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Minister of Economy and Finance  
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Bamako  
Republic of Mali

Re: Republic of Mali: Advance Agreement for the Preparation of the Proposed Mali Project under the West Africa Regional Communications Infrastructure Program  
Preparation Advance No. Q889  
Additional Instructions: Disbursement

Excellency:

I refer to the Advance Agreement ("Agreement") between the Republic of Mali ("Recipient") and the International Development Association ("World Bank") for the preparation of the above-referenced Project of even date, herewith. The Agreement provides that the World Bank may issue additional instructions regarding the withdrawal of the proceeds of Project Preparation Advance Q889 ("PPA"). This letter ("Disbursement Letter"), as revised from time to time, constitutes the additional instructions.

The attached World Bank Disbursement Guidelines for Projects, dated May 1, 2006, ("Disbursement Guidelines") (Attachment 1), are an integral part of the Disbursement Letter. The manner in which the provisions in the Disbursement Guidelines apply to the PPA is specified below. Sections and subsections in parentheses below refer to the relevant sections and subsections in the Disbursement Guidelines and, unless otherwise defined in this letter, the capitalized terms used have the meanings ascribed to them in the Disbursement Guidelines.

I. Disbursement Arrangements

(i) Disbursement Methods (section 2). The following Disbursement Methods may be used under the PPA:

- Reimbursement
- Direct Payment
(ii) **Disbursement Deadline Date (subsection 3.7).** The Disbursement Deadline Date is the Refinancing Date specified in the Agreement. Any changes to this date will be notified by the World Bank.

II. Withdrawal of PPA Proceeds

(i) **Authorized Signatures (subsection 3.1).** A letter in the Form attached (Attachment 2) should be furnished to the World Bank at the address indicated below providing the name(s) and specimen signature(s) of the official(s) authorized to sign Applications:

The World Bank,  
Resident Mission  
Bamako, Mali  
Attention: Mr. Ousmane Diagana, Country Director for Mali

(ii) **Applications (subsections 3.2 - 3.3).** Please provide completed and signed applications for withdrawal together with supporting documents, to the address indicated below:

The World Bank  
Loan Department  
13th Floor  
Delta Center  
Menengai Road  
Upper Hill  
P.O. Box 30577-00100  
Nairobi Kenya  
Tel +254 20 2936 000

(iii) **Electronic Delivery (subsection 3.4)** The World Bank may permit the Recipient to electronically deliver to the World Bank Applications (with supporting documents) through the World Bank’s Client Connection, web-based portal. The option to deliver Applications to the World Bank by electronic means may be effected if: (a) the Recipient has designated in writing, pursuant to the terms of subparagraph (i) of this Section, its officials who are authorized to sign and deliver Applications and to receive secure identification credentials (“SIDC”) from the World Bank for the purpose of delivering such Applications by electronic means; and (b) all such officials designated by the Recipient have registered as users of Client Connection. If the World Bank agrees, the World Bank will provide the Recipient with SIDC for the designated officials. Following which, the designated officials may deliver Applications electronically by completing Form 2380, which is accessible through Client Connection (https://clientconnection.worldbank.org). The Recipient may continue to exercise the option of preparing and delivering Applications in paper form. The World Bank reserves the right and may, in its sole discretion, temporarily or permanently disallow the electronic delivery of Applications by the Recipient.

(iv) **Terms and Conditions of Use of SIDC to Process Applications.** By designating officials to use SIDC and by choosing to deliver the Applications electronically, the Recipient confirms
through the authorized signatory letter its agreement to: (a) abide by the Terms and Conditions of Use of Secure Identification Credentials in connection with Use of Electronic Means to Process Applications and Supporting Documentation ("Terms and Conditions of Use of Secure Identification Credentials") provided in Attachment 3; and (b) to cause such official to abide by those terms and conditions.

(v) Minimum Value of Applications (subsection 3.5). The Minimum Value of all Applications except for replenishment applications should be USD 100,000 equivalent.

(vi) Advances (sections 5 and 6). For the reason set forth in subsection 5.2 of the Disbursement Guidelines, the advancing of PPA proceeds into a designated account is not a Disbursement Method currently available under this PPA. Please send Applications only in support of the Disbursement Methods listed in subsection I (i) of this letter.

III. Reporting on Use of PPA Proceeds

(i) Supporting Documentation (section 4). Supporting documentation should be provided with each application for withdrawal as set out below:

- For requests for Reimbursement:
  - Records evidencing eligible expenditures (e.g., copies of receipts, supplier invoices) for payments against contracts requiring the Bank's prior review as well as all contracts exceeding USD 200,000 for goods; USD 100,000 for consulting firms; and USD 50,000 for individual consultants.
  - Statement of Expenditure in the form attached (Attachment 4) for all expenditures.
  - List of payments against contracts that are subject to the Bank's prior review, in the form attached (Attachment 5).

- For requests for Direct Payment: records evidencing eligible expenditures, e.g., copies of receipts, supplier invoices.

- For requests for Special commitments:
  - Letter of credit
  - Copy of the contract

(ii) Frequency of Reporting Eligible Expenditures Paid from the Designated Account (subsection 6.3): monthly.

IV. Other Important Information

For additional information on disbursement arrangements, please refer to the Disbursement Handbook available on the World Bank's public website at
From the Client Connection website, you will be able to download Applications, monitor the near real-time status of the PPA, and retrieve related policy, financial, and procurement information.

If you have not already done so, the World Bank recommends that you register as a user of the Client Connection website (http://clientconnection.worldbank.org). From this website you will be able to download Applications, monitor the near real-time status of the PPA, and retrieve related policy, financial, and procurement information. For more information about the website and registration arrangements, please contact the World Bank by email at <clientconnection@worldbank.org>.

If you have any queries in relation to the above, please contact Mr. Faly Diallo, Finance Officer, at loa-afr@worldbank.org, using the above reference.

Yours sincerely,

Ousmane Diagana
Country Director for Mali
Africa Region

Attachments
1. World Bank Disbursement Guidelines for Projects, dated May 1, 2006
2. Form for Authorized Signatures
4. Form of Statement of Expenditure
5. Form of Payments Against Contracts Subject to the World Bank’s Prior Review
6. Designated account Reconciliation Statement