Project Agreement

(Agriculture Sector Support Project)

between

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

and

ASSOCIATION DES PROFESSIONNELS DU CAOUTCHOUC NATUREL DE CÔTE D'IVOIRE ("APROMAC")

Dated 05 NOV 2013, 2013
PROJECT AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT dated 05 NOV 2013, entered into between INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION ("Association") and ASSOCIATION DES PROFESSIONNELS DU CAOUTCHOUC NATUREL DE CÔTE D'IVOIRE ("APROMAC") ("Project Implementing Entity" or "PIE") ("Project Agreement") in connection with the Financing Agreement ("Financing Agreement") of same date between the REPUBLIC OF CÔTE D'IVOIRE ("Recipient") and the Association. The Association and the Project Implementing Entity hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I — GENERAL CONDITIONS; DEFINITIONS

1.01. The General Conditions (as defined in the Appendix to the Financing Agreement) constitute an integral part of this Agreement.

1.02. Unless the context requires otherwise, the capitalized terms used in this Agreement have the meanings ascribed to them in the Financing Agreement or the General Conditions.

ARTICLE II — PROJECT

2.01. The Project Implementing Entity declares its commitment to the objectives of the Project. To this end, the Project Implementing Entity shall carry out Part B.1 (a), as described in the APROMAC Manual; Part B.2 (a); Part B.3 (a); and Part 3.(c)(i) of the Project in accordance with the provisions of Article IV of the General Conditions, and shall provide promptly as needed, the funds, facilities, services and other resources required for its Respective Parts of the Project.

2.02. Without limitation upon the provisions of Section 2.01 of this Agreement, and except as the Association, the Recipient and the Project Implementing Entity shall otherwise agree, the Project Implementing Entity shall carry out its Respective Parts of the Project in accordance with the provisions of the Schedule to this Agreement.

ARTICLE III — TERMINATION

3.01. For purposes of Section 8.05 (c) of the General Conditions, the date on which the provisions of this Agreement shall terminate is twenty years after the date of this Agreement.
ARTICLE IV — REPRESENTATIVE; ADDRESSES

4.01. The Project Implementing Entity’s Representative is the Chairman of its Board of Directors.

4.02. The Association’s Address is:

International Development Association
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Washington, DC 20433
United States of America

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Washington, D.C.

4.03. The Project Implementing Entity’s Address is:

Abidjan, Cocody 2 Plateaux,
Rue J107, lot 1649
04 BP 2112 Abidjan 04
Republic of Côte d’Ivoire

Facsimile:
(+225)22-41-46-17
AGREED at Abidjan, Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, as of the day and year first above written.

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By

Authorized Representative

Name: ____________________________

Title: ____________________________

ASSOCIATION DES PROFESSIONNELS DU
CAOUTCHOUC NATUREL DE CÔTE D'IVOIRE
("APROMAC")

By

Authorized Representative

Name: KOFFY Fulgence

Title: Président du Comité d'administration
SCHEDULE

Execution of the Project Implementing Entity's Respective Parts of the Project

Section I. Implementation Arrangements

A. Institutional Arrangements

The Project Implementing Entity (henceforward “PIE”) shall maintain for purposes of the Project until the Closing date, a dedicated Project team with structure, organization, composition, staffing, resources, mandate, functions, terms of reference and reporting authority as set forth in the in the APROMAC Manual, including staff with financial, environmental and fiduciary expertise satisfactory to the Association.

B. Anti-Corruption

The Project Implementing Entity shall ensure that its Respective Parts of the Project are carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Anti-Corruption Guidelines.

C. Sub-projects

The PIE shall:

1. make Grants to Beneficiaries in accordance with terms and conditions set forth in the Financing Agreement, and following eligibility criteria and implementation procedures acceptable to the Association and detailed in the APROMAC Manual;

2. extend each Grant for the implementation of a Subproject included in Part B.2(a) of its Respective Parts of the Project, under a Grant Agreement entered into with each respective Beneficiary on terms and conditions approved by the Association, and set forth in the Financing Agreement and in in the APROMAC Manual; and

3. exercise its rights under each Grant Agreement in such manner as to protect the interests of the Recipient and the Association and to accomplish the purposes of the Project.

D. Safeguards

The PIE shall carry out Project activities under its Respective Parts, in compliance with each applicable term, condition, procedure, action and mitigation measure prepared under the ESMF, the PMP and the RPF, as appropriate, and all plans deriving therefrom specific to such Subprojects and
ensure that no action is taken which would prevent or interfere with such implementation.

Section II. **Project Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation**

A. **Project Reports**

The PIE shall monitor and evaluate the progress of its Respective Parts of the Project and prepare Project Reports in relation thereto in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.08 of the General Conditions and on the basis of indicators acceptable to the Association and set forth in the PIM and/or the APROMAC Manual. Each such Project Report shall cover the period of one calendar semester, and shall be furnished to the Recipient not later than two weeks after the end of the period covered by such report for incorporation and forwarding by the Recipient to the Association of the overall Project Report.

B. **Financial Management, Financial Reports and Audits**

1. The PIE shall maintain a financial management system and prepare financial statements in accordance with consistently applied accounting standards acceptable to the Association, both in a manner adequate to reflect the operations and financial condition of the Project Implementing Entity, including the operations, resources and expenditures related to its Respective Parts of the Project.

2. The PIE shall have its financial statements referred to above, audited by independent auditors acceptable to the Association, in accordance with consistently applied auditing standards acceptable to the Association. Each audit of these financial statements shall cover the period of one fiscal year of the PIE. The PIE shall ensure that the audited financial statements for each period shall be: (a) furnished to the Recipient and the Association not later than six months after the end of the period; and (b) made publicly available in a timely fashion and in a manner acceptable to the Association.

Section III. **Procurement**

All goods, works and services required for the PIE’s Respective Parts of the Project and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Financing shall be procured in accordance with the provisions of Section III of Schedule 2 to the Financing Agreement.
Section IV. Other Undertakings

PIE shall:

1. not later than the Effective Date, prepare and adopt the APROMAC Manual which shall be maintained until the Closing Date and only amended with the prior written consent of the Association, to guide the implementation of its Respective Parts of the Project, such Manual to include, *inter alia*: the detailed description of activities under APROMAC’s Respective Parts of the Project, the financing, reporting and auditing aspects thereof and the criteria, terms, conditions and procedures for the carrying out of Subprojects;

2. implement its Respective Parts of the Project in accordance with performance objectives and following output based results set forth in the annual work plans and budget prepared in respect of the overall Project by PCU in consultation with PIEs. To this end, PIE carry out such annual work plans and budgets and report periodically to PCU and the Association, as set forth in the APROMAC Manual, on the progress achieved in the carrying of its Respective Parts of the Project, including any constraints experienced in the carrying out thereof;

3. carry out not later than three (3) months after the Effective Date an action plan agreed with the Association for the strengthening of its financial management system for its Respective Parts of the Project;

4. prepare, not later than three (3) months prior to the joint midterm review of the Project referred to in Section D.1(d) of Schedule 2 to the Financing Agreement a draft report to be furnished to PCU, and shall, as needed, participate in such midterm review;

5. ensure that all suppliers and contractors entering into a contract with it for the carrying out of its Respective Parts of the Project, comply with the provisions of Section D.4 of Schedule 2 to the Financing Agreement; and

6. collaborate fully with CEA included in the implementation of its Respective Parts of the Project.