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March 17, 2004

Ms. Aine Hearns
Assistant Principal
Emergency Aid and Rehabilitation Assistance Unit
Department of Foreign Affairs
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Dear Ms. Hearns:

AFGHANISTAN
Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund (Ref. TF050576)
Second Amendment to Letter Agreement

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We refer to the Letter Agreement dated May 16, 2002, between the Government of Ireland, on the one part, and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and the International Development Association (collectively "the Bank"), on the other part, (the "Letter Agreement") pursuant to which Government of Ireland has made available to the Bank the sum of one million United States dollars (US$1,000,000), and an additional sum of one million five hundred thousand Euro (€1,500,000) pursuant to an amendment letter dated June 12, 2003, as a grant for the purpose of contributing to the Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund (the "Trust Fund").

We acknowledge the intention of the Government of Ireland to increase its contribution to the Trust Fund by an additional one million five hundred thousand Euro (€1,500,000).

Promptly following confirmation of this Letter Agreement by you, the Government of Ireland will deposit the additional Grant Funds, i.e., one million five hundred thousand Euro (€1,500,000) into the IBRD Cash Account "T" No. 6008-62952017, maintained with the Bank of America NT and SA, Main Branch; SWIFT Bic Code: BOFAGB22; Internal Route Code: BOFALO; P.O. Box 407, 1 Alie Street, London E1 8DE, United Kingdom. When making such deposit, the Government of Ireland will notify the Bank of America to advise IBRD's Treasury Operations Department as to the amount received, that it is from the Government of Ireland for the Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund (Project No. TF050576), and the date of the deposit. In addition, the Government of Ireland will fax to IBRD's Accounting Department, Trust Funds Division (Fax No. 202.477.7163), a copy of its deposit instruction to the Bank of America. Upon receipt of the funds, the Bank will convert them into United States dollars and transfer them to the IBRD "T" account (Account No. IBRT 2000192003489; Swift Bic Code: PNBPUS3NNYC; Internal Route Code: PNBPNY; Fed ABA No. 026005092) maintained with Wachovia Bank NA, New York, United States of America.

All the terms and conditions of the Letter Agreement that have not been amended hereby shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

We propose that this amendment to the Letter Agreement shall, upon confirmation in the manner indicated below, constitute an agreement between the Government of Ireland and the Bank.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Gajanand Pathmanathan

Gajanand Pathmanathan
Acting Country Director
Afghanistan
South Asia Region

Confirmed and Agreed:

GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND

By /s/ Aine Hearns
Name: Aine Hearns
Title: First Secretary
Date: March 3, 2004