Dear Senior Secretary Mejbahuddin:

Bangladesh: Public Procurement Reform Project II
(Credits Numbers 4350-BD & 5242-BD)
Amendment to the Amended and Restating
Original Financing Agreement

We refer to the Amended and Restating Original Financing Agreement dated June 10, 2013, between the People’s Republic of Bangladesh (“Recipient”) and the International Development Association (“Association”) for the Original Credit (Credit No. 4350-BD) and the Additional Credit (Credit No. 5242-BD) to assist in financing the above-mentioned Project (“Financing Agreement”).

After reaching agreements with the Association, the Recipient, through the Economic Relations Division of the Recipient’s Ministry of Finance, has requested to restructure the Project in order to process additional financing to the Project. Accordingly, the Association proposes to amend the Financing Agreement as follows:

1. Part 3.1 of the Schedule 1 (Project Description) shall be amended to read as follows:

   “3.1 Design and implementation of E-GP in the areas of publication of notices and contract awards, e-bidding, e-purchasing, and e-contract management, including the development of a single web-based system, development of an E-GP data center and formation of an E-GP technical support unit.”

2. Section IV.B.5 of Schedule 2 (Project Execution) shall be amended to read as follows:

   “5. The Closing Date is June 30, 2017.”

3. The definition of “DLI Expenditures” of the Appendix shall be amended to read as follows:

   ““DLI Expenditures” means the reasonable costs of goods, works, consultants’ services, non-consulting services, Operating Costs and Training required for Parts 2.2 and 3.2 of the Project and incurred by the respective Target Agencies under budget codes acceptable to the Association.”

Except as specifically amended by this Amendment Letter, all other provisions of the Financing Agreement shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect. The Association will disclose this Amendment Letter and related information in accordance with the World Bank’s Policy on Access to Information. By entering into this Amendment Letter, the Recipient consents to disclosure of this Amendment Letter and related information.
Please confirm your acceptance to the foregoing by signing and dating the two originals, retaining one original for your records and returning the other original to the Association. Upon receipt by the Association of the original Amendment Letter countersigned by the Recipient, in a manner satisfactory to the Association, this Amendment Letter will become effective as of the date on which the Second Additional Financing for the Project (Credit Number 5818-BD) is declared effective by the Association, except for the amendment related to the “DLI Expenditures” which is considered to become retroactively effective as of July 28, 2013.

Very truly yours,
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By Rajashree S. Paralkar
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AGREED:
PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

By Kazi Shofiqul Azam
Authorized Representative

Name: Kazi Shofiqul Azam
Title: Additional Secretary
Date: July 25, 2016