November 14, 2013

The Honorable Rick Houenipwela  
Minister of Finance and Treasury  
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P.O. Box 26  
Honiara  
Solomon Islands  

Dear Minister,

Solomon Islands: Telecommunications and ICT Development Project  
(PRIF Grant No. TF097221)  
First Amendment to the Grant Agreement

We refer to the Grant Agreement ("Agreement") dated August 6, 2010 between the Solomon Islands (the "Recipient") and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and International Development Association (collectively, the "World Bank"), acting as administrator of grant funds provided under the Pacific Region Infrastructure Facility (PRIF) multi-donor trust fund for the above referenced project

Pursuant to our recent discussions, the World Bank proposes to amend Section 3.01(ii) of the Annex to the Agreement to read as follows:

(ii) "Incremental Operating Costs" means incremental expenses incurred on account of Project implementation, support, and management and reasonably related thereto, including: membership of relevant professional institutions and international organizations; costs associated with support of the statutory disputes and appeals panel as per Part 17 of the 2009 Telecommunications Act; remuneration (including salaries, allowances, bonuses, superannuation contributions, and per diems for operational travel); travel and accommodation; communications and deliveries, data management, utilities, stationery, printing, registration, licensing, and insurance; vehicle, boat, and equipment operation and maintenance; office and other relevant tenancies, office fit out and maintenance, facilities hire, and security; but excluding costs on account of remuneration of the Recipient's civil servants, annual home leave and other personal travel, donations for any purpose, alcoholic beverages, gifts or personal services of any kind.

All terms of the Agreement not hereby amended shall remain in full force and effect.

Please confirm the Recipient's agreement to the foregoing by having an authorized official of the Recipient sign and date both enclosed copies of this Letter of Amendment and returning one to the World Bank.
Upon receipt by the World Bank of one fully executed original of this letter of amendment duly countersigned by an authorized representative of the Recipient, this letter of amendment shall come into effect from June 22, 2010.

Very truly yours,

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT/
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By

Franz R. Drees-Gross
Country Director
Timor-Leste, Papua New Guinea & Pacific Islands
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AGREED:
Solomon Islands

By

Authorized Representative

Name: RACK NELSON HOKEN/PUENA
Title: MINISTER OF FINANCE/TREASURY
Date: 28.11.2013

CC: Bernard Hill
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