September 19, 2013

H. E. Mohammad Safadi  
Minister of Finance  
Ministry of Finance  
Beirut  
Republic of Lebanon

Re: Republic of Lebanon: IDF Grant to Improve Capacity for  
Environmental Compliance Project - IDF Grant No: TF014421

Excellency:

In response to the request for financial assistance made on behalf of Republic of Lebanon ("Recipient"), I am pleased to inform you that the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development ("World Bank") proposes to extend to the Recipient, a grant from the World Bank’s Institutional Development Fund ("IDF") in an amount not to exceed three hundred thousand United States Dollars (U.S.$ 300,000.00) ("Grant") on the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in this letter agreement ("Agreement"), which includes the attached Annex, to assist in the financing of the project described in the Annex ("Project").

The Recipient represents, by confirming its agreement below, that it is authorized to enter into this Agreement and to carry out the Project in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in this Agreement.

Please confirm the Recipient’s agreement to the foregoing by having an authorized official of the Recipient sign and date the enclosed copy of this Agreement, and returning it to the World Bank. Upon receipt by the World Bank of this countersigned copy, this Agreement shall become effective as of the date of the countersignature; provided, however, that the offer of this Agreement shall be deemed withdrawn if the World Bank has not received the countersigned copy of this Agreement within 90 days after the date of signature of this Agreement by the World Bank, unless the World Bank shall have established a later date for such purpose.

Very truly yours,  

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

By Ferid Belhaj  
Country Director, Lebanon
AGREED:
REPUBLIC OF LEBANON

Minister of Environment
Nazem El Khoury

By ____________________________________________ ________________________
Authorized Representative NAME: __________________________DATE: 7 OCT 2013

Title

Date __________________________

Enclosures:

(1) Standard Conditions for Grants Made by the World Bank Out of Various Funds,

(2) Disbursement Letter of the same date as this Agreement, together with World Bank
Disbursement Guidelines for Projects, dated May 1, 2006.
Article I
Standard Conditions; Definitions

1.01. **Standard Conditions.** The Standard Conditions for Grants Made by the World Bank Out of Various Funds dated February 15, 2012 ("Standard Conditions") constitute an integral part of this Agreement.

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

Article II
Project Execution

2.01. **Project Objectives and Description.** The objective of the project is to improve the environmental compliance of the industrial sector in Lebanon through: (i) institutionalizing industrial audits/Compliance Action Plans (CAPs) by improving environmental standards, regulations and guidelines relating to industrial pollution management; (ii) enhancing the general administrative and technical capacity of the Ministry of Environment (MoE) to better manage industrial audits/CAPs and programs supporting cleaner production; and (iii) building knowledge among SMEs/industrial associations to better comply with environmental regulations. The Project consists of the following parts:

1. **Environmental Audits:** Conducting thorough environmental audits of selected industries to gather the baseline data required to monitor and evaluate project delivery and to design the Compliance Action Plan.

2. **Compliance Action Plans:** Establishing a system for the development and implementation of Compliance Action Plans to set functions and responsibilities within MoE, and realistic pollution abatement goals.

3. **Training and Communications:** Developing: (i) training and communication program in consultation with local industry and stakeholder to ensure that concerns are taken into account in the design of the environmental audits and CAP; (ii) a training and communication manual to serve as a handbook for the MoE Staff on the implementation of CAP.

4. **Developing Communication Tools:** Developing communication tools regarding CAP and making them available to stakeholders in order to ensure dissemination of lessons learned in this project.

2.02. **Project Execution Generally.** The Recipient declares its commitment to the objectives of the Project. To this end, the Recipient shall carry out the Project through Ministry of Environment in accordance with the provisions of: (a) Article II of the Standard Conditions; (b) the "Guidelines on Preventing and Combating Fraud and Corruption in Projects Financed by
IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants”, dated October 15, 2006 and revised in January 2011 (“Anti-Corruption Guidelines”); and (c) this Article II.

2.03. Institutional and Other Arrangements. The Recipient shall carry out the project through MoE with qualified staff in adequate numbers, including Procurement and Financial Management staff, all with qualifications and experience and terms of reference satisfactory to the World Bank.

2.04. Project Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation. (a) The Recipient shall monitor and evaluate the progress of the Project and, upon the World Bank’s request, prepare Project Reports, in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.06 of the Standard Conditions and on the basis of indicators acceptable to the World Bank. Each Project Report shall cover such period as shall be indicated in the World Bank’s request and shall be furnished to the World Bank not later than one month after the date of such request.

(b) The Recipient shall, upon the World Bank’s request, prepare the Completion Report in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.06 of the Standard Conditions. The Completion Report shall be furnished to the World Bank not later than five months after the Closing Date.

2.05. Financial Management. (a) The Recipient shall ensure that a financial management system is maintained in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.07 of the Standard Conditions.

(b) The Recipient shall ensure that interim unaudited financial reports for the Project are prepared and furnished to the World Bank not later than 45 days after the end of each calendar quarter, covering the quarter, in form and substance satisfactory to the World Bank.

(c) The Recipient shall have its Financial Statements audited in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.07 (b) of the Standard Conditions. Each such audit of the Financial Statements shall cover the period of one fiscal year of the Recipient. The audited Financial Statements for each such period shall be furnished to the World Bank not later than six months after the end of such period.

2.06. Procurement

(a) General. All consultants’ services required for the Project and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Grant shall be procured in accordance with the requirements set forth or referred to in:

(i) Sections I and IV of the “Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants by World Bank Borrowers” dated January 2011 (“Consultant Guidelines”) in the case of consultants’ services; and

(ii) the provisions of this Section, as the same shall be elaborated in the procurement plan prepared and updated from time to time by the Recipient for the Project in accordance with paragraph 1.25 of the Consultant Guidelines (“Procurement Plan”).

(b) Definitions. The capitalized terms used in the following paragraphs of this Section to describe particular procurement methods or methods of review by the World Bank of
particular contracts, refer to the corresponding method described in Sections II, III, IV and V of the Consultant Guidelines.

(c) **Particular Methods of Procurement of Consultants’ Services**

(i) Except as otherwise provided in item (ii) below, consultants’ services shall be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of Quality- and Cost-based Selection.

(ii) The following methods may be used for the procurement of consultants’ services for those assignments which are specified in the Procurement Plan: (A) Selection under a Fixed Budget; (B) Least Cost Selection; (C) Selection based on Consultants’ Qualifications; (D) Single-source Selection; and (E) Selection of Individual Consultants.

(d) **Review by the World Bank of Procurement Decisions.** The Procurement Plan shall set forth those contracts which shall be subject to the World Bank’s Prior Review. All other contracts shall be subject to Post Review by the World Bank.

**Article III**

**Withdrawal of Grant Proceeds**

3.01. **Eligible Expenditures.** The Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Grant in accordance with the provisions of: (a) Article III of the Standard Conditions; (b) this Section; and (c) such additional instructions as the World Bank may specify by notice to the Recipient (including the “World Bank Disbursement Guidelines for Projects” dated May 2006, as revised from time to time by the World Bank and as made applicable to this Agreement pursuant to such instructions), to finance Eligible Expenditures as set forth in the following table. The table specifies the categories of Eligible Expenditures that may be financed out of the proceeds of the Grant (“Category”), the allocations of the amounts of the Grant to each Category, and the percentage of expenditures to be financed for Eligible Expenditures in each Category:

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<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Amount of the Grant Allocated (expressed in USD)</th>
<th>Percentage of Expenditures to be Financed (inclusive of Taxes)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Consultants’ Services, including audit, publication and translation</td>
<td>300,000</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL AMOUNT</strong></td>
<td><strong>300,000</strong></td>
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3.02. **Withdrawal Conditions.** Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 3.01 of this Agreement, no withdrawal shall be made for payments made prior to the date of countersignature of this Agreement by the Recipient.

3.03. **Withdrawal Period.** The Closing Date referred to in Section 3.06 (c) of the Standard Conditions is three years after the date of countersignature of this Agreement by the Recipient.
Article IV
Recipient's Representative; Addresses

4.01. **Recipient's Representative.** The Recipient's Representative referred to in Section 7.02 of the Standard Conditions is its Minister of Finance.

4.02. **Recipient's Address.** The Recipient’s Address referred to in Section 7.01 of the Standard Conditions is:

- Ministry of Finance
- Riad El-Solh Square
- Beirut
- Lebanese Republic

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4.03. **World Bank's Address.** The World Bank's Address referred to in Section 7.01 of the Standard Conditions is:

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

Cable: INTBAFRAD
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