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LOAN NUMBER 2492-UZB

LOAN AGREEMENT  
(Ordinary Operations)

(Water Resources Management Sector Project)

between

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

and

ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

DATED 24 August 2009

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LAL:UZB 40086

**LOAN AGREEMENT  
(Ordinary Operations)**

LOAN AGREEMENT dated 24 August 2009 between REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN (the "Borrower") and ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK ("ADB").

WHEREAS

(A) the Borrower has applied to ADB for a loan for the purposes of the Project described in Schedule 1 to the Special Operations Loan Agreement (as defined below);

(B) by an agreement of even date herewith between the Borrower and ADB (the "Special Operations Loan Agreement"), ADB has agreed to lend to the Borrower, from its Special Funds resources, an amount in various currencies equivalent to ten million forty two thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 10,042,000) for the purposes of the Project; and

(C) ADB has agreed to make a loan to the Borrower from ADB's ordinary capital resources (the "Loan") upon the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth;

NOW THEREFORE the parties hereto agree as follows:

**ARTICLE I**

**Loan Regulations; Definitions**

Section 1.01. All the provisions of the Ordinary Operations Loan Regulations Applicable to LIBOR-Based Loans Made from ADB's Ordinary Capital Resources, dated 1 July 2001, are hereby made applicable to this Loan Agreement with the same force and effect as if they were fully set forth herein, subject, however, to the following modifications thereof (said Ordinary Operations Loan Regulations as so modified being hereinafter called the Loan Regulations):

(a) Section 3.03 is deleted and the following is substituted therefor:

**Commitment Charge; Credit.** (aa) The Borrower shall pay a commitment charge on the unwithdrawn amount of the Loan at the rate and on the terms specified in the Loan Agreement.

(bb) ADB shall provide to the Borrower a credit at the rate specified in the Loan Agreement, which credit shall remain fixed for the term of the Loan. ADB shall apply the amount of the credit against the interest payable by the Borrower.

(b) Section 3.06 is deleted and the following is substituted therefor:

(aa) Following any announcement by ADB that the Fixed Spread applicable to new Loans shall be reduced, ADB shall provide a Rebate to any Borrower with an outstanding Loan on which a higher Fixed Spread is applicable. The amount of the Rebate shall be determined by multiplying (i) the difference between the Fixed Spread applicable to the outstanding Loan and the Fixed Spread that will be applied to new Loans (expressed as a percentage per annum), by (ii) the principal amount of the outstanding Loan on which the Borrower shall pay interest for all interest periods commencing on and after the effective date of the lower Fixed Spread that will be applied to new Loans.

(bb) Following any announcement by ADB that its Funding Cost Margin calculations with respect to any Loan Currency (or Approved Currency) in any Semester resulted in ADB achieving savings, ADB shall provide a Rebate to the Borrower. The amount of the Rebate shall be determined by multiplying (i) the Funding Cost Margin (expressed as a percentage per annum) by (ii) the principal amount of the Loan on which the Borrower shall pay interest for the Interest Period commencing immediately after the Semester for which the Funding Cost Margin was calculated. ADB shall apply the amount of the Rebate against the interest payable by the Borrower for the Interest Period commencing immediately after the Semester for which the Funding Cost Margin was calculated.

(c) Section 3.07 is deleted and the following is substituted therefor:

(aa) Following any announcement by ADB that the Fixed Spread applicable to new Loans shall be increased, any Borrower with an outstanding Loan on which a lower Fixed Spread is applicable shall pay ADB a Surcharge. The amount of the Surcharge shall be determined by multiplying (i) the difference between the Fixed Spread that will be applied to new Loans and the Fixed Spread applicable to the outstanding Loan (expressed as a percentage per annum), by (ii) the principal amount of the outstanding Loan on which the Borrower shall pay interest for all interest periods commencing on and after the effective date of the higher Fixed Spread that will be applied to new Loans.

(bb) Following any announcement by ADB that its Funding Cost Margin calculations with respect to any Loan Currency (or Approved Currency) in any Semester resulted in ADB incurring additional costs, the Borrower shall pay ADB a Surcharge. The amount of the Surcharge shall be determined by multiplying (i) the Funding Cost Margin (expressed as a

percentage per annum) by (ii) the principal amount of the Loan on which the Borrower shall pay interest for the Interest Period commencing immediately after the Semester for which the Funding Cost Margin was calculated. ADB shall add the amount of the Surcharge to the interest payable by the Borrower for the Interest Period commencing immediately after the Semester for which the Funding Cost Margin was calculated.

Section 1.02. Wherever used in this Loan Agreement, unless the context otherwise requires, the several terms defined in the Loan Regulations and the Special Operations Loan Agreement have the respective meanings therein set forth.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **The Loan**

Section 2.01. (a) ADB agrees to lend to the Borrower from ADB's ordinary capital resources an amount of eighty five million Dollars (\$85,000,000), as such amount may be converted from time to time through a Currency Conversion in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.06 of this Loan Agreement.

(b) The Loan has a principal repayment period of twenty (20) years, and a grace period as defined in paragraph (c) of this Section.

(c) The term "grace period" as used in paragraph (b) of this Section means the period prior to the first Principal Payment Date in accordance with the amortization schedule set forth in Schedule 1 to this Loan Agreement.

Section 2.02. The Borrower shall pay to ADB interest on the principal amount of the Loan withdrawn and outstanding from time to time at a rate for each Interest Period equal to the sum of LIBOR and 0.60% as provided by Section 3.02 of the Loan Regulations, less a credit of 0.40% as provided by Section 3.03 of the Loan Regulations.

Section 2.03. The Borrower shall pay a commitment charge of 0.15% per annum. Such charge shall accrue on the full amount of the Loan (less amounts withdrawn from time to time), commencing sixty (60) days after the date of this Loan Agreement.

Section 2.04. Interest and other charges on the Loan shall be payable semiannually on 1 May and 1 November in each year.

Section 2.05. The Borrower shall repay the principal amount of the Loan withdrawn from the Loan Account in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 1 to this Loan Agreement.

Section 2.06. (a) The Borrower may at any time request any of the following Conversions of the terms of the Loan in order to facilitate prudent debt management:

- (i) a change of the Loan Currency of all or any portion of the principal amount of the Loan, whether withdrawn and outstanding or unwithdrawn, to an Approved Currency;
- (ii) a change of the interest rate basis applicable to all or any portion of the principal amount of the Loan withdrawn and outstanding from a Floating Rate to a Fixed Rate, or vice versa; and
- (iii) the setting of limits on the Floating Rate applicable to all or any portion of the principal amount of the Loan withdrawn and outstanding by the establishment of an Interest Rate Cap or Interest Rate Collar on said Floating Rate.

(b) Any conversion requested pursuant to paragraph (a) of this Section that is accepted by ADB shall be considered a "Conversion", as defined in Section 2.01(6) of the Loan Regulations, and shall be effected in accordance with the provisions of Article V of the Loan Regulations and the Conversion Guidelines.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **Use of Proceeds of the Loan**

Section 3.01. The Borrower shall cause the proceeds of the Loan to be applied to the financing of expenditures on the Project in accordance with the provisions of this Loan Agreement.

Section 3.02. The Goods and Works and other items of expenditure to be financed out of the proceeds of the Loan and the allocation of amounts of the Loan among different categories of such Goods and Works and other items of expenditure shall be in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 2 to this Loan Agreement, as such Schedule may be amended from time to time by agreement between the Borrower and ADB.

Section 3.03. Except as ADB may otherwise agree, all Goods and Works to be financed out of the proceeds of the Loan shall be procured in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 4 to the Special Operations Loan Agreement. ADB may refuse to finance a contract where Goods or Works have not been procured under procedures substantially in accordance with those agreed between the Borrower and ADB or where the terms and conditions of the contract are not satisfactory to ADB.

Section 3.04. Except as ADB may otherwise agree, the Borrower shall cause all Goods and Works financed out of the proceeds of the Loan to be used exclusively in the carrying out of the Project.

Section 3.05. The closing date for withdrawals from the Loan Account for the purposes of Section 9.02 of the Loan Regulations shall be 30 June 2015 or such other date as may from time to time be agreed between the Borrower and ADB.

## ARTICLE IV

### Particular Covenants

Section 4.01. (a) The Borrower shall cause the Project to be carried out with due diligence and efficiency and in conformity with sound administrative, financial, engineering, environmental and social safeguards, and water resources management practices.

(b) In the carrying out of the Project and operation of the Project facilities, the Borrower shall perform, or cause to be performed, all obligations set forth in Schedule 5 to the Special Operations Loan Agreement.

Section 4.02. The Borrower shall make available, promptly as needed, the funds, facilities, services, land and other resources which are required, in addition to the proceeds of the Loan, for the carrying out of the Project and for the operation and maintenance of the Project facilities.

Section 4.03. (a) In the carrying out of the Project, the Borrower shall cause competent and qualified consultants and contractors, acceptable to ADB, to be employed to an extent and upon terms and conditions satisfactory to the Borrower and ADB.

(b) The Borrower shall cause the Project to be carried out in accordance with plans, design standards, specifications, work schedules and construction methods acceptable to ADB. The Borrower shall furnish, or cause to be furnished, to ADB, promptly after their preparation, such plans, design standards, specifications and work schedules, and any material modifications subsequently made therein, in such detail as ADB shall reasonably request.

Section 4.04. The Borrower shall ensure that the activities of its departments and agencies with respect to the carrying out of the Project and operation of the Project facilities are conducted and coordinated in accordance with sound administrative policies and procedures.

Section 4.05. (a) The Borrower shall (i) maintain, or cause to be maintained, separate accounts for the Project; (ii) have such accounts and related financial statements audited annually, in accordance with appropriate auditing standards consistently applied, by independent auditors whose qualifications, experience and terms of reference are acceptable to ADB; (iii) furnish to ADB, as soon as available but in any event not later than six (6) months after the end of each related fiscal year, certified copies of such audited accounts and financial statements and the report of the auditors relating thereto (including the auditors' opinion on the use of the Loan proceeds and compliance with the financial covenants of this Loan Agreement as well as on the use of the procedures for imprest account/statement of expenditures), all in the English language; and (iv) furnish to ADB such

other information concerning such accounts and financial statements and the audit thereof as ADB shall from time to time reasonably request.

(b) The Borrower shall enable ADB, upon ADB's request, to discuss the Borrower's financial statements for the Project and its financial affairs related to the Project from time to time with the auditors appointed by the Borrower pursuant to Section 4.05(a) hereabove, and shall authorize and require any representative of such auditors to participate in any such discussions requested by ADB, provided that any such discussion shall be conducted only in the presence of an authorized officer of the Borrower unless the Borrower shall otherwise agree.

Section 4.06. The Borrower shall enable ADB's representatives to inspect the Project, the Goods and Works financed out of the proceeds of the Loan, and any relevant records and documents.

Section 4.07. The Borrower shall ensure that the Project facilities are operated, maintained and repaired in accordance with sound administrative, financial, engineering, environmental and social safeguards, water resources management, and maintenance and operational practices.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **Suspension; Acceleration of Maturity**

Section 5.01. The following is specified as an additional event for suspension of the right of the Borrower to make withdrawals from the Loan Account for the purposes of Section 9.01(l) of the Loan Regulations: The Borrower shall have failed to perform its obligations under the Special Operations Loan Agreement.

Section 5.02. The following is specified as an additional event for acceleration of maturity for the purposes of Section 9.07(a)(iv) of the Loan Regulations: the event specified in Section 5.01 shall have occurred and continued for a period of 60 days.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **Effectiveness**

Section 6.01. The following are specified as additional conditions to the effectiveness of this Loan Agreement for the purposes of Section 10.01(f) of the Loan Regulations: the Special Operations Loan Agreement shall have been duly executed and delivered on behalf of the Borrower, and all conditions precedent to its effectiveness (other than a condition requiring the effectiveness of this Loan Agreement) shall have been fulfilled.

Section 6.02. A date thirty (30) days after the date of this Loan Agreement is specified for the effectiveness of the Loan Agreement for the purposes of Section 10.04 of the Loan Regulations.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **Miscellaneous**

Section 7.01. The Minister of Finance of the Borrower is designated as representative of the Borrower for the purposes of Section 12.02 of the Loan Regulations.

Section 7.02. The following addresses are specified for the purposes of Section 12.01 of the Loan Regulations:

#### For the Borrower

Ministry of Finance  
5, Mustakillik Maidoni  
Tashkent 100008  
Republic of Uzbekistan

Facsimile Numbers:

(998-71) 244-5643  
(998-71) 239-1259.

#### For ADB

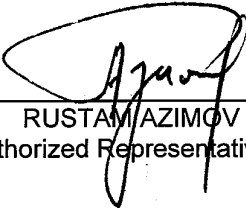
Asian Development Bank  
P.O. Box 789  
0980 Manila, Philippines

Facsimile Numbers:


(632) 636-2444  
(632) 636-2301.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto, acting through their representatives thereunto duly authorized, have caused this Loan Agreement to be signed in their respective names and to be delivered at the principal office of ADB, as of the day and year first above written.

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

By  \_\_\_\_\_  
RUSTAM AZIMOV  
Authorized Representative

ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

By  \_\_\_\_\_  
HONG WEI  
Authorized Representative



## SCHEDULE 1

### Amortization Schedule (Water Resources Management Sector Project)

1. The following table sets forth the Principal Payment Dates of the Loan and the percentage of the total principal amount of the Loan payable on each Principal Payment Date (Installment Share). If the proceeds of the Loan shall have been fully withdrawn as of the first Principal Payment Date, the principal amount of the Loan repayable by the Borrower on each Principal Payment Date shall be determined by ADB by multiplying: (a) the total principal amount of the Loan withdrawn and outstanding as of the first Principal Payment Date; by (b) the Installment Share for each Principal Payment Date, such repayment amount to be adjusted, as necessary, to deduct any amounts referred to in paragraph 4 of this Schedule, to which a Currency Conversion applies.

<u>Payment Due</u>	<u>Installment Share</u> [(Expressed as a %)]
1 May 2015	0.827816
1 Nov 2015	0.869207
1 May 2016	0.912667
1 Nov 2016	0.958301
1 May 2017	1.006216
1 Nov 2017	1.056526
1 May 2018	1.109353
1 Nov 2018	1.164820
1 May 2019	1.223061
1 Nov 2019	1.284214
1 May 2020	1.348425
1 Nov 2020	1.415846
1 May 2021	1.486639
1 Nov 2021	1.560971
1 May 2022	1.639019
1 Nov 2022	1.720970
1 May 2023	1.807019
1 Nov 2023	1.897369
1 May 2024	1.992238
1 Nov 2024	2.091850
1 May 2025	2.196442
1 Nov 2025	2.306264
1 May 2026	2.421578
1 Nov 2026	2.542657
1 May 2027	2.669789
1 Nov 2027	2.803279
1 May 2028	2.943443
1 Nov 2028	3.090615
1 May 2029	3.245146
1 Nov 2029	3.407403

1 May 2030	3.577773
1 Nov 2030	3.756662
1 May 2031	3.944495
1 Nov 2031	4.141720
1 May 2032	4.348806
1 Nov 2032	4.566246
1 May 2033	4.794558
1 Nov 2033	5.034286
1 May 2034	5.286000
1 Nov 2034	5.550311
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.000000</b>

2. If the proceeds of the Loan shall not have been fully withdrawn as of the first Principal Payment Date, the principal amount of the Loan repayable by the Borrower on each Principal Payment Date shall be determined as follows:

(a) To the extent that any proceeds of the Loan shall have been withdrawn as of the first Principal Payment Date, the Borrower shall repay the amount withdrawn and outstanding as of such date in accordance with paragraph 1 of this Schedule.

(b) Any withdrawal made after the first Principal Payment Date shall be repaid on each Principal Payment Date falling after the date of such withdrawal in amounts determined by ADB by multiplying the amount of each such withdrawal by a fraction, the numerator of which shall be the original Installment Share specified in the table in paragraph 1 of this Schedule for said Principal Payment Date (the Original Installment Share) and the denominator of which shall be the sum of all remaining Original Installment Shares for Principal Payment Dates falling on or after such date, such repayment amounts to be adjusted, as necessary, to deduct any amounts referred to in paragraph 4 of this Schedule, to which a Currency Conversion applies.

3. Withdrawals made within two (2) calendar months prior to any Principal Payment Date shall, for the purposes solely of calculating the principal amounts payable on any Principal Payment Date, be treated as withdrawn and outstanding on the second Principal Payment Date following the date of withdrawal and shall be repayable on each Principal Payment Date commencing with the second Principal Payment Date following the date of withdrawal.

4. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Schedule, upon a Currency Conversion of all or any portion of the withdrawn principal amount of the Loan to an Approved Currency, the amount so converted in said Approved Currency that shall be repayable on any Principal Payment Date occurring during the Conversion Period, shall be determined by ADB by multiplying such amount in its currency of denomination immediately prior to said Conversion by either: (i) the exchange rate that reflects the amounts of principal in said Approved Currency payable by ADB under the Currency Hedge Transaction relating to said Conversion; or (ii) if ADB so determines in accordance with the Conversion Guidelines, the exchange rate component of the Screen Rate.

5. If the principal amount of the Loan withdrawn and outstanding from time to time shall be denominated in more than one Loan Currency, the provisions of this Schedule shall apply separately to the amount denominated in each Loan Currency, so as to produce a separate amortization schedule for each such amount.

## SCHEDULE 2

### Allocation and Withdrawal of Loan Proceeds

#### General

1. The table attached to this Schedule sets forth the Categories of Goods and Works and other items to be financed out of the proceeds of the Loan and the allocation of amounts of the Loan to each such Category (the "Table"). (Reference to "Category" or "Categories" in this Schedule is to a Category or Categories of the Table.)

#### Percentages of ADB Financing

2. Except as ADB may otherwise agree, the items of the listed in the Table shall be financed out of the proceeds of the Loan on the basis of the percentages set forth in the Table.

#### Reallocation

3. Notwithstanding the allocation of Loan proceeds and the withdrawal percentages set forth in the Table,

(a) if the amount of the Loan allocated to any Category appears to be insufficient to finance all agreed expenditures in that Category, ADB may, by notice to the Borrower, (i) reallocate to such Category, to the extent required to meet the estimated shortfall, amounts of the Loan which have been allocated to another Category but, in the opinion of ADB, are not needed to meet other expenditures, and (ii) if such reallocation cannot fully meet the estimated shortfall, reduce the withdrawal percentage applicable to such expenditures in order that further withdrawals under such Category may continue until all expenditures thereunder shall have been made; and

(b) if the amount of the Loan then allocated to any Category appears to exceed all agreed expenditures in that Category, ADB may, by notice to the Borrower, reallocate such excess amount to any other Category.

#### Disbursement Procedures

4. Except as ADB may otherwise agree, the Loan proceeds for financing Goods and Works and other items shall be disbursed in accordance with ADB's "Loan Disbursement Handbook" dated January 2007 (ADB's Loan Disbursement Handbook), as amended from time to time.

#### Imprest Account; Statement of Expenditures

5. (a) Except as ADB may otherwise agree, the Borrower shall establish immediately after the Effective Date, an imprest account at a commercial bank acceptable to ADB. The imprest account shall be established, managed, replenished and liquidated in accordance with ADB's Loan Disbursement Handbook, and detailed arrangements agreed upon between the Borrower and ADB. The currency of the imprest account shall be Dollars. The initial amount to be deposited into the imprest account shall not exceed the lower of (i)

the estimated expenditure for the first six (6) months of Project implementation, or (ii) the equivalent of ten (10) percent of the Loan amount.

(b) The statement of expenditures procedure may be used for reimbursement of eligible expenditures, in accordance with ADB's Loan Disbursement Handbook and detailed arrangements agreed upon between the Borrower and ADB. Any individual payment to be reimbursed or liquidated under the statement of expenditures procedure shall not exceed the equivalent of one hundred thousand Dollars (\$100,000).

Conditions of Withdrawals from Loan Account

6. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Loan Agreement, no withdrawals shall be made from the Loan Account until:

(a) the Borrower shall have established the PMO and PIUs to the satisfaction of ADB; and

(b) the Borrower shall have appointed the Project manager, acceptable to ADB.

TABLE

<b>ALLOCATION AND WITHDRAWAL OF LOAN PROCEEDS (Water Resources Management Sector Project)</b>			
<b>CATEGORY</b>			<b>ADB FINANCING BASIS</b>
<b>Number</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Total Amount Allocated for ADB Financing \$</b>	<b>Percentage of ADB Financing from the Loan Account</b>
		<b>Category</b>	
1	Works <sup>1</sup>	56,400,000	100 percent of total expenditure*
2	Equipment <sup>2</sup>	23,700,000	100 percent of total expenditure*
3	Unallocated	4,900,000	
	Total	85,000,000	

\*Exclusive of taxes and duties imposed within the territory of the Borrower.

<sup>1</sup> Excluding drainage works, hydroposts, and safeguards planning and monitoring.

<sup>2</sup> Excluding office equipment and vehicles.