



Asian Development Bank

Viet Nam Resident Mission

14 November 2018

H.E Dinh Tien Dung
Minister
Ministry of Finance
28 Tran Hung Dao
Hanoi, Viet Nam



Dear Excellency:

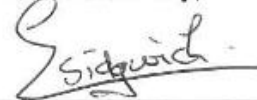
Subject: Loan No. 2703-VIE(SF): Second Northern Greater Mekong Subregion Transport Network Improvement Project - Viet Nam Component - Amendments to Loan Agreement

1. We refer to the Loan Agreement dated 23 February 2011 between Socialist Republic of Viet Nam ("Borrower") and Asian Development Bank ("ADB") for the captioned project ("Loan Agreement"). All capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meaning given thereto in the Loan Agreement, unless the context requires otherwise.
2. Following requests from the Borrower, ADB approved on 24 September 2014, 22 March 2018 and 29 June 2018, changes in the Project concerning Project scope, reallocation of Loan proceeds and extension of Loan Closing Date. To give effect to the changes, ADB proposes that the Loan Agreement be amended as follows:
 - (a) In line 2 of Section 3.05 of the Loan Agreement, the date "31 December 2016" shall be deleted and substituted with "25 December 2018";
 - (b) Schedule 1 to the Loan Agreement shall be deleted and substituted with the Schedule 1 set out in Appendix 1 to this letter agreement; and
 - (c) In Schedule 3 of the Loan Agreement, the Attachment to Schedule 3 shall be deleted and substituted with the Attachment to Schedule 3 set out in Appendix 2 to this letter agreement.
3. Save and except to the extent set out above, the Loan Agreement remains unchanged.

4. Pursuant to ADB's Public Communications Policy ("PCP") on disclosure and exchange of information, the amendments to the Loan Agreement will be posted on ADB's website within 2 weeks from the date that the amendments become effective, after removing any information that falls within the PCP exceptions as specified by the Borrower.

5. Please indicate the Borrower's concurrence to the amendments set out in paragraph 2 of this letter agreement and to the terms of this letter agreement by countersigning each of the two original of this letter agreement in the space indicated below. Please retain one signed original of this letter agreement for your records and return the other to ADB. The proposed amendments shall take effect on the date of receipt by ADB of a signed original of this letter agreement.

Yours sincerely,

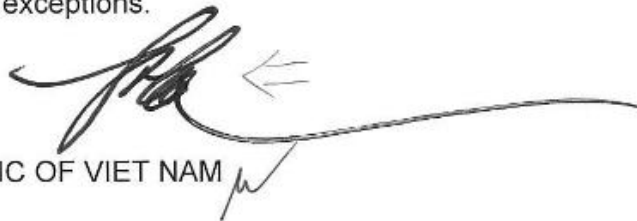


Eric Sidgwick
Country Director
Viet Nam Resident Mission

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A. Accepted and agreed.

B. Confirmed that the amendments to the Loan Agreement do not contain information falling within the PCP exceptions.



For and on behalf of
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM

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Designation: Vice Minister of Finance Viet Nam

Date: 26th November 2018

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SCHEDULE 1**Description of the GMS Project**

1. The objectives of the GMS Project are to improve access to social services and markets and thus lead to improved livelihoods and poverty reduction and to enhance the efficiency of the road network and transport in the GMS Project Area by improving links between the Kingdom of Thailand, Lao PDR, and the Borrower.

2. The GMS Project consists of the Viet Nam Component and the Lao PDR Component, which has been agreed separately between ADB and the Lao PDR. The Viet Nam Component will link with the Lao PDR Component at their borders. The Viet Nam Component comprises the following:

Part A: VIET NAM Component

- (a) Provision of Works for about 100 km on Route 217 including:
- (i) improving road alignment and widening the road formation from markers km104.475 to km195.4 (about 91 km);
 - (ii) constructing new bypasses in Cam Thuy town (east and west) (about 3 km);
 - (iii) stabilizing slopes and erosion protection;
 - (iv) repairing and building new road structures including bridges and culverts;
 - (v) improving traffic safety measures;
 - (vi) replacing Eo Le bridge at km38.410;
 - (vii) improving sidewalks, drainage and lighting systems in Quan Son town (about 2.3 km);
 - (viii) paving roads and improving drainage, sidewalks, and lighting systems in Cam Thuy town (east and west) (about 4.5 km);
 - (ix) constructing a parking area and internal roads within Na Meo Border Gate;
 - (x) emergency rehabilitation for road sections severely damaged by historical flood; and
- (b) Provision of an HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention of human trafficking program in the construction camps, towns, and rural areas of the Viet Nam part of the GMS Project Area.

Part B: Consulting Services

Provision of consulting services: (a) in pre-construction activities in the preparation of detailed design, tender document preparation, bid evaluation, Project implementation, Project management and construction supervision; (b) for HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention of human trafficking program; (c) for updating feasibility study report and preparation of detailed design and

tender document preparation for additional financing project; and (d) relating to emergency rehabilitation of road sections severely damaged by historical flood.

3. The Project is expected to be completed by 30 June 2018.

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ALLOCATION AND WITHDRAWAL OF LOAN PROCEEDS				
(Second Northern Greater Mekong Subregion Transport Network Improvement Project - Viet Nam Component)				
Number	Item	Total Amount Allocated for ADB Financing (SDR)		Percentage and Basis for Withdrawal from the Loan Account
		Category	Subcategory	
1	Works	39,323,653		
1A	Road Works		34,750,799	90% of total expenditure claimed
1B	Emergency Rehabilitation Works		4,572,854	100% of total expenditure claimed
2	Consulting Services	6,159,794		
2A	Consulting Services (Road Works)		5,705,529	100% of total expenditure claimed*
2B	Consulting Services (Emergency Rehabilitation)		454,265	100% of total expenditure claimed
3	Interest Charge	1,202,000		100% of amounts due
4	Unallocated	764,553		
	Total	47,450,000		

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



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Date: 14, May 2018

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**Subject: Loan 2730-VIE(SF): Second Northern GMS Transport Network
Improvement Project – Extension of Loan Closing Date**

Dear Mr. Sidgwick,

We would like to inform you that the President of Viet Nam has approved to extend the Closing Date and revise the Schedule 1 and Table for above Loan Agreement signed by the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (the Borrower) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

In accordance with the President's decision, we would like to request ADB to extend the Closing Date to 25 December 2018 and revise the Schedule and Table for the Loan Agreement (see attach).

It would be highly appreciated if you could proceed with necessary procedures so that ADB approves our proposal soon. Please kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter and look forward to receiving your early response.

Thank you very much for your kind assistance. 

Your sincerely,



Ha Hai An
Deputy Director General
Department of International Cooperation

SCHEDULE 1
Description of the GMS Project

1. The objectives of the GMS Project are to improve access to social services and markets and thus lead to improved livelihood and poverty reduction and to enhance the efficiency of the road network and transport in the GMS Project area by improving links between Kingdom of Thailand, Lao PDR and the Borrower.

2. The GMS project consists of the Vietnam Component and the Lao PDR component, which has been agreed separately between ADB and the Lao PRD. The Vietnam component will link with the Lao component at their borders. The Viet Nam component comprises the following:

PART A: VIET Nam Component:

- a. Provision of works for about 104 km on Rout 217 including:
- (i) improving road alignment and widening the road formation from markers 104.475 to km 194.4 (about 91km);
 - (ii) construct new bypasses in Cam Thuy town (east and west) (about 3km);
 - (iii) stabilizing slopes and erosion protection;
 - (iv) repairing and building new road structures including bridges and culverts;
 - (v) improving traffic safety measurement; and
 - (vi) replace Eo Le Bridge at Km38+383 and its approach roads of about 1 km.
 - (vii) repairing/ repaving pavement, sidewalk, side ditches and electric lights on the existing road sections in Cam Thuy town (east and west) (about 4.5km);
 - (viii) repairing sidewalk and electric lights on the existing road section in Quan Sown town (about 2.3km);
 - (ix) improving entrance road, repairing yard and building car parking area for in-out vehicles within Na Meo/ Nam Soi International Border Gate.
 - (x) Emergency Rehabilitation for Road Sections severely damaged by the historical flood
- b. Provision of an HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention of human trafficking program in the construction camps, towns and rural areas of the Vietnam part of GMS project area.

PART B: Consulting Services

Provision of consulting services including:

- (i) for pre-construction activities in the preparation of detailed design, tender document preparation, bid evaluation, Project implementation, Project management and construction supervision;
- (ii) for HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention of human trafficking program;
- (iii) updating feasibility study report including engineering and social safeguards aspects, and preparation of basic design for additional financing project; and
- (iv) preparation of detailed design, tender document preparation for additional financing projects.

3. The Project is expected to be completed by June 30, 2018.

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ALLOCATION AND WITHDRAWAL OF LOAN PROCEEDS
(Second Northern Greater Mekong Subregion
Transport Network Improvement Project – Vietnam Component)

No.	Categories	Current allocation	Proposed reallocation	ADB financing
1	Works	34,806,000	39,323,653	
<i>a</i>	<i>Road Work</i>		34,750,799	90% total expenditures claimed
<i>b</i>	<i>Emergency Rehabilitation</i>		4,572,854	100% total expenditures claimed
2	Consulting Services	5,200,900	6,159,794	
<i>a</i>	<i>Road Work</i>		5,705,529	100% total expenditures claimed*
<i>b</i>	<i>Emergency Rehabilitation</i>		454,265	100% total expenditures claimed
3	Interest Charges	1,202,000	1,202,000	100% amounts due
4	Unallocated	6,241,100	764,553	
	Total	47,450,000	47,450,000	0

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