Advance Contracting Notice

Date: 14 January 2014

Country/Borrower: Pakistan

Title of Proposed Project: Balochistan Road Network Improvement Project (P47281-001)

Name and Address of Executing Agency:

Mr. Maroof Afzal
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Brief Description of the Project:

The project will rehabilitate the existing two-lane road of Zhob–Mughal Kot (N50: 79 km) and Qila Saifullah-Waghum (N70: 128 km) in Balochistan. Balochistan is connected to country’s political and industrial centers by N50 and N70, i.e., from Quetta to Qila Saifullah, Zhob, Mughal Kot, DI Khan, Kohat, and ultimately to Peshawar and Islamabad, and from Quetta to Qila Saifullah, Loralai, Wiagum Rud, DG Khan, and ultimately to Multan. Despite government’s effort to improve the trafficability along these corridors, the Zhob–Mughal Kot section of N50 and the Qila Saifullah–Wiagum Rud section of N70 still remain missing links and seriously hamper the seamless flow of traffic. Rehabilitating the two missing links and completing the network of N50 and N70 will redirect the traffic to a shorter and less-costly route and help integrate cities and towns along N50 and N70 into the Balochistan’s development arena.

Brief Description of Goods and Related Services, Works or Consulting Services to be Procured:

ADB approved the Government’s request for advance contracting for the civil works of the 79 km Zhob-Mughal Kot (N-50) with total estimated cost of $92.0 million and 128 km Qila Saifullah-Loralai-Waigum Road (N70) with total estimated cost of 96.2 million. NHA also requested ADB’s approval for advance recruitment of consultants for design review and construction supervision with an estimated cost of $9.0 million. This advance action will expedite project implementation and will be carried out in accordance with ADB’s Procurement Guidelines (2013, as amended from time to time) and Guidelines on the Use of Consultants by Asian Development Bank and Its Borrowers (2013, as amended from time to time).

Date of Advance Contracting Approval: 13 December 2013

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