Loan Agreement

(Kunming Urban Rail Project)

between

PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

and

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION
AND DEVELOPMENT

Dated July 28, 2011
LOAN AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT dated July 28, 2011, between PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA (“Borrower”) and INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT (“Bank”). The Borrower and the Bank hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I — GENERAL CONDITIONS; DEFINITIONS

1.01. The General Conditions (as defined in the Appendix to this 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 General Conditions or in the Appendix to this Agreement.

ARTICLE II — LOAN

2.01. The Bank agrees to lend to the Borrower, on the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in this Agreement, the amount of three hundred million Dollars ($300,000,000), as such amount may be converted from time to time through a Currency Conversion in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.07 of this Agreement (“Loan”), to assist in financing the project described in Schedule 1 to this Agreement (“Project”).

2.02. The Borrower may withdraw the proceeds of the Loan in accordance with Section IV of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

2.03. The Front-end Fee payable by the Borrower shall be equal to one quarter of one percent (0.25%) of the Loan amount.

2.04. The interest payable by the Borrower for each Interest Period shall be at a rate equal to the Reference Rate for the Loan Currency plus the Variable Spread; provided, that upon a Conversion of all or any portion of the principal amount of the Loan, the interest payable by the Borrower during the Conversion Period on such amount shall be determined in accordance with the relevant provisions of Article IV of the General Conditions. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any amount of the Withdrawn Loan Balance remains unpaid when due and such non-payment continues for a period of thirty (30) days, then the interest payable by the Borrower shall instead be calculated as provided in Section 3.02(e) of the General Conditions.

2.05. The Payment Dates are April 15 and October 15 in each year.

2.06. The principal amount of the Loan shall be repaid in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 3 to this Agreement.
2.07. (a) The Borrower may at any time request any of the following Conversions of the terms of the Loan in order to facilitate prudent debt management: (i) a change of the Loan Currency of all or any portion of the principal amount of the Loan, withdrawn or unwithdrawn, to an Approved Currency; (ii) a change of the interest rate basis applicable to all or any portion of the principal amount of the Loan withdrawn and outstanding from a Variable Rate to a Fixed Rate, or vice versa, or from a Variable Rate based on a Variable Spread to a Variable Rate based on a Fixed Spread; and (iii) the setting of limits on the Variable Rate applicable to all or any portion of the principal amount of the Loan withdrawn and outstanding by the establishment of an Interest Rate Cap or Interest Rate Collar on the Variable Rate.

(b) Any conversion requested pursuant to paragraph (a) of this Section that is accepted by the Bank shall be considered a “Conversion”, as defined in the General Conditions, and shall be effected in accordance with the provisions of Article IV of the General Conditions and of the Conversion Guidelines.

(c) Promptly following the Execution Date for an Interest Rate Cap or Interest Rate Collar for which the Borrower has requested that the premium be paid out of the proceeds of the Loan, the Bank shall, on behalf of the Borrower, withdraw from the Loan Account and pay to itself the amounts required to pay any premium payable in accordance with Section 4.05(c) of the General Conditions up to the amount allocated from time to time for the purpose in the table in Section IV of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

ARTICLE III — PROJECT

3.01. The Borrower declares its commitment to the objectives of the Project. To this end, the Borrower shall cause the Project Implementing Entity (Yunnan) to carry out the Project in accordance with the provisions of Article V of the General Conditions and the Project Agreement.

3.02. Without limitation upon the provisions of Section 3.01 of this Agreement, and except as the Borrower and the Bank shall otherwise agree, the Borrower shall ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

ARTICLE IV — REMEDIES OF THE BANK

4.01. The Additional Event of Suspension consists of the following, namely that, any of the parties to the Subsidiary Agreement shall have failed to perform any of its respective obligations thereunder.
ARTICLE V — EFFECTIVENESS; TERMINATION

5.01. The Effectiveness Deadline is the date ninety (90) days after the date of this Agreement.

ARTICLE VI — REPRESENTATIVE; ADDRESSES

6.01. The Borrower’s Representative is the Borrower’s Minister of Finance.

6.02. The Borrower’s Address is:

Ministry of Finance
Sanlihe
Beijing 100820
People’s Republic of China

Facsimile:

(86-10) 6855-1125

6.03. The Bank’s Address is:

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

Cable address: INTBAFRAD
Telex: 248423(MCI) or 64145(MCI)
Facsimile: 1-202-477-6391
AGREED at Beijing, People’s Republic of China, as of the day and year first above written.

PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

By: /s/ Chen Sixin
   Authorized Representative

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION
AND DEVELOPMENT

By: /s/ Klaus Rohland
   Authorized Representative
SCHEDULE 1

Project Description

The objective of the Project, which consists of the construction of the 19.54 km long Line 3 of the Kunming urban rail system, is to support compact, transit-oriented urban development by providing high quality, integrated public transport on the East-West Line 3 corridor.

The Project consists following Parts:

**Part A: Works:** Carrying out a program of civil works for selected stations, including *inter alia*, bus interchange and bike parking facilities, where appropriate, and associated facilities such as, but not limited to, depots and track, equipments installation, and other related installation at selected stations.

**Part B: Equipment:** Provision of various equipment such as, but not limited to, power supply, escalators, fare collection, and communication systems, and technological equipment at depot and other related facilities.

**Part C: Technical Assistance and Capacity Building:** Provision of: (i) studies to support bus-rail integration and the future development and construction of the public transport system; and (ii) support for Project management capacity building and for operations management.
Section I. Financing and Implementation Arrangements

A. Financing Arrangements

1. The Borrower shall make available to the Project Implementing Entity (Yunnan) the proceeds of the Loan under terms and conditions satisfactory to the Bank, which shall include the following:

   (i) The principal amount shall be made available in Dollars or any other Currency as the Loan may be converted from time to time through a Currency Conversion (such principal amount determined on the date, or respective dates, of withdrawal from the Loan Account) of the value of the currency or currencies so withdrawn.

   (ii) The principal amount so made available (including an amount equal to the fee paid pursuant to Section 2.03 of this Agreement and any Premium for Interest Rate Caps or Interest Rate Collars paid pursuant to Section 2.07(c) of this Agreement and Section 4.05(c) of the General Conditions) shall be recovered over a period of thirty (30) years, inclusive of a grace period of five (5) years.

   (iii) Interest shall be charged on such principal amount withdrawn and outstanding from time to time at a rate equal to the rate of interest applicable from time to time to the Loan pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.04 of this Agreement.

2. The Borrower shall cause the Project Implementing Entity (Yunnan) to: (a) manage, operate, monitor, transfer and reconcile the proceeds of the Loan made available to it pursuant to paragraph 1 above in accordance with arrangements and procedures satisfactory to the Bank; (b) take, all required actions, including provision of timely consents and approvals as may be necessary, to facilitate the utilization of said Loan proceeds and the implementation of the Project, to enable the Borrower and the Project Implementing Entity (Yunnan) to comply with their respective undertakings under this Agreement; and (c) maintain all relevant records and documents related to the Loan and the Project and provide promptly such documents and records, including all other information, as may be requested by the Borrower or the Bank from time to time.
B. Anti-Corruption

The Borrower shall ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Anti-Corruption Guidelines.

Section II. Project Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation

A. Project Reports

1. The Borrower shall, in conjunction with the Project Implementing Entity (Yunnan), monitor and evaluate the progress of the Project and prepare Project Reports in accordance with the provisions of Section 5.08 of the General Conditions and on the basis of the indicators set forth in Annex B of the Schedule to the Project Agreement. Each Project Report shall cover the period of one (1) calendar semester, and shall be furnished to the Bank not later than March 15 and September 15 in each year, commencing on March 15, 2012.

B. Financial Management, Financial Reports and Audits

1. The Borrower shall maintain, or cause to be maintained, a financial management system in accordance with the provisions of Section 5.09 of the General Conditions.

2. Without limitation on the provisions of Part A of this Section, the Borrower shall cause the Project Implementing Entity (Yunnan) to prepare and furnish to the Bank as part of the Project Report by not later than March 15 and September 15 in each year after the end of each calendar semester, interim un-audited financial reports for the Project covering the calendar semester, in form and substance satisfactory to the Bank.

3. The Borrower shall cause the Project Implementing Entity (Yunnan) to have its Financial Statements audited in accordance with the provisions of Section 5.09(b) of the General Conditions. Each audit of the Financial Statements shall cover the period of one (1) fiscal year of the Borrower. The audited Financial Statements for each such period shall be furnished to the Bank not later than six (6) months after the end of such period.

Section III. Procurement

A. General

1. Goods and Works. All goods and works required for the Project and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Loan shall be procured in accordance with the requirements set forth or referred to in Section I of the Procurement Guidelines, and with the provisions of this Schedule.
2. **Consultants’ Services.** All consultants’ services required for the Project and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Loan shall be procured in accordance with the requirements set forth or referred to in Sections I and IV of the Consultant Guidelines and with the provisions of this Schedule.

3. **Definitions.** The capitalized terms used below in this Section to describe particular procurement methods or methods of review by the Bank of particular contracts refer to the corresponding method described in the Procurement Guidelines, or Consultant Guidelines, as the case may be.

### B. Particular Methods of Procurement of Goods

1. **International Competitive Bidding.** Except as otherwise provided in paragraph 2 below, goods and works shall be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of International Competitive Bidding. The provisions of paragraphs 2.55 and 2.56 of the Procurement Guidelines, providing for domestic preference in the evaluation of bids, shall apply to goods manufactured in the territory of the Borrower (other than goods manufactured in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and the Macau Special Administrative Region of the Borrower).

2. **National Competitive Bidding (NCB).** Works costing less than $20,000,000 equivalent per contract and goods costing less than $1,000,000 equivalent per contract may be procured under contracts awarded under NCB procedures, subject to the additional provisions provided in paragraph 3 below.

3. **Procedures for National Competitive Bidding.** The procedures to be followed for National Competitive Bidding shall be those set forth in the Law on Tendering and Bidding of the People’s Republic of China promulgated by Order No.21 of the President of the People’s Republic of China on August 30, 1999, with the following clarifications required for compliance with the Procurement Guidelines:

   (i) All invitations to prequalify or to bid shall be advertised in a newspaper of national circulation in the Borrower’s territory, except for works contracts that are estimated to cost more than US$100,000 equivalent but less than US$2,000,000 equivalent each or for goods contracts that are estimated to cost less than $300,000 equivalent each, which may be advertised in a provincial daily newspaper. Such advertisement shall be made in sufficient time for prospective bidders to obtain prequalification or bidding documents and prepare and submit their responses. In any event, a minimum of thirty (30) days shall be given to bidders between the date of advertisement in such newspaper and the deadline for submission of bids, and the advertisement and bidding documents shall specify the deadline for such submission.
(ii) Qualification requirements of bidders and the method of evaluating the qualification of each bidder shall be specified in detail in the bidding documents.

(iii) All bidders that meet the qualification criteria set out in the pre-qualification document shall be allowed to bid and there shall be no limit on the number of pre-qualified bidders.

(iv) All bidders shall be required to provide security in an amount sufficient to protect the employer in case of breach of contract by the contractor, and the bidding documents shall specify the required form and amount of such security. In place of a bid security, the bidding documents may require that a bidder submit with its bid a signed declaration that, if the bidder withdraws its bid during the bid validity period or, if awarded the contract, the bidder fails to sign the contract or submit any required performance security before the deadline required in the bidding documents, the bidder will be suspended for a period of two (2) years from being awarded any contract with the Borrower or Yunnan, including any of their departments, agencies or administrative units.

(v) Bidders will be allowed to submit bids by mail or by hand. The time for opening of all bids shall be the same as the deadline for receipt of such bids.

(vi) All bids shall be opened in public; all bidders shall be offered an opportunity to be present (either in person or through their representatives) at the time of bid opening, but bidders shall not be required to be present at the bid opening.

(vii) All bid evaluation criteria shall be disclosed in the bidding documents and quantified in monetary terms or expressed in the form of pass/fail requirements.

(viii) No bid may be rejected solely on the basis that the bid price falls outside any standard contract estimate, or margin or bracket of average bids established by the Borrower or Yunnan.

(ix) Each contract shall be awarded to the lowest evaluated responsive bidder, that is, the bidder who meets the appropriate standards of capability and resources and whose bid has been determined: (A) to be substantially responsive to the bidding documents; and (B) to offer the lowest evaluated cost. The winning bidder shall not be required, as a condition of award, to undertake responsibilities for work not stipulated in the bidding documents or otherwise to modify the bid as originally submitted.
(x) Each contract financed with the proceeds of the Loan shall provide that the suppliers and contractors shall permit the Bank, at its request, to inspect their accounts and records relating to the performance of the contract and to have said accounts and records audited by auditors appointed by the Bank.

(xi) Government owned enterprises in the Borrower’s country may be permitted to bid or submit a proposal of goods and works if they can establish that they: (A) are legally and financially autonomous; (B) operate under commercial law; and (C) are not a dependent agency of the agency conducting the procurement.

(xii) Re-bidding should not be allowed solely because the number of bids is less than three (3), and rejection of all bids or rebidding shall not take place without the Bank’s prior written concurrence.

(xiii) The results of bid evaluation and contract award shall be published in the national press or provincial press or official gazette or a free and open access website and shall identify the name and offered price of the winning bidder, as well as the duration and summary scope of the awarded contract.

(xiv) Yunnan shall have in place provisions for bidders to protest.

4. **Other Method of Procurement of Goods and Works.** The following table specifies the methods of procurement, other than International Competitive Bidding and National Competitive Bidding, which may be used for goods and works. The Procurement Plan shall specify the circumstances under which such methods may be used.

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<td>(a) Shopping</td>
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C. **Particular Methods of Procurement of Consultants’ Services**

1. **Quality- and Cost-based Selection.** Except as otherwise provided in paragraph 2 below, consultants’ services shall be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of Quality- and Cost-based Selection.

2. **Other Methods of Procurement of Consultants’ Services.** The following table specifies the methods of procurement, other than Quality- and Cost-based Selection, which may be used for consultants’ services. The Procurement Plan shall specify the circumstances under which such methods may be used.
### Procurement Methods

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<td>Selection Based on Consultants' Qualifications</td>
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<td>(c)</td>
<td>Selection of Individual Consultants</td>
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3. The short lists of consultants for services estimated to cost less than US$300,000 equivalent may be composed entirely of national consultants in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2.7 of the Consultant Guidelines.

### D. Review by the Bank of Procurement Decisions

Procurement Plan shall stipulate the contracts subject to Prior Review by the Bank. All other contracts shall be subject to Post Review by the Bank. In addition the terms-of-reference for all consultant contracts, regardless of value, shall be subject to Prior Review by the Bank.

### Section IV. Withdrawal of Loan Proceeds

#### A. General

1. The Borrower may withdraw the proceeds of the Loan in accordance with the provisions of Article II of the General Conditions, this Section, and such additional instructions as the Bank shall specify by notice to the Borrower (including the “World Bank Disbursement Guidelines for Projects” dated May 2006, as revised from time to time by the Bank and as made applicable to this Agreement pursuant to such instructions), to finance Eligible Expenditures as set forth in the table in paragraph 2 below.

2. The following table specifies the categories of Eligible Expenditures that may be financed out of the proceeds of the Loan (“Category”), the allocation of the amounts of the Loan to each Category, and the percentage of expenditures to be financed for Eligible Expenditures in each Category.
<table>
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<th>Category</th>
<th>Amount of the Loan Allocated (expressed in USD)</th>
<th>Percentage of Expenditures to be financed (inclusive of Taxes)</th>
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<tr>
<td>(1) Civil works, goods, Consultants’ services and Training</td>
<td>299,250,000</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>(2) Front-end Fee</td>
<td>750,000</td>
<td>Amount payable pursuant to Section 2.03 of this Agreement in accordance with Section 2.07(b) of the General Conditions</td>
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<td>(3) Premium for Interest Rate Cap or Interest Rate Collar</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>Amount payable pursuant to Section 2.07(c) of this Agreement and Section 4.05(c) of the General Conditions</td>
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<td>TOTAL AMOUNT</td>
<td>300,000,000</td>
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B. Withdrawal Conditions; Withdrawal Period

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Part A of this Section, no withdrawal shall be made:

   (a) for payments made prior to the date of this Agreement, except that withdrawals up to an aggregate amount not to exceed $60,000,000 equivalent may be made for payments made prior to this date but on or after October 31, 2010, for Eligible Expenditures under Category (1); and

   (b) for expenditures under Category (1) unless: (i) the Subsidiary Agreement has been executed on behalf of the parties thereto; and (ii) a legal opinion, satisfactory to the Bank, from counsel acceptable to the Bank has been provided to the Bank showing that the Subsidiary Agreement has been duly authorized or ratified by the parties thereto and is legally binding upon the parties, in accordance with its terms; and (iii) unless KRTC has secured the land required for the metro-public transport-bicycle integration according to the Integration Plan, in form and substance acceptable to the Bank.

2. The Closing Date is November 30, 2016.
SCHEDULE 3

Amortization Schedule

1. The following table sets forth the Principal Payment Dates of the Loan and the percentage of the total principal amount of the Loan payable on each Principal Payment Date (“Installment Share”). If the proceeds of the Loan have been fully withdrawn as of the first Principal Payment Date, the principal amount of the Loan repayable by the Borrower on each Principal Payment Date shall be determined by the Bank by multiplying: (a) Withdrawn Loan Balance as of the first Principal Payment Date; by (b) the Installment Share for each Principal Payment Date, such repayable amount to be adjusted, as necessary, to deduct any amounts referred to in paragraph 4 of this Schedule, to which a Currency Conversion applies.

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<th>Principal Payment Date</th>
<th>Installment Share (Expressed as a Percentage)</th>
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<td>On each April 15 and October 15, beginning October 15, 2016, through April 15, 2041</td>
<td>2.00%</td>
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2. If the proceeds of the Loan have not been fully withdrawn as of the first Principal Payment Date, the principal amount of the Loan repayable by the Borrower on each Principal Payment Date shall be determined as follows:

(a) To the extent that any proceeds of the Loan have been withdrawn as of the first Principal Payment Date, the Borrower shall repay the Withdrawn Loan Balance as of such date in accordance with paragraph 1 of this Schedule.

(b) Any amount withdrawn after the first Principal Payment Date shall be repaid on each Principal Payment Date falling after the date of such withdrawal in amounts determined by the Bank by multiplying the amount of each such withdrawal by a fraction, the numerator of which is the original Installment Share specified in the table in paragraph 1 of this Schedule for said Principal Payment Date (“Original Installment Share”) and the denominator of which is the sum of all remaining Original Installment Shares for Principal Payment Dates falling on or after such date, such amounts repayable to be adjusted, as necessary, to deduct any amounts referred to in paragraph 4 of this Schedule, to which a Currency Conversion applies.

3. (a) Amounts of the Loan withdrawn within two (2) calendar months prior to any Principal Payment Date shall, for the purposes solely of calculating the principal amounts payable on any Principal Payment Date, be treated as withdrawn and outstanding on the second Principal Payment Date.
following the date of withdrawal and shall be repayable on each Principal Payment Date commencing with the second Principal Payment Date following the date of withdrawal.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-paragraph (a) of this paragraph, if at any time the Bank adopts a due date billing system under which invoices are issued on or after the respective Principal Payment Date, the provisions of such sub-paragraph shall no longer apply to any withdrawals made after the adoption of such billing system.

4. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Schedule, upon a Currency Conversion of all or any portion of the Withdrawn Loan Balance to an Approved Currency, the amount so converted in the Approved Currency that is repayable on any Principal Payment Date occurring during the Conversion Period, shall be determined by the Bank by multiplying such amount in its currency of denomination immediately prior to the Conversion by either: (i) the exchange rate that reflects the amounts of principal in the Approved Currency payable by the Bank under the Currency Hedge Transaction relating to the Conversion; or (ii) if the Bank so determines in accordance with the Conversion Guidelines, the exchange rate component of the Screen Rate.
APPENDIX

Definitions


2. “Category” means a category set forth in the table in Section IV of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.


4. “Displaced Person” means a person who, on account of the execution of the Project, has experienced or would experience direct economic and social impacts caused by: (i) the involuntary taking of land, resulting in: (A) relocation or loss of shelter; (B) loss of assets or access to assets; or (C) loss of income sources or means of livelihood, whether or not such person must move to another location; or (ii) the involuntary restriction of access to legally designated parks and protected areas, resulting in adverse impacts on the livelihood of such person; and “Displaced Persons” means, collectively, all such Displaced Persons.

5. “Environmental Management Plans” and the acronym “EMP” means collectively the Environmental Management Plans adopted by Kunming dated November 1, 2010, which plans set out the environmental protection measures in respect of the Project, as well as administrative and monitoring arrangements to ensure the implementation of said plans, as said plans may be revised from time to time with the agreement of the Bank; and “Environmental Management Plan” means, individually, any of the Environmental Management Plans.

6. “Fiscal Year” means the fiscal year of the Borrower and the Project Implementing Entity beginning on January 1 of a year and ending on December 31 of the same year.


8. “Integration Plan” means the KRTC’s Integration Plan of February 2011, acceptable to the Bank, aimed at integrating the rail system with bus and cycle facilities, in Kunming (as hereinafter defined).


12. “Procurement Plan” means the Borrower’s procurement plan for the Project, dated March 10, 2011, and referred to in paragraph 1.16 of the Procurement Guidelines and paragraph 1.24 of the Consultant Guidelines, as the same shall be updated from time to time in accordance with the provisions of said paragraphs.

13. “Project Leading Group” means the Project leading group maintained by Kunming, and referred to in paragraph 2(a) of Section I.A of the Schedule to the Project Agreement.

14. “Project Management Office” means the Project management office maintained by KRTC, and referred to in paragraph 2(b) of Section I.A of the Schedule to the Project Agreement.

15. “Subsidiary Agreement” means the agreement referred to in Section I.A of the Schedule to the Project Agreement pursuant to which Yunnan shall make the proceeds of the Loan available to Kunming and through Kunming to KRTC.

16. “Resettlement Action Plans” or the acronym “RAP” means, collectively the Resettlement Action Plan adopted by Kunming, dated October 27, 2010, which plans set out, inter alia: (a) the principles and procedures governing land acquisition, resettlement, compensation and rehabilitation of Displaced Persons on account of the execution of the Project; and (b) reporting and monitoring arrangements to ensure compliance with said plan, as said RAP may be revised from time to time with the prior agreement of the Bank; and “Resettlement Action Plan” means, individually, any of the Resettlement Action Plans.

17. “Training” means the costs of training under the Project, based on annual work plans and budgets approved by the Bank, and attributable to seminars, workshops, and study tours, along with travel and subsistence allowances for training participants, services of trainers, rental of training facilities, preparation and reproduction of training materials, and other activities directly related to course preparation and implementation.

18. “Yunnan” means the Borrower’s Yunnan Province or any successor thereto; also referred to as the Project Implementing Entity.