

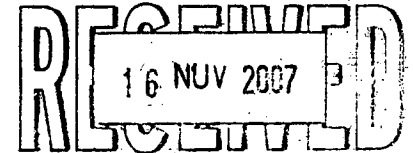
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ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

Infrastructure Division
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Subject: **Loan 2304-AFG (SF): Regional Power Transmission Interconnection Project
Amendment to the Loan Agreement**

Dear Deputy Minister Shahrani:

1. We refer to the Loan Agreement (Loan Agreement) for the Regional Power Transmission Interconnection Project (Project), dated 20 May 2007 between the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (Borrower) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB).
2. To streamline implementation, ADB approved a minor change in implementation arrangements of the Project on 10 October 2007. To reflect this change, we propose to amend the Loan Agreement as set forth below:

In Schedule 4 of the Loan Agreement, heading C and section 5 shall be revised to read as follows:

"C. Conditions for Works Contract

5. (a) The Borrower shall not award any contract, except for the consulting services, until the PPA has been signed as described in paragraph 4 of Schedule 5 to this Loan Agreement.
- (b) No Works shall commence,
 - (i) unless the RP has been updated in accordance with the detail design prepared by the contractor and approved by the implementation consultant;

- (ii) until such updated RP has been approved by ADB, and
(iii) with respect to any geographic area or section of the Project affected by the resettlement activities envisaged under the updated RP, – until after such updated RP has been fully implemented to the satisfaction of ADB.”

3. Please indicate the agreement of the Borrower to the proposed amendment by counter-signing two originals of this letter, as indicated below. Please return one copy of the counter-signed letter to my attention. The Loan Agreement shall be considered amended in accordance with this letter, as of the date of the receipt of the signed counterpart of this letter by ADB.
4. Please be advised that according to the ADB's Public Communications Policy (PCP) on disclosure and exchange of information, any amendments to the Loan Agreement will automatically be publicly disclosed within two weeks after their effectiveness, unless ADB is advised by return mail that the amendments contain any information or data of a sensitive or confidential nature falling under the PCP exceptions.

Very truly yours,



Juan Miranda
Director General
Central and West Asia
Department

Agree to the amendment to the Loan Agreement as set forth in this letter and confirm that such amendment does not contain any information or data of a sensitive or confidential nature falling under the PCP exceptions:

REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN

By: 

Name: WAHIDULLAH SHAHRANI

Title: DEPUTY MINISTER (MOF)

Date: 13 Nov 2007