Guarantee Agreement

(Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project)

between

KINGDOM OF MOROCCO

and

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION
AND DEVELOPMENT

Dated January 9, 2006
GUARANTEE AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT, dated January 9, 2006, between the KINGDOM OF MOROCCO (the Guarantor) and INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT (the Bank).

WHEREAS (A) the Guarantor and the Office National de l’Eau Potable (the Borrower), having been satisfied as to the feasibility and priority of the Project described in Schedule 2 to the Loan Agreement, have requested the Bank to assist in the financing of the Project;

(B) by the Loan Agreement of even date herewith between the Bank and the Borrower, the Bank has agreed to extend to the Borrower a loan in the amount of forty nine million five hundred thousand Euros (€49,500,000), on the terms and conditions set forth in the Loan Agreement, but only on condition that the Guarantor agree to guarantee the obligations of the Borrower in respect of such loan as provided in this Agreement; and

WHEREAS the Guarantor, in consideration of the Bank’s entering into the Loan Agreement with the Borrower, has agreed so to guarantee such obligations of the Borrower;

NOW THEREFORE the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

General Conditions; Definitions

Section 1.01. The “General Conditions Applicable to Loan and Guarantee Agreements for Fixed-Spread Loans” of the Bank, dated September 1, 1999, (as amended through May 1, 2004 with the modifications set forth in Section 1.01 of the Loan Agreement (the General Conditions) constitute an integral part of this Agreement.

Section 1.02. Unless the context otherwise requires, the several terms defined in the General Conditions and in the Preamble to this Agreement and in the Preamble to and Section 1.02 of the Loan Agreement have the respective meanings therein set forth.

ARTICLE II

Guarantee

Section 2.01. Without prejudice to any of its obligation under this Agreement, the Guarantor hereby unconditionally guarantees, as primary obligor and not as surety merely, the due and punctual payment of the principal of, and interest and other charges
on, the Loan, and the premium, if any, on the prepayment of the Loan all as set forth in the Loan Agreement.

ARTICLE III

Representative of the Guarantor; Addresses

Section 3.01. The Minister of Finance and Privatization of the Guarantor is designated as representative of the Guarantor for the purposes of Section 11.03 of the General Conditions.

Section 3.02. The following addresses are specified for the purposes of Section 11.01 of the General Conditions:

For the Guarantor:

Ministère des Finances et de la Privatisation
Avenue Mohammed V
Rabat
Kingdom of Morocco

Cable address: Facsimile:
MINFIN 212-37-67-75-30/31

For the Bank:

International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
1818 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20433
United States of America

Cable address: Telex: Facsimile:
INTBAFRAD 248423 (MCI) or 202-477-6391
Washington, D.C. 64145 (MCI)
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto, acting through their duly authorized representatives, have caused this Agreement to be signed in their respective names in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, as of the day and year first above written.

KINGDOM OF MOROCCO

By

/s/ Fathallah Oualalou

Authorized Representative

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

By

/s/ Ferid Belhaj

Authorized Representative