bank of any currency needed by the Bank for payment to itself of interest, commission, commitment charge and/or other charges in accordance with Section 4.11 and the establishment or modification of Letters of Credit pursuant to Section 4.02, and amounts agreed to be paid by the Borrower to the Bank for or in connection with other special commitments entered into by the Bank in accordance with Section 4.02;
- (xiii) "Principal" means the amount withdrawn from the Loan Account and outstanding from time to time;
- (xiv) "Project" means the project or programme for which the Loan is granted, as described in the Loan Agreement and as such description may be amended from time to time;
- (xv) "Project Country" means the country specified in the Loan Agreement being the country of a member of the Bank in which the Project is located or in which the Borrower is directing the operations of, and implementing, the Project; and
- (xvi) "Taxes" includes imposts, levies, fees and duties of any nature in effect at the date of the Loan Agreement or Guarantee Agreement and thereafter.

Section 2.02 References. References in these General Provisions to Articles or Sections are to Articles or Sections of these General Provisions and reference to the singular shall include the plural and vice versa unless the context otherwise requires.

Section 2.03 Table of Contents and Headings. The Table of Contents and the headings to the Articles and Sections are inserted for convenience of reference only and are not a part of these General Provisions.

ARTICLE III

Loan Account, Repayment, Interest, Commission, Commitment Charge, Other Charges and Payments

Section 3.01 Loan Account. The Bank shall open a Loan Account in its books in the name of the Borrower. The amount of the Loan shall be credited to the Loan Account and may be withdrawn therefrom as provided, and subject to the rights of cancellation and suspension set out, in the Loan Agreement and in these General Provisions.

Section 3.02 Repayment. (a) The Borrower shall repay the amount withdrawn from the Loan Account in the manner specified in the Loan Agreement. The Bank shall provide the Borrower with particulars of the repayments before the Due Date for the first repayment.

(b) Without prejudice to the provisions of Article IX, if there shall have been a cancellation, pursuant to Section 8.01 or Section 8.03, of such amount of the Loan as in the Bank's opinion is substantial and the Project has not been completed, the Borrower shall repay the Principal or, where portions of the Loan are separately provided for in the Loan Agreement, the amount of each portion of the Loan withdrawn from the Loan Account credited with such portion and outstanding in such fewer instalments than those specified in the Loan Agreement as the Bank may specify in writing not exceeding such portion of the number of such instalments to the nearest whole number as the Principal bears to the Loan or the amount of each portion of the Loan withdrawn from the Loan Account credited with such portion and outstanding bears to such portion, as the case may be.

Section 3.03 Interest. (a) The Borrower shall pay interest on the Principal at the rate provided for in the Loan Agreement, except as otherwise provided in Section 3.09. Such interest shall accrue from the

respective dates on which amounts shall be withdrawn from the Loan Account and shall be payable on the Due Dates, the first payment being due and payable on the first Due Date after the date of the first disbursement of the Loan.

(b) The Bank may from time to time increase or decrease the rate of interest for the time being payable on any amount of the Loan which is being lent from the Ordinary Capital Resources of the Bank to take effect on the day after the first Due Date after June 30 and/or December 31 in any year, or on such other date or dates as the Bank may specify in writing from time to time.

Section 3.04 Commission. The Borrower shall pay to the Bank a commission on the Principal at the rate provided for in the Loan Agreement, except as otherwise provided in Section 3.09. Such commission shall accrue from the respective dates on which amounts shall be withdrawn from the Loan Account and shall be payable on the Due Dates, the first payment being due and payable on the first Due Date after the date of the first disbursement of the Loan.

Section 3.05 Commitment Charge. The Borrower shall pay to the Bank a commitment charge on the amount unwithdrawn from the Loan Account from time to time at the rate specified in the Loan Agreement. Except as the Bank may otherwise specify in writing, such commitment charge shall accrue from the date specified in the Loan Agreement to the respective dates on which amounts shall be withdrawn from the Loan Account or shall be cancelled and shall be payable on the Due Dates, the first payment being due and payable on the first Due Date after the date on which such charge shall accrue.

Section 3.06 Other Charges and Interest on Overdue Payments. Other charges due by the Borrower to the Bank and interest payable under Section 3.09 shall be payable on demand, except as otherwise provided in Section 3.10.

Section 3.07 Computation of Interest, Commission and Commitment Charge. Interest, commission and commitment charge shall be computed daily on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve (12) 30-day months.

Section 3.08 Advance Payments. The Borrower shall have the right, upon payment of all overdue Principal and all accrued interest, commission, commitment charge and other charges and upon not less than forty-five (45) days' notice to the Bank, to repay as of a date acceptable to the Bank in advance of maturity any portion of the Principal, provided however that, unless otherwise agreed, such early

repayment shall not interfere with the repayment in the regular course of the Principal, but shall have the effect only of accelerating repayment of the Principal and the particulars of the repayments to be provided pursuant to Section 3.02 shall be amended accordingly.

Section 3.09 Overdue Payments. (a) In case the Borrower fails to pay any portion of the Principal, interest (excluding interest payable under this Section), commission, commitment charge and/or other charges due and payable under the Loan Agreement, but without prejudice to the provisions of Articles VIII and IX, the Borrower shall pay to the Bank interest on such overdue Principal, interest, commission, commitment charge and/or other charges at such rate or rates of interest per annum as shall be applicable thereto as provided in paragraph (b) of this Section, for a period from the day immediately succeeding the Due Date for such overdue payment or payments to the day of actual payment thereof, both dates inclusive.

(b) The rate of interest per annum payable on the amount of an overdue payment, or, if there be more than one, of the aggregate of all overdue payments outstanding from time to time shall be such rate as the Bank may specify in writing from time to time being equivalent to one per cent (1%) above the aggregate rates of interest and commission payable on loans by the Bank from its Ordinary Capital Resources prevailing either:

- (i) on the day on which the Loan was approved by the Bank, or
- (ii) on the day immediately succeeding the Due Date or Due Dates for such overdue payment or payments and each Due Date thereafter until payment in full of such overdue payment or payments,

whichever is higher.

(c) The rate or rates of interest payable on an overdue payment of Principal under this Section shall be in lieu of the rate or rates of interest and commission, if any, payable on the Loan.

Section 3.10 Place and Application of Payments. (a) The Principal and the interest, commission, commitment charge and other charges in respect of the Loan shall be paid at such place or places as the Bank may reasonably request.

(b) All payments shall be applied firstly to any interest payable under Section 3.09, then to any commitment charge and other charges due and payable, then to any interest (excluding interest payable under Section 3.09) and commission due and payable, then to any Principal due and payable.

ARTICLE IV

Withdrawal of Loan

Section 4.01 Withdrawal and Application of Loan. (a) Subject to the provisions of the Loan Agreement, the Borrower shall be entitled to withdraw from the Loan Account amounts required for the purpose of the Project, but, except with the agreement of the Bank, no withdrawals shall be made on account of expenditures incurred before the date of the Loan Agreement.

(b) The amount withdrawn from the Loan Account shall be applied for the purpose of the Project in accordance with the provisions of the Loan Agreement and of these General Provisions.

Section 4.02 Special Commitments. At the request of the Borrower and upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon between the Bank and the Borrower, the Bank may enter into special commitments in writing to pay amounts to the Borrower or others in respect of the cost of goods and services to be financed out of the amount withdrawn from the Loan Account notwithstanding any subsequent suspension or cancellation.

Section 4.03 Period of Disbursement. The Loan may be disbursed up to the date specified in the Loan Agreement or such later date as may be specified in writing by the Bank.

Section 4.04 Procurement. (a) Any goods and services required for carrying out the Project shall, if they are to be financed out of an amount of the Loan,

- (i) be procured in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Bank's "Procedures for Selection and Engagement of Consultants by Recipients of CDB Financing" and "Guidelines for Procurement" as are in effect on the date of the Loan Agreement and as the same may be amended from time to time by the Bank or in accordance with such other procedures as may be specified in writing by the Bank; and,

(ii) except as provided in the procedures referred to in sub-paragraph (i) of this paragraph, have their source and origin in and be procured from only the member countries of the Bank, all of which are specified in the Annex to these General Provisions, and such other countries as may be specified in, or pursuant to, the Loan Agreement.

(b) The Borrower undertakes that, in the procurement of goods and services for the Project, all necessary measures will be taken to ensure that the construction and service contracts and all purchases of goods financed out of an amount of the Loan will be made at a reasonable cost which will generally be the lowest market price taking into account time of delivery, quality, efficiency, reliability of the goods and availability of maintenance facilities and spare parts therefor and, in the case of services, of their quality and the competence of the parties rendering them.

Section 4.05 Goods and Services to be used exclusively in carrying out the Project. Except as the Bank may otherwise agree, the Borrower shall cause all goods and services financed out of an amount withdrawn from the Loan Account to be used exclusively in carrying out the Project.

Section 4.06 Request for Withdrawal or Special Commitment. When the Borrower desires to withdraw any amount from the Loan Account, or to request the Bank to enter into a special commitment pursuant to Section 4.02, the Borrower shall deliver to the Bank a written application in such form and containing such statements and agreements as the Bank shall reasonably request. Applications for withdrawal with the necessary documentation as hereinafter in this Article provided shall be made promptly in relation to expenditures for the Project.

Section 4.07 Authorisation of Requests for Withdrawals. The Borrower shall furnish to the Bank evidence of the authority of the person or persons authorised to sign applications for withdrawal and the authenticated specimen signature of such person or persons.

Section 4.08 Documentation of Requests for Withdrawals. The Borrower shall furnish to the Bank such documents and other evidence in support of the application as the Bank shall reasonably request, whether before or after the Bank shall have permitted any withdrawal requested in the application.

Section 4.09 Application and Documents to satisfy Bank. Each application and the accompanying documents and other evidence must be sufficient in form and substance to satisfy the Bank that the

Borrower is entitled to withdraw from the Loan Account the amount applied for and that the amount to be withdrawn from the Loan Account has been or will be used for the purposes specified in the Loan Agreement.

Section 4.10 Payments to the Borrower. Payment by the Bank to the Borrower of amounts which the Borrower is entitled to withdraw from the Loan Account shall be made to or on the order of the Borrower.

Section 4.11 Withdrawal and Deduction of Interest, Commission, Commitment Charge and Other Charges. The Bank shall be entitled, but not obligated, to withdraw from the Loan Account when allocated for financing by the Bank without the necessity of an application for withdrawal by the Borrower, or deduct from any disbursement to, or on behalf of, the Borrower under the Loan Agreement, and pay to itself interest, commission, commitment charge and/or other charges due and payable under the Loan Agreement, and the Bank shall promptly notify the Borrower in writing of such withdrawal or deduction. Each such withdrawal from the Loan Account shall be deemed to be a disbursement of a portion of the Loan to the extent of the amount, and as of the date, of such withdrawal.

ARTICLE V

Currency Provisions

Section 5.01 Currencies in which Withdrawals may be made. Except as the Bank and the Borrower may otherwise agree, withdrawals from the Loan Account shall be made in the respective currencies in which the expenditures to be financed out of the Loan have been paid or are payable or in such other currency or currencies available to the Bank, as the Bank may reasonably determine.

Section 5.02 Currency in which Principal is Repayable. (a) Any amount withdrawn from the Loan Account which is being lent from that portion of the Special Development Fund of the Bank subject to the Rules adopted by the Board of Directors of the Bank in May 1983, as the same may be amended from time to time by the Bank, shall be repayable in United States dollars.

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (a) of this Section or as the Bank may otherwise specify in writing, the amount withdrawn from the Loan Account shall be repayable in the several currencies withdrawn from the Loan Account and the amount repayable in each currency shall be the amount

withdrawn in that currency, provided that, if a withdrawal shall be made in any currency which the Bank shall have purchased with another currency for the purpose of such withdrawal, the amount so withdrawn shall be repayable in such other currency and the amount so repayable shall be the amount paid by the Bank on such purchase.

(c) The portion of the amount withdrawn from the Loan Account to be repaid in a particular currency shall be repayable in such instalments as the Bank shall from time to time specify provided that the amount to be repaid on each Due Date shall remain as set out in the particulars of the repayments to be provided under Section 3.02.

Section 5.03 Currencies in which Commitment Charge, Interest, Commission and Other Charges are Payable. The Commitment Charge shall be payable in United States dollars, interest and commission on any portion of the amount withdrawn from the Loan Account shall be payable in the currency or currencies in which such portion of the amount withdrawn from the Loan Account is repayable, interest payable under Section 3.09 shall be payable in the currency or currencies in which the overdue payment is payable and other charges shall be payable in the currency or currencies utilised by the Bank for such other charges.

Section 5.04 Exchange Control Permission. The obligation to obtain any requisite exchange control permission shall be that of the Borrower.

Section 5.05 Purchase of Currencies. The Bank will, at the request of the Borrower and on such terms and conditions as the Bank shall determine, use its best efforts to purchase any currency needed by the Borrower for payment of Principal, interest, commission, commitment charge and other charges required under the Loan Agreement upon payment by the Borrower of sufficient funds therefor in such currency or currencies to be specified by the Bank from time to time. In purchasing the currencies required, the Bank shall be acting as agent of the Borrower, and the Borrower shall be deemed to have made any payment required under the Loan Agreement only when and to the extent that the Bank has received such payment in the currency or currencies required.

Section 5.06 Valuation of Currencies. Whenever it shall be necessary to determine the value of one currency in terms of another, such value shall be as reasonably determined by the Bank.

ARTICLE VI

Conditions Precedent to First Disbursement

Section 6.01 (a) The Borrower shall, by the date referred to in Section 8.03 (i), furnish or cause to be furnished to the Bank:

- (i) the Guarantee Agreement in form and substance acceptable to the Bank;
- (ii) evidence, acceptable to the Bank, that the Borrower, if it is not a member of the Bank, is legally established;
- (iii) one or more opinions, satisfactory to the Bank, of a legal practitioner, acceptable to the Bank, showing that:
 - (aa) the Borrower, if it is not a member of the Bank, has the legal capacity to contract the obligations assumed in the Loan Agreement and to fully execute the Project;
 - (bb) the Borrower has complied with all the necessary requirements under the Constitution of the Project Country and under the Laws and Regulations in force therein in order to enter into the Loan Agreement; and
 - (cc) the Loan Agreement has been duly authorised by and executed and delivered on behalf of the Borrower and constitutes a valid and legally binding obligation in accordance with all of its terms;
- (iv) proof, satisfactory to the Bank, that the person or persons who signed the Loan Agreement on behalf of the Borrower were legally empowered to do so;
- (v) evidence, acceptable to the Bank, that the Borrower has designated one or more representatives to represent it in all acts regarding the implementation of the Loan Agreement and the authenticated specimen signature of the said representative or representatives; and

- (vi) evidence, acceptable to the Bank, that the Borrower has authorised one or more persons to sign applications for withdrawals in accordance with Section 4.07 and the authenticated specimen signature of the person or persons so authorised on a withdrawal card to be provided by the Bank to the Borrower.

(b) Except as the Bank may otherwise agree, the Bank shall not be obliged to make the first disbursement of the Loan until the requirements of paragraph (a) of this Section, as amplified by the Loan Agreement, have been complied with to the entire satisfaction of the Bank and the Aid Donor(s) shall have authorised withdrawals for the Project, if necessary.

ARTICLE VII

Particular Covenants

Section 7.01 Records, Accounts and Information. (a) The Borrower, if it is not a member of the Bank, shall maintain records and accounts adequate to reflect in accordance with consistently maintained sound accounting practice the operations and financial condition of the Borrower. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provision, if applicable, the Borrower shall maintain records and accounts adequate to identify the goods and services financed out of the amount withdrawn from the Loan Account, to disclose the use thereof in the Project, to show the expenditures of the amount withdrawn from the Loan Account and to record the progress of the Project (including the cost thereof). The Borrower shall maintain such accounts and records relating to the Project to the satisfaction of the Bank and such records and accounts shall be kept separately and distinct from the records and accounts of the other operations of the Borrower.

(b) The Borrower, if it is not a member of the Bank, shall:

- (i) have its accounts and financial statements (balance sheets, statements of income and expenditure and related statements) for each fiscal year audited by independent auditors acceptable to the Bank in accordance with sound auditing principles consistently applied;
- (ii) furnish to the Bank, as soon as available, but in any case not later than six (6) months after the end of each such year, certified copies of its audited financial statements for such

year and an audit report by the said auditors of such scope and in such detail as the Bank may reasonably request; and

- (iii) furnish to the Bank such other information concerning its accounts and financial statements and the audit thereof as the Bank may from time to time reasonably request.

- (c) The Borrower shall furnish or cause to be furnished to the Bank all such information as the Bank shall reasonably request concerning the expenditures of the amount withdrawn from the Loan Account, the Project, the benefits to be derived therefrom, the administration and operations of the Project and the financial condition of the Borrower.

- (d) The authorised representatives of the Bank and the Aid Donor(s) shall be entitled to inspect the goods financed out of the amount withdrawn from the Loan Account, the sites, works, plant and construction included in the Project, the operation thereof and any records, documents and accounts of the Project and for that purpose to enter any lands, buildings, erections or facilities owned or occupied by the Borrower. The Borrower will provide such representatives with all reasonable opportunities and facilities for this purpose.

Section 7.02 Cooperation between the Bank and the Borrower. (a) The Bank and the Borrower shall cooperate fully to ensure that the purpose of the Loan will be accomplished. To that end, the Bank and the Borrower shall, from time to time, at the request of either party, exchange views through their representatives with regard to the progress of the Project, the performance by the Borrower of its obligations under the Loan Agreement and any other matters relating to the Project.

(b) The Borrower shall promptly inform the Bank of any condition which interferes, or threatens to interfere, with the accomplishment of the purpose of the Loan, the maintenance of the service thereof or the performance by the Borrower of its obligations under the Loan Agreement.

Section 7.03 Taxes. The Borrower shall pay, or cause to be paid, all taxes, if any, imposed under the laws in force in the Project Country in connection with the execution, issue, delivery or registration of the Loan Agreement, any instrument given as a requirement of the Loan Agreement (including securities and promissory notes), any transfer or assignment by the Bank pursuant to Section 7.07 and any agreement amending or supplemental to the Loan Agreement, any such instrument and any such transfer or

assignment, and all payments of Principal, interest, commission, commitment charge and other charges shall be made without deduction for, and free from, any taxes imposed under any such laws.

Section 7.04 Priority of Loan. (a) It is the mutual intention of the Borrower, if it is a member of the Bank, and the Bank that no other external debt shall enjoy any priority over the Loan by way of lien on governmental assets.

(b) To that end, the Borrower, if it is a member of the Bank, undertakes that, except as the Bank otherwise agree, if any lien shall be created by the Borrower on any governmental assets as security for any external debt, such lien will, *ipso facto* and at no cost to the Bank, equally and ratably secure the payment of the Principal, interest, commission, commitment charge and other charges and that in the creation of any such lien express provision will be made to that effect. The Borrower, if it is a member of the Bank, shall promptly inform the Bank of the creation of any such lien.

(c) The foregoing provisions of this Section shall not apply to:

- (i) any lien created on property, at the time of purchase thereof, solely as security for the payment of the purchase price of such property; or
- (ii) any lien arising in the ordinary course of banking transactions and securing a debt maturing not more than one (1) year after its date.

(d) As used in this Section the term:

- (i) "external debt" means any debt payable by the Borrower in any medium other than the currency which at the time in question is legal tender in the Project Country whether such debt is payable absolutely or at the option of the creditor in such other medium; and
- (ii) "governmental assets" means assets of the Project Country, if the Borrower is a member of the Bank, of any of its political sub-divisions, or of any agency of the Project Country, if the Borrower is a member of the Bank, or of any such political sub-division including an institution performing the functions of a central bank.

(e) The Borrower, if it is not a member of the Bank or a political sub-division or agency of a member of the Bank or an enterprise in which equity participation by one or more members of the Bank or one or more agencies of such member or members of the Bank is a controlling one, undertakes that, except as the Bank may otherwise agree or as contemplated for the Project, no security which will rank prior to, or *pari passu* with, any security given as a requirement of the Loan Agreement shall, after the date of the Loan Agreement, be created or maintained on any of its property as security for any debts.

Section 7.05 Additional Funds. The Borrower shall provide promptly as necessary all funds in addition to the amount withdrawn from the Loan Account and all other resources required for the punctual and effective carrying out of the Project and, in particular, shall be responsible for meeting any amount by which the cost of the Project exceeds the estimated cost thereof as specified in the Loan Agreement.

Section 7.06 Maintenance of Insurance. (a) Except as otherwise specified in the Loan Agreement, the Borrower shall take out and maintain with responsible insurers, or make adequate arrangements acceptable to the Bank for, insurance against such risks and in such amounts as shall be consistent with sound business practice and, without limitation upon the foregoing, such insurance shall cover marine, transit and other hazards incident to the acquisition, transportation and delivery of goods financed out of an amount withdrawn from the Loan Account to the place of use or installation, any indemnity thereunder to be made payable in a currency freely usable by the Borrower to replace or repair such goods.

(b) The Borrower shall require any such insurers with which insurances in respect of any insurable property financed out of an amount withdrawn from the Loan Account and other insurable property are taken out and are to be maintained to give notice periodically to the Borrower and the Bank when such insurances are to be renewed and, in addition, advise the Bank immediately on each renewal date whether such insurances are renewed.

Section 7.07 Transfer or Assignment of Loan Agreement or Loan. The Bank shall be entitled to transfer or assign at any time to the Aid Donor(s) all or any of its right, title and interest in and under the Loan Agreement and any instrument (including securities and promissory notes) given as a requirement of the Loan Agreement and in and to the whole or any part of all monies whatsoever due or to become due to the Bank thereunder. The Bank shall promptly inform the Borrower of any such transfer or assignment.

Section 7.08 Maintenance of Corporate Existence, Licences and Franchises and other special requirements if the Borrower is a limited liability company. (a) Except as the Bank may otherwise agree or as specified in the Loan Agreement, the Borrower shall:

- (i) take all necessary steps as lie within its power and use its best endeavours at all times to maintain its corporate existence and the right to carry on operations and shall acquire, maintain and renew all rights, powers, privileges, licences and franchises owned or held by it and necessary and useful in the implementation of the Project and the conduct of the business contemplated by the Project;
- (ii) not amend its Memorandum or Articles of Association; and
- (iii) observe all the Laws of the Project Country affecting the Borrower and, in particular, all the provisions of the Companies legislation in force in the Project Country as amended or modified from time to time especially in filing with the Registrar of Companies any information and documents required to be filed under such legislation.

(b) Except as the Bank may otherwise agree, at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the issued and paid up share capital of the Borrower shall be held at all times by one or more of the Governments, nationals and belongers of Commonwealth Caribbean member countries of the Bank and corporate bodies controlled by such Governments, nationals and belongers and the Borrower shall at all times be controlled by one or more of such Governments, nationals, belongers and corporate bodies.

ARTICLE VIII

Cancellation and Suspension

Section 8.01 Cancellation by Borrower. The Borrower may by notice to the Bank cancel any amount of the Loan which the Borrower shall not have withdrawn prior to the giving of such notice, except that the Borrower may not so cancel any amount of the Loan in respect of which the Bank shall have entered into a special commitment pursuant to Section 4.02.

Section 8.02 Suspension by Bank. (a) If any of the following events shall have occurred and be continuing, the Bank may by notice to the Borrower and the Guarantor suspend in whole or in part the right of the Borrower to make withdrawals from the Loan Account:

- (i) The Borrower shall have failed to make payment (notwithstanding the fact that such payment may have been made by the Guarantor or a third party) of Principal, interest, commission, commitment charge or other charges under the Loan Agreement or any principal, interest, commission, commitment charge or other payment required under any other agreement between the Bank and the Borrower.
- (ii) The Guarantor shall have failed to make payment of Principal, interest, commission, commitment charge or other charges under the Guarantee Agreement or any principal, interest, commission, commitment charge or other payment required under any other agreement between the Bank and the Guarantor;
- (iii) The Borrower or the Guarantor shall have failed to perform or observe any of its other obligations under the Loan Agreement or the Guarantee Agreement;
- (iv) A situation shall have arisen which shall make it improbable in the Bank's opinion that the Project can be carried out or that the Borrower or the Guarantor will be able to perform or observe any of its obligations under the Loan Agreement or the Guarantee Agreement;
- (v) Prior to the Closing Date, any material adverse change in the condition of the Borrower, as represented by the Borrower, shall have occurred;
- (vi) A representation made by the Borrower or the Guarantor in or pursuant to the Loan Agreement or the Guarantee Agreement or any statement furnished in connection therewith and intended to be relied upon by the Bank in making the Loan shall have been incorrect in any material respect;
- (vii) The Borrower, if it is a member of the Bank, or the Guarantor shall have withdrawn or been suspended from membership in, or ceased to be a member of, the Bank;

- (viii) The right of the Borrower or the Guarantor to make withdrawals under any other agreement with the Bank shall have been suspended in whole or in part by the Bank;
- (ix) The right of the Bank to receive funds for the Project from the Aid Donor(s) shall have been suspended in whole or in part or shall have terminated;
- (x) A situation shall have arisen whereby, in the Bank's opinion, any withdrawal or further withdrawal from the Loan Account will cause the Bank to exceed any of the lending limits of the Bank, established by the Board of Directors of the Bank from time to time;
- (xi) Any event specified in sub-paragraph (vii) of Section 8.03 and sub-paragraphs (iv), (vi), (vii), (viii), (ix), (x), (xi) and (xii) of Section 9.01 shall have occurred; or
- (xii) Any other event specified in the Loan Agreement for the purpose of this Section shall have occurred.

(b) The right of the Borrower to make withdrawals from the Loan Account shall continue to be suspended in whole or in part, as the case may be, until the event or events which gave rise to such suspension shall have ceased to exist or until the Bank shall have notified the Borrower and the Guarantor that the right to make withdrawals shall be restored, whichever is earlier, but, in case of any such notice of restoration, the right to make withdrawals shall be restored only to the extent and subject to the conditions specified in such notice, and no such notice shall affect or impair any right, power or remedy of the Bank in respect of any other or subsequent event described in this Section.

Section 8.03 Cancellation by the Bank. If any of the following events shall occur, then at any time thereafter the Bank may by notice to the Borrower and the Guarantor terminate the right of the Borrower to make withdrawals from the Loan Account or with respect to any amount of the Loan, as the case may be, and, upon the giving of such notice, the amount of the Loan specified therein shall be cancelled:

- (i) The Borrower shall have failed to comply with the conditions set out in Section 6.01 (a), as amplified by the Loan Agreement, by the sixtieth (60th) day after the date of the Loan Agreement or such later date as may be specified in writing by the Bank;

- (ii) In the opinion of the Bank, it is improbable that any requirement specified in or pursuant to Section 6.01 (b) or any condition to be fulfilled in meeting any such requirement will be satisfied;
- (iii) By the date therefor referred to in the Loan Agreement, the Bank has not received any application for withdrawal from the Loan Account or for Special Commitment in accordance with Article IV or all applications received by the date shall not have been acceptable to the Bank;
- (iv) The right of the Borrower to make withdrawals from the Loan Account shall have been suspended with respect to any amount of the Loan for a continuous period of thirty (30) days;
- (v) At any time the Bank determines, after consultation with the Borrower, that an amount of the Loan will not be required to finance the Project's cost to be financed out of the Loan;
- (vi) After the Closing Date an amount of the Loan remains unwithdrawn from the Loan Account; or
- (vii) The Bank shall have received notice from the Guarantor pursuant to Section 3.05 of the General Provisions applicable to Guarantee Agreements with respect to any amount of the Loan.

Section 8.04 Amounts subject to Special Commitment not affected by Cancellation or Suspension by the Bank. No cancellation or suspension by the Bank shall apply to amounts subject to any special commitment entered into by the Bank pursuant to Section 4.02.

Section 8.05 Effectiveness of Provisions after Cancellation or Suspension. Notwithstanding any cancellation or suspension, all the provisions of the Loan Agreement and of these General Provisions which shall have been made applicable thereto shall continue in full force and effect except as in this Article specifically provided.

ARTICLE IX
Events of Default

Section 9.01 If any of the following events shall occur and shall continue for the period specified, if any, then, at any subsequent time during the continuance thereof, the Bank, at its option, may by notice to the Borrower and the Guarantor declare the Principal due and payable immediately together with interest, commission, commitment charge and other charges under the Loan Agreement and upon such declaration the Principal together with interest, commission, commitment charge and other charges under the Loan Agreement shall become due and payable immediately:

- (i) A default shall occur in the payment of Principal, interest, commission, commitment charge or other charges under the Loan Agreement and such default shall continue for a period of thirty (30) days;
- (ii) A default shall occur in the payment of Principal, interest, commission, commitment charge or other charges under the Guarantee Agreement and such default shall continue for a period of thirty (30) days;
- (iii) A default shall occur in the payment of Principal, interest, commission, commitment charge or other charge under any other loan or guarantee agreement between the Bank and the Borrower and such default shall continue for a period of thirty (30) days;
- (iv) A default shall occur in the payment of Principal, interest, commission, commitment charge, or other charges under any loan or guarantee agreement between the Guarantor and the Bank under circumstances which would make it unlikely that the Guarantor would meet its obligations under the Loan Agreement or the Guarantee Agreement and such default shall continue for a period of thirty (30) days;
- (v) A default shall occur in the performance or observance of any other obligation on the part of the Borrower or the Guarantor under the Loan Agreement or the Guarantee Agreement and such default shall continue for a period of sixty (60) days after notice thereof shall have been given by the Bank to the Borrower and the Guarantor;

- (vi) The Borrower, if it is not a member of the Bank, shall have become unable to pay its debts as they mature or any action or proceeding shall have been taken by the Borrower, if it is not a member of the Bank, or by others whereby any of the property of the Borrower, if it is not a member of the Bank, shall or may be distributed among its creditors;
- (vii) The Borrower, if it is not a member of the Bank, shall have taken or suffered any action for its reorganisation, liquidation or dissolution or the suspension of its operations or a receiver or liquidator shall have been appointed of all or any part of its property;
- (viii) Any modification shall have been made in the purpose, nature or objectives, capital or assets of the Borrower, if it is not a member of the Bank, and particularly any substantial revision of the legislation establishing the Borrower, if it is not a member of the Bank and is established by legislation, which may have a deleterious effect on the Project or on the purpose for which the Loan Agreement was entered into;
- (ix) The Borrower or the Guarantor shall have failed to fulfil any of its obligations to the Bank whether arising under the agreement establishing the Bank or otherwise;
- (x) There shall have been cancellation, pursuant to Section 8.01 or Section 8.03, of such an amount of the Loan as will make it improbable in the Bank's opinion that the Project can be carried out or that the Borrower will be able to perform or observe any of its obligations under the Loan Agreement;
- (xi) The Project shall have been discontinued or suspended without the prior approval of the Bank or the Borrower shall have suspended, or ceases or threatens to cease to carry on, the business contemplated in carrying out the Project; or
- (xii) Any other event specified in the Loan Agreement for the purpose of this Section shall have occurred and shall continue for the period, if any, specified in the Loan Agreement.

ARTICLE X

Termination

Section 10.01 Termination of Loan Agreement. Upon payment in full of the Principal and all interest, commission, commitment charge and other charges under the Loan Agreement, the Loan Agreement and all obligations of the parties thereunder shall forthwith terminate.

ARTICLE XI

Enforceability

Section 11.01 (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this Section, the rights and obligations of the Bank and the Borrower under the Loan Agreement shall be valid and enforceable in accordance with its terms.

(b) If the Borrower is not a member of the Bank, the rights and obligations of the Bank and the Borrower under the Loan Agreement shall be construed and determined in accordance with the laws of the Project Country at the date of the Loan Agreement.

(c) Neither the Bank nor the Borrower shall be entitled in any proceeding under or pursuant to Article XIII to assert any claim that any provision of the Loan Agreement is invalid or unenforceable because of any provision of the agreement establishing the Bank or for any other reason.

ARTICLE XII

Miscellaneous

Section 12.01 All statements, reports, certificates, evidence, opinions, notices, communications and other documents or information furnished or given under the Loan Agreement shall be supplied or submitted in the English Language without cost to the Bank.

Section 12.02 No failure or delay on the part of the Bank to exercise any right, power or privilege under the Loan Agreement shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right, power or privilege under the Loan Agreement preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any right, power or privilege.

Section 12.03 All notices and other communications required or permitted to be given or made under the Loan Agreement and any other Agreement between any of the parties contemplated by the Loan Agreement shall be in writing. Any such notice or other communication shall be deemed to have been duly given or made when delivered by hand or mail or by telegram, cable, telex, telefax or radiogram to the party to which it is required or permitted to be given or made at such party's address specified in the Loan Agreement or at such other address as such party may have designated by notice to the party giving such notice or making such communication.

Section 12.04 Subject to Article 42 of the agreement establishing the Bank, if the Borrower, being a member of the Bank, or the Guarantor ceases to be a member of the Bank, any amount due to it for its shares repurchased by the Bank shall be withheld so long as the Borrower or the Guarantor remains liable to the Bank in respect of the Loan. Such amount may, at the option of the Bank, be applied on any such liability as it matures.

Section 12.05 Subject to Article 46 of the agreement establishing the Bank, in the event of a distribution of the assets of the Bank, the Borrower, being a member of the Bank, or the Guarantor shall not be entitled to receive its share in such distribution until it has settled its obligations to the Bank under the Loan Agreement or the Guarantee Agreement.

ARTICLE XIII

Arbitration

Section 13.01 (a) Any controversy between the parties to the Loan Agreement and any claim by any such party against any other such party arising under the Loan Agreement which shall not be determined by agreement between the parties shall be submitted to arbitration before an Arbitration Committee as hereinafter provided.

(b) The parties to such arbitration shall be the Bank on one side and the Borrower on the other side.

(c) The Arbitration Committee shall consist of three arbitrators appointed as follows:

One arbitrator shall be appointed by the Bank, another by the Borrower and a third (hereinafter called the umpire) shall be appointed by agreement between the parties, either directly or through their respective arbitrators. If the parties fail to agree on who shall be the umpire, he shall be appointed at the request of either party by the Secretary-General of the Caribbean Community. If either side fails to appoint an arbitrator, he shall be appointed by the Secretary-General of the Caribbean Community at the request of the other party. If either of the appointed arbitrators or the umpire is unwilling or unable to act or to continue to act in such capacity, his successor shall be appointed in the same manner as for the original appointment. The successor shall perform the same functions and shall have the same powers as his predecessor.

(d) An arbitration proceeding may be instituted under this Section upon notice by the party instituting such proceeding to the other party. Such notice shall contain a statement setting forth the nature of the controversy or claim to be submitted to arbitration, the nature of the remedy sought and the name of the arbitrator appointed by the party instituting such proceeding. Within thirty (30) days after the giving of such notice, the other party shall notify the party instituting the proceeding of the name of the arbitrator appointed by such other party.

(e) If within sixty (60) days after giving notice instituting the arbitration proceeding the parties shall not have agreed upon an umpire, either party may request the appointment of an umpire as provided in paragraph (c) of this Section. If within forty-five (45) days after becoming entitled to do so, neither party requests the appointment of an umpire as provided in paragraph (c) of this Section, the arbitration proceeding shall be deemed to have been abandoned.

(f) The Arbitration Committee shall convene in Barbados at such time and place as shall be fixed by the umpire. Thereafter the Arbitration Committee shall meet in Barbados or in the Project Country at such time and place as the Arbitration Committee shall determine.

(g) Subject to the provisions of this Section and except as the parties shall otherwise agree, the Arbitration Committee shall decide all questions relating to its competence and shall determine its procedure. All decisions of the Arbitration Committee shall be by a majority vote.

- (h) The Arbitration Committee shall afford to both sides a fair hearing and shall render its award in writing. Such award may be rendered by default. An award signed by a majority of the Arbitration Committee shall constitute the award of the Arbitration Committee. A signed counterpart of the award shall be transmitted to each party. Any such award rendered in accordance with the provisions of this Section shall be final and binding upon the parties to the Loan Agreement. Each party shall abide by and comply with any such award rendered by the Arbitration Committee in accordance with the provisions of this Section.
- (i) The parties shall fix the amount of the remuneration of the Arbitrators and such other persons as shall be required for the conduct of the arbitration proceedings. The Bank and the Borrower shall each defray its own expenses in the arbitration proceedings. The costs of the Arbitration Committee shall be divided between and borne equally by the Bank on the one side and the Borrower on the other. Any question concerning the division of the costs of the Arbitration Committee or the procedure for payment of such costs shall be determined by the Arbitration Committee.
- (j) The provisions for arbitration set forth in this Section shall be in lieu of any other procedure for the determination of any controversy between the parties to the Loan Agreement or any claim by any such party against the other such party arising thereunder.
- (k) If within thirty (30) days after the counterparts of the award shall be delivered to the parties the award shall not be complied with, any party may enter judgement upon or institute a proceeding to enforce the award in any court of competent jurisdiction against any other party, may enforce such judgement by execution or may pursue any other appropriate remedies against such other party for the enforcement of the award and the provisions of the Loan Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Section shall not authorise any entry of judgement or enforcement of award against any party that is a member of the Bank except as such procedure may be available otherwise than by reason of the provisions of this Section.
- (l) Service of any notice or process in connection with any proceeding under this Section or in connection with any proceeding to enforce any award pursuant to this Section may be made in the manner provided in Section 12.03. The parties to the Loan Agreement waive any and all other requirements for the service of any such notice or process.

(m) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (j) of this Section, if the Borrower is not a member of the Bank, nothing in this Section shall be deemed to preclude either of the parties from exercising or instituting any legal or equitable action to enforce any right or claim arising out of or pursuant to any instrument given as a requirement of the Loan Agreement with respect to the repayment of the Principal and payment of interest, commission, commitment charge and other charges and submission to arbitration under this Section shall not be deemed to be a condition precedent or in any way prejudice such exercise or other enforcement of any such right or claim.

ANNEX

[Section 4.04 (a) (ii)]

MEMBERS OF THE BANK

Regional Members

1. Anguilla
2. Antigua and Barbuda
3. Bahamas - Commonwealth of The
4. Barbados
5. Belize
6. British Virgin Islands
7. Cayman Islands
8. Colombia
9. Dominica - Commonwealth of
10. Grenada
11. Guyana - Co-operative Republic of
12. Jamaica
13. Mexico
14. Montserrat
15. Saint Kitts and Nevis
16. Saint Lucia
17. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
18. Trinidad and Tobago - Republic of
19. Turks and Caicos Islands
20. Venezuela

Non-Regional Members

1. Canada
2. China - The People's Republic of
3. Germany
4. Italy
5. United Kingdom

- (b) develop and implement a strategy that would facilitate the participation of all stakeholders in project design;
- (c) determine the economic impact of the proposed programme on low income groups in the secondary towns; and
- (d) recommend strategies and a plan of action to promote stakeholder participation and public awareness during implementation of the investment project.

8. INFRASTRUCTURE COMPONENT

8.01 The Consultants will be required to carry out the preliminary surveys/studies, prepare tender documents, detailed costs and implementation schedules for the proposed initiatives under STDP . The least cost option should be selected for each road. The works are expected to cost approximately USD 8.8 mn. Consultants would also be required to assist GOG in the prequalification of contractors for the recommended packages and obtain necessary statutory approvals for designs. Where land acquisition is contemplated, the Consultants would be required to identify and survey the parcels during the detailed design stage. A detailed description of the proposed works has been prepared by GOG. The following activities would be undertaken by the consultants:

Road Development

8.02 The objective is to prepare detailed designs and tender documents for the upgrading of secondary and tertiary roads identified in each of the four Secondary Towns.

Tasks

8.03 During the period of the consultancy and in collaboration with PSC, the consultant will undertake to:

Phase 1: Preliminary Review

- (a) identify, select and provide justification for the roads selected for rehabilitation under the project;
- (b) determine the adequacy of the road reservation and the need, if any, for land acquisition;
- (c) collaborate with MPWC and local authorities with responsibility for the road selection to obtain all historical and other relevant data for the design of the project;
- (d) review data gathered at (c); and
- (e) prepare preliminary designs and cost estimates for the proposed improvements and ensure that the recommended intervention is the least cost option taking account of life cycle costs.

Phase II: Detailed Designs

- (a) make arrangements for any engineering tests which may be required to determine soil conditions along the proposed corridors;
- (b) carry out a detailed topographic survey of the proposed alignment;
- (c) undertake geotechnical investigations (where necessary to inform pavement design) including the preparation of a geotechnical report;
- (d) prepare detailed designs and drawings for each project road section including horizontal and vertical alignments, earthworks and pavement design, details of drainage and bridge structures;
- (e) prepare tender documents (i.e. invitation to bids, instructions to bidders, specifications, conditions of contracts, bills of quantities, etc.) and an implementation schedule for the works (use of CDB's standard documentation is recommended);
- (f) prepare detailed engineer's estimate (indicating local and foreign currency requirements for each item of the bills of quantities) and implementation schedule for each package;
- (g) obtain all required statutory and environmental approvals to permit construction of each section of road; and
- (h) provide assistance to GOG in the prequalification of contractors.

Markets

8.04 The objective of this component of the study is to upgrade the physical facilities of the markets in Bartica, Charity and Supenaam.

8.05 During the period of the Consultancy and in collaboration with PSC, the Consultant will:

Phase I: Preliminary Designs

- (a) undertake a comprehensive review of the physical condition of each market, (where a new facility is contemplated the suitability of the proposed site should be reviewed) including market access, stalls, market organisation, utility facilities, sanitation facilities, transportation, garbage collection and disposal;
- (b) determine the need for facility rehabilitation, replacement/new building and examine alternative methods for undertaking the works;
- (c) on the basis of the above the consultant shall review all available information and prepare preliminary design options with costs for the proposed facility; and

- (d) carry out required stakeholders (including vendors) consultations to determine the suitability of the proposed design options.

Phase II: Detailed Designs

- (a) make arrangements for any engineering tests which may be required to determine soil conditions at the proposed site. Ensure that adequate topographical surveys are done to facilitate the detailed design process;
- (b) prepare detailed designs and tender documents for the market facilities (use of CDB standard tender documentation is recommended);
- (c) prepare detailed cost estimates and implementation schedule for the proposed facilities;
- (d) obtain all required statutory and environmental approvals to permit construction of the works; and
- (e) provide assistance to GOG in the prequalification of contractor.

Stellings

8.06 The objective is to upgrade the stellings (wharfs) at Charity and at Parika, and construct a new stelling at Supenaam (with access road).

Phase I: Preliminary Design

8.07 The consultant would be required to:

- (a) determine the sizes of boats and the requirements of the passengers using the stelling facilities as well as the projected increase in traffic;
- (b) for the existing stelling facilities mentioned above, determine the amount of rehabilitation works required:
 - (i) review existing piles and estimate the requirements for replacement and/or repairs;
 - (ii) investigate breasting faces, mooring points, fenders, etc;
 - (iii) evaluate the condition of the superstructure and determine the need and the extent of the required repairs; and
 - (iv) ascertain the rehabilitation works required for the superstructures, including provision of solid waste storage facilities, warehousing, facilities for boat operators, bus drivers, vendors and passengers as required.

- (c) regarding the new stelling facility, the study should include but not be limited to, a review of:
 - (i) environmental data;
 - (ii) design requirements including:
 - (aa) wave penetration;
 - (bb) ferry motion; and
 - (cc) navigation channel, etc.
 - (iii) potential site(s) in terms of location, area, ownership, topography, soil quality, potential for expansion and environmental factors.
- (d) provide preliminary layouts/designs for each site; and
- (e) prepare preliminary cost estimates, including land costs if required, for all of the proposed facilities in keeping with the least cost option taking account of life cycle costs.

Phase II: Detailed Designs

- (a) carry out necessary geo-technical surveys in sufficient detail to properly inform the design of the facility;
- (b) prepare detailed engineering designs, working drawings and tender documentation for the works (use of CDB's standard bidding documents is recommended);
- (c) prepare detailed cost estimates for the construction/rehabilitation of the facilities;
- (d) obtain all required statutory and environmental approvals to permit construction of each facility; and
- (e) provide assistance to GOG in prequalification of contractors.

Solid Waste Management (SWM)

8.08 The objective is to prepare an investment programme to meet immediate and medium-term needs for adequate SWM in Bartica, Charity, Parika, and Supenaam. The recommendations for SWM including sanitary landfills should be based on the least cost solution.

8.09 Investment in SWM is critical to all four communities and should cover/address storage, collection, transportation, treatment and disposal of residential, commercial, industrial and institutional areas. Provision of requisite vehicles and equipment should be recommended for the service areas. Location of the landfill site should be consistent with the existing or proposed land use plan of the councils.

Phase I: Preliminary Designs/Review

- (a) estimate waste generation rate from the various sources, the composition and type of waste;
- (b) review the deficiencies (institutional, physical, and environmental) of the existing arrangements for SWM and suggest improvement measures;
- (c) analyse available options for the various stages of micro-collection, and mode of transfer to a central collection point as needed (parameters include collection frequency, type of bins, type of vehicles, depots, etc);
- (d) analyse options for privatising some SWM activities;
- (e) recommend appropriate waste disposal methods consistent with the type of waste and public health factors;
- (f) for disposal methods involving landfill, estimate land area needs and the most suitable locations (factors such as design life, soil type, drainage, leachate collection and treatment, gas venting, availability of suitable cover material and security fencing should be carefully considered); also provide recommendations for the required vehicle and equipment needed for landfill operations; comment on the suitability of the proposed sites;
- (g) identify training programmes as needed, in connection with the recommended improvements; and public awareness programmes;
- (h) based on the above tasks, recommend a suitable SWM programme for town area and an appropriate SWM structure and the associated capital and recurrent costs. Recommend least cost solutions and detail the specific initiatives to be implemented under the project;
- (i) prepare preliminary engineering designs for the proposed landfill sites; and
- (j) carry out, with the assistance of the PSC, the required community consultations to determine the suitability of the proposed designs (and landfill locations).

Phase II: Detailed Designs

- (a) prepare detailed engineering designs and tender documents for the construction of the landfills; and
- (b) prepare detailed cost estimates for the proposed civil works packages.

Drainage Improvements

8.10 The objective is to prepare an investment programme to meet immediate and medium-term needs for local drainage improvements primarily at Charity and Parika. Improvements will focus on cleaning and maintenance, possible lining and/or rehabilitation of revetments, provision of small culverts, improvements to sluices, pumps and other works as required in the brief.

Phase I: Preliminary Design

- (a) analyse the adequacy of the drainage network for the relevant councils and review the institutional deficiencies of the existing drainage programme; and
- (b) estimate the needs for improving the hydraulic characteristics of the drains and make recommendation for remedial measures.

Phase II: Detailed Designs

- (a) prepare detailed engineering designs, and tender documents for the proposed drainage works. (Use of CDB's standard tender documentation is recommended);
- (b) obtain all required statutory and environmental approvals to permit construction; and
- (c) provide assistance to GOG in the prequalification of contractors.

Sanitation Improvements

8.11 The objective is to prepare designs for improvements to public toilet facilities for Parika, Charity and Supenaam.

8.12 Existing toilet facilities in the region include pit latrines and water closet units with septic tanks. Public toilets in the markets, stellingings and other commercial areas are in a state of disrepair. GOG intends to create new toilet facilities in Parika, (within the market centre), Charity and at Supenaam, (adjacent to the speed boat stelling and market). The design of these small facilities would be incorporated into the design of the stellingings or markets.

Administration Buildings and other facilities

8.13 The objective is to prepare an investment programme to provide or upgrade the following facilities in each of the Secondary Towns, including three new and/or refurbished NDC Offices, one community centre, one library and street lights in Charity and Parika, and a recreational park in Parika.

Phase I: Preliminary Review

- (a) review justification for proposed buildings and other facilities;
- (b) determine user requirements for each of the proposed facilities;

- (c) where applicable review the (proposed) management structure of the facility and make recommendation for changes if required;
- (d) determine suitability of the proposed sites for expansion and determine whether GOG owns the proposed sites;
- (e) prepare preliminary designs and cost estimates for each facility.

Phase II: Detailed designs

- (a) carry out any geo-technical surveys and topographical surveys required to inform the design process;
- (b) prepare final designs, working drawings and tender documents for each of the proposed facilities (use of CDB's standard documentation is recommended) and package/group projects in appropriate sizes for tender;
- (c) prepare detailed costs and implementation schedule for each facility;
- (d) obtain required statutory and environmental approvals to permit construction; and
- (e) provide assistance to GOG in the prequalification of contractors.

9. TIME, INPUT AND REPORTING

9.01 It is expected that the consultancy will be completed over a period of seven calendar months. The consultancy team should have the necessary skills including, but not limited to expertise in local government reform, information technology, institutional/organisational development, financial management, social and environmental analysis, architecture, civil and structural engineering. Experience in the Caribbean Region and in Guyana would be considered an asset.

9.02 The Consultants shall furnish CDB and PSC with the following reports:

Phase I

(a) **Inception Report**

Within two (2) weeks of commencing the Study, the consultant is required to submit an Inception Report. This report should set out initial findings, confirm the consultants detailed work schedule and methodology and establish any design criteria. The consultants would also present their findings with respect to GOG's statutory environmental and planning requirements for each infrastructural component. A total of six copies of the Inception Report is required, two are to be sent to CDB and four to GOG. Both GOG and CDB should forward comments on the Inception Report within two (2) weeks of receipt.

(b) Preliminary Report

Within five (5) weeks of receipt of comments by PSC and CDB on the inception report, the consultant is required to submit a Preliminary Report, taking into consideration the comments made by GOG and CDB. This report should include a detailed presentation of the surveys conducted stakeholder meetings, presentation of alternatives, identification of environmental (see Annex to TOR) and social issues and preliminary designs and costs. PSC and CDB are expected to submit comments within two (2) weeks of receipt.

(c) Draft Final Report

Within four (4) weeks of receipt of comments by GOG and CDB on the preliminary report, the Consultants are required to submit a Draft Final Report, which takes into consideration the comments made by PSC and CDB. This report should finalise the information presented in the preliminary report and include a clear recommendation for a programme of activities supported by adequate justification. Recommendations for a project of priority works should be presented for each component. Detailed costs should be presented for the proposed interventions in order to fully develop the capital project. Comments should be available within two (2) weeks of receipt of the Draft Final Report.

(d) Final Report

Within one (1) week of receipt of comments on the Draft Final Report, the consultants shall present a Final Report incorporating the comments of the PSC and CDB. Two copies of the report should be available for CDB and four for GOG.

Phase II

(a) General

The undertaking of services outlined under Phase II is contingent upon approval by PSC/CDB of the recommendations arising out of the Phase I for the infrastructure component.

(b) Draft Final Designs

Detailed designs and associated design calculations are to be first presented in draft form for review by GOG and CDB within six weeks (6) of commencement of Phase II. Detailed cost estimates are to be presented with the draft final designs for review by PSC and CDB. The review process should take two (2) weeks. Two copies of the Draft Final Design Report are required and for CDB and four for GOG.

(c) Final Design

Within two (2) weeks of receipt of comments on the Draft Final Designs, the consultant shall present a Final Design Report.

(d) Bid Documents

Together with the submission of the Final Report, the consultant will deliver a complete set of Bid Documents. A total of fifteen sets of bid documents is required, two for CDB's records and the others for GOG.

(e) Tender Process

The consultant will assist the GOG in prequalifying contractors.

9.03 The Report and designs should also be submitted on two sets of diskettes in Microsoft Word, Excel and Autocad (for designs).

ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS

As part of the Phase I Preliminary Report the Consultants should submit an Environmental report which will cover the suite of infrastructural sub-projects for each town. The report should address the following;

- (a) determine whether there is squatting or any other land titling conflicts;
- (b) potential interruption or limitation of access to dwellings or businesses permanently or temporarily;
- (c) potential for deterioration of urban quality or property value in the vicinity of the works;
- (d) potential impact on urban infrastructure (sidewalks, power lines, telephone lines, cable, water, etc.); and
- (e) potential issues regarding natural hazards, especially flooding.

The Consultants will take into consideration the Environmental Criteria for Detailed Designs which should include but not be limited to the following:

- (a) inclusion where appropriate and the opportunity exists environmental enhancing measures in the development and design of infrastructure and facilities. (These may include landscaping, and other small-scale green areas, pedestrian safety and wheelchair access);
- (b) access to dwellings and businesses guaranteed during construction;
- (c) safe and secure crossings for pedestrians and bicyclists should be integrated in the designs for streets, markets and administrative centres;
- (d) design solutions of the suite of infrastructure sub-projects must be subject to public and community consultation; and
- (e) inclusion of environmental specifications for contractors to minimise impacts and nuisances to the public during construction and any re-instatement of soil, vegetation and drainage control necessary.

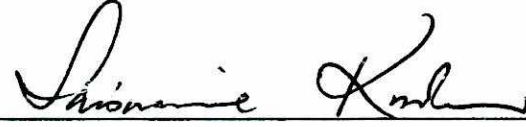
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