Mr. Paul Robilliard  
First Assistant Secretary  
South and West Asia Division  
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade  
GPO Box 887  
Canberra ACT 2601  
Australia  

Dear Sir:

AFGHANISTAN  
Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund  
World Bank Ref: TF050576  
Eighteenth Amendment to Letter Arrangement

We refer to the Letter Agreement dated June 19, 2003 between the Government of Australia, through the Australian Agency for International Development ("AusAID"), 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 Arrangement"), as amended, pursuant to which the Government of Australia, through AusAID has made available to the Bank an aggregate sum of two hundred seventy one million and one hundred thousand Australian dollars (AUD271,100,000), as a grant for the purpose of contributing to the Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund ("ARTF").

We also refer to the communication addressed from the Embassy of Australia, Washington D.C., dated November 1, 2013, stating that the responsibility for administration of the Australian aid program has been transferred to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Government of Australia ("DFAT").

In view of the above, the Government of Australia's representative information is revised as follows (emphasis added) and two new paragraphs are introduced immediately following the Bank's address in the following paragraph:

"The offices responsible for coordination of all matters related to the implementation of this arrangement are:

For the Donor:

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade  
South and West Asia Division  
GPO Box 887  
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Australia"
For the Bank:

Afghanistan Country Management Unit
South Asia Region
The World Bank
1818 “H” Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C., 20433

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All references made in this Letter Agreement and the Annexes to “shall”, and “Letter Agreement” will have the same meaning as the term “will” and “Letter Arrangement” herein.

It is understood that this Letter Agreement, including any annexes, is not an international treaty. It is an administrative arrangement between the Bank and the Government of Australia.”

We acknowledge the intention of the Government of Australia, through DFAT to increase its contribution to the ARTF by an additional thirty million Australian dollars (AUD30,000,000) (such amount the “Additional Contribution”). After the Additional Contribution has been received by the Bank, the aggregate contribution will be three hundred one million and one hundred thousand Australian dollars (AUD301,100,000).

Following confirmation of this amendment to the Letter Arrangement by you, the Government of Australia, through DFAT will deposit the Additional Contribution into a bank account designated by the Bank. Upon receipt of the funds, the Bank will convert them into United States dollars.

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

Each of the undersigned represents, by confirming its acceptance below, that it is authorized to enter into this amendment to the Letter Arrangement and act in accordance with its provisions. The Bank and the Donor are each requested to sign and date this amendment to Letter Arrangement, and upon possession by the Bank of this fully signed amendment to Letter Arrangement, this amendment to Letter Arrangement will be carried out as of the date of the last signature. It is the Bank’s policy to make publicly available the Letter Arrangement and any information related thereto, including this amendment. By confirming below, DFAT consents to disclosure of this amendment letter after it has become effective.
Sincerely yours,
INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT
AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Robert J. Saum
Country Director for Afghanistan
South Asia Region

Confirmed and Agreed:
GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA THROUGH THE
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE

By: __________________________
Name: A. Golokhvalova
Title: FA 5 SWD
Date: 25 March 2014