Mr. Amanullah Ghalib  
Chief Executive Officer  
Da Afghanistan Breshna Sherkat  
Islamic Republic of Afghanistan  
Kabul, Afghanistan  

Re: Grant No. H927-AF  
Central Asia South Asia Electricity Transmission and Trade Project  
Amendment to the Project Agreement

Dear Mr. Ghalib:

We refer to the Financing Agreement ("Financing Agreement") between the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan ("Recipient") and the International Development Association ("Association") dated April 24, 2015, as amended and the Project Agreement ("Project Agreement") of same date between the Association and Da Afghanistan Breshna Sherkat ("Project Implementing Entity"), for the Central Asia South Asia Electricity Transmission and Trade Project. We also refer to the letters dated July 11, 2018 and September 22, 2018 from the Ministry of Finance, Aid Management Directorate requesting the Association to amend certain provisions in the Financing Agreement and the Project Agreement.

We are pleased to inform you that the Association concurs with the request and proposes to amend the Project Agreement as follows. The Financing Agreement will be amended by a separate amendment letter to be entered into between the Recipient and Association.

1. Section I.B, paragraphs 1 through 5 of the Schedule to the Project Agreement are amended to read as follows (emphasis added):

   "B. Project Covenants"

   1. The Project Implementing Entity shall sign a contract for operations and maintenance of the Project infrastructure by no later than June 30, 2020.

   2. The Project Implementing shall ensure that the Core Commercial Agreements to which it is a party are executed and have become effective by the date that is twenty-four (24) months after the Effective Date.

   3. The Project Implementing Entity shall not amend, suspend, abrogate or waive any of the Core Construction Agreements or Core Commercial Agreements to which it is a party in a manner that would affect materially and adversely the carrying out of the Project."
2. Section I.D, paragraph 2(a) of the Schedule to the Project Agreement is amended to read as follows:

"(a) prior to commencing any civil works and installation activities under the Project:"

Except as specifically amended in this letter, all other terms and conditions of the Project Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

This amendment letter shall become effective upon receipt by the Association of: (i) a duly countersigned original of this amendment letter; and (ii) the amendment letter to the Financing Agreement executed on behalf of the Recipient and the Association.

Sincerely,

Shubham Chaudhuri
Country Director, Afghanistan
South Asia Region

AGREED
DA AFGHANISTAN BRESHNA-SHERKAT

By: __________________________
Name: Amanullah Chalib
Title: __________________________
Date: 30/01/19