January 13, 2016

Honourable Minister ‘Aisake Eke
Minister of Finance and National Planning
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P.O. Box 87
Vuna Road
Nuku’alofa
KINGDOM OF TONGA

Dear Honourable Minister,

Tonga: Restructuring of the Tonga Energy Roadmap Institutional and Regulatory Framework Strengthening Project. ASTAE Grant Number: TF012318

We refer to the grant agreement (“ASTAE Grant Agreement”), dated August 3, 2012 between the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Development Association (collectively “World Bank”) acting as an administrator of the Asia Sustainable and Alternative Energy Program Multi-Donor Trust Fund, and the Kingdom of Tonga (“Recipient”). We also refer to your letter dated December 15, 2015 requesting some amendments to the Tonga Energy Roadmap Institutional and Regulatory Framework Strengthening Project (“Project”), and the discussion between the World Bank and the Recipient in Tonga on November 26 and 27, 2015, as recorded in the World Bank aide memoire circulated December 14, 2015, during which the Recipient requested some amendments to the ASTAE Grant Agreement.

The World Bank concurs with your request for restructuring and accordingly proposes to amend the ASTAE Grant Agreement as follows:

1. The objective of the Project set forth in Section 2.01 of the Annex to the ASTAE Grant Agreement is hereby amended to read as follows:

   “2.01 Project Objectives and Description. The objective of the Project is to support the strengthening of the institutional and regulatory framework of the Tonga Energy Roadmap (TERM) and facilitate the implementation of future renewable energy projects.”

2. The Closing Date set forth in Section 3.03 of the Annex to the ASTAE Grant Agreement is hereby amended to read as follows:

   “3.03 Withdrawal Period. The Closing Date referred to in Section 3.06(c) of the Standard Conditions is December 31, 2016.”
Kingdom of Tonga

Please confirm the Recipient’s agreement to the foregoing by having an authorized official of the Recipient sign and date the enclosed two copies of this Letter of Amendment, and returning one copy to the World Bank.

All capitalized terms used in this Letter of Amendment have the same meaning assigned to them in the ASTAE Grant Agreement. All the terms of the ASTAE Grant Agreement not hereby amended will remain in full force and effect.

This Amendment of the ASTAE Grant Agreement will become effective upon receipt of the Recipient’s countersignatures which have been duly authorized or ratified by the Recipient and is legally binding upon the Recipient in accordance with its terms.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Franz R. Drees-Gross
Country Director
Timor-Leste, Papua New Guinea & Pacific Islands
East Asia and Pacific Region

AGREED:

Kingdom of Tonga

By: [Signature]

Authorized Representative

Title: Minister of Finance and National Planning

Date: 28 January 2016.