February 19, 2013

Hon. Don Polye
Minister of Treasury
Ministry of Treasury
P.O. Box 542
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PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Honorable Minister,

We refer to the Grant Agreement (the “Agreement”) for the Papua New Guinea: Education for All – Fast Track Initiative (EFA-FTI) Catalytic Trust Fund Grant – Reading Education (READ PNG) Project (the “Project”) dated March 3, 2011, between the Independent State of Papua New Guinea (the “Recipient”) and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (“IBRD”) and the International Development Association (the “Association”) (collectively, the “World Bank”). We refer also to your letter dated August 29, 2012 requesting the World Bank to make changes to the Agreement so as to reflect changes to the administration of the Recipient’s revenue laws.

We are pleased to inform you that the World Bank concurs with your request. Accordingly, the paragraph under the withdrawal table in Section 3.01 of the Annex is amended to read as follows:

“Pursuant to the Loans and Assistance (International Agencies) Act, Chapter No. 132 of the Revised Laws of Papua New Guinea (the “Act”), and by this Agreement with the World Bank, the Recipient confirms that any persons, income, matter or thing that is directly engaged in and directly forms part of this Agreement with the World Bank, is exempt from any tax, duty, or imposition under the revenue laws administered by the Commissioner General of the Internal Revenue Commission and the Commissioner of the Customs Department. If any change is made to the Act that will affect this exemption from tax, duty or imposition under the project, the Recipient shall notify the World Bank in writing.”

Unless the context otherwise requires and except where otherwise defined in this amendment letter, all capitalized terms contained herein shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Agreement.

All terms of the Agreement not hereby amended shall remain in full force and effect.
Hon. Don Polye

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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 amendment letter, and returning it to the World Bank.

This amendment letter shall become effective on the date of the Recipient’s countersignature.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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

AGREED:

INDEPENDENT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

By [Signature]
Authorized Representative

Name [Signature]
Title Minister for Finance
Date 21/3/13

Cc:
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Hon. Charles Abel, Minister for National Planning and District Development

Hon. James Marape, Minister for Finance

Dr. Peter Ga’allah Kora, Secretary for Department of National Planning and Monitoring

Mr. Simon Tosali, Secretary for Treasury

Mr. Stephen Gibson, Secretary for Finance

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