Dr. Rajan Khanal  
Secretary  
Ministry of Finance  
Government of Nepal  
Singha Durbar, Kathmandu

Dear Dr. Khanal:

Re: GPE Grant Number TF0B0095  
(Additional Financing for School Sector Development Program)  
Additional Instructions: Disbursement

I refer to the Grant Agreement between Nepal ("Recipient") and the International Development Association ("World Bank") for the above-referenced Grant, acting as a Grant Agent for the Global Partnership for Education Trust Fund ("GPE") for the above referenced project dated November 27, 2019. The Grant Agreement provides that the World Bank may issue additional instructions regarding the withdrawal of the proceeds of the Grant. This letter ("Disbursement Letter"), as revised from time to time, constitutes the additional instructions.

The capitalized terms used in this Disbursement Letter have the meanings ascribed to them in this Disbursement Letter or in the Grant Agreement (as the case may be).

I. Disbursement Arrangements

(i) Withdrawal Applications. Applications for withdrawal from the Grant Account ("Withdrawal Applications") of amounts of the Grant allocated to individual Disbursement Linked Results ("DLR") may, pursuant to the provisions of Section IV.A of Schedule 2 of the Grant Agreement, be sent to the World Bank at any time after the World Bank has notified the Recipient in writing that it has accepted evidence of achievement of the specific DLR.

(ii) Withdrawal Amount. The Withdrawal Application may be for an amount not to exceed the amount of the Grant confirmed by the World Bank for the specific DLR in respect of which the withdrawal is requested, as specified in the World Bank’s notice to the Recipient.

(iii) Disbursement Deadline Date. The period of disbursement of the Grant ends six months after the Closing Date ("Disbursement Deadline Date"). This is the final date established by the World Bank for receipt by the World Bank of Withdrawal Applications. Normally, to support orderly closure of the Grant Account, the World Bank does not accept Withdrawal Applications received after the Disbursement Deadline Date. The Recipient should promptly inform the World Bank of any expected implementation delays or exceptional administrative issues before these dates. The World Bank will notify the Recipient of any exception that the World Bank may make to the Disbursement Deadline Date.

(iv) Deposits of Grant Amounts. All withdrawals from the Grant Account shall be deposited by the World Bank into an account in Nepal Rastra Bank.
(v) Withdrawal Conditions. Please refer to the Withdrawal Condition(s) in the Grant Agreement.

II. Withdrawal Applications

(i) Authorized Signatories for Withdrawal Applications. An authorized signatory letter in the Form attached (Attachment 2) should be furnished to the World Bank at the address indicated below providing the name(s) and specimen signature(s) of the official(s) authorized to sign Withdrawal Applications:

The World Bank
Nepal Country Office,
Yak & Yeti Complex,
Durbar Marg,
Kathmandu, Nepal
Attention: Country Manager, Nepal

(ii) Withdrawal Applications. Please provide completed and signed Withdrawal Applications, to the address indicated below:

The World Bank
No. 11, Taramani Main Road
Taramani, Chennai – 600 113
India
Attention: Team Lead, WFACS

(iii) Electronic Delivery. The World Bank may permit the Recipient to electronically deliver to the World Bank Withdrawal Applications through the World Bank’s Client Connection, web-based portal. The option to deliver Withdrawal Applications to the World Bank by electronic means may be effected if: (a) the Recipient has designated in writing, pursuant to the terms of subparagraph (i) of this Section, its officials who are authorized to sign and deliver Withdrawal Applications and to receive secure identification credentials (“SIDC”) from the World Bank for the purpose of delivering such Withdrawal Applications by electronic means; and (b) all such officials designated by the Recipient have registered as users of Client Connection. If the World Bank agrees, the World Bank will provide the Recipient with SIDC for the designated officials. Following which, the designated officials may deliver Withdrawal Applications electronically by completing Form 2380, which is accessible through Client Connection (https://clientconnection.worldbank.org). The Recipient may continue to exercise the option of preparing and delivering Withdrawal Applications in paper form. The World Bank reserves the right and may, in its sole discretion, temporarily or permanently disallow the electronic delivery of Withdrawal Applications by the Recipient.

(iv) Terms and Conditions of Use of SIDC to Process Withdrawal Applications. By designating officials to use SIDC and by choosing to deliver the Withdrawal Applications electronically, the Recipient confirms through the authorized signatory letter its agreement to: (a) abide by the Terms and Conditions of Use of Secure Identification Credentials in connection with Use of Electronic Means to Process Applications and Supporting Documentation (“Terms and Conditions of Use of Secure Identification Credentials”) provided in Attachment [3]; and (b) to abide by those terms and conditions.
III. Other Important Information

For additional information on disbursement arrangements and electronic delivery of Withdrawal Applications, please visit our secure website “Client Connection” at https://clientconnection.worldbank.org.

If you have not already done so, the World Bank recommends that you register as a user of the Client Connection website (https://clientconnection.worldbank.org). From this website you will be able to prepare and deliver Withdrawal Applications, monitor the near real-time status of the Grant, and retrieve related policy, financial, and other information. All Recipient officials authorized to sign and deliver Withdrawal Applications by electronic means are required to register with Client Connection before electronic delivery can be effected. For more information about the website and registration arrangements, please contact the World Bank by email at <clientconnection@worldbank.org>.

If you have any queries in relation to the above, please contact Mr. Satish Kumar Shivakumar, Finance Officer at satishkumar1@worldbank.org.

Sincerely,

Faris H. Hadad Zervos
Country Manager

Attachments

1. Form for Authorized Signatures
Form of Authorized Signatory Letter

[Letterhead]
Ministry of Finance
[Street address]

The World Bank
Nepal Country Office,
Yak & Yeti Complex,
Durbar Marg,
Kathmandu, Nepal
Attention: Country Manager, Nepal

[DATE]

Re: GPE Grant Number TF0B0095
(Additional Financing for School Sector Development Program)

I refer to the Grant Agreement ("Agreement") between International Development Association ("World Bank"), acting as a Grant Agent for the Global Partnership for Education Trust Fund and Nepal ("Recipient"), dated ______, providing the above Grant. For the purposes of Section 3.04 (b) of the Standard Conditions, as defined in the Agreement, any ['one'] of the persons whose authenticated specimen signatures appear below is authorized on behalf of the Recipient to sign applications for withdrawal under these Grant accounts.

For the purpose of delivering Applications to the World Bank, 2[each] of the persons whose authenticated specimen signatures appears below is authorized on behalf of the Recipient, acting 3[individually] 4[jointly], to deliver Applications, and evidence in support thereof on the terms and conditions specified by the World Bank.

5[This confirms that the Recipient is authorizing such persons to accept Secure Identification Credentials (SIDC) and to deliver the Applications and supporting documents to the World Bank by electronic means. In full recognition that the World Bank shall rely upon such representations and warranties, including without limitation, the representations and warranties contained in the Terms and Conditions of Use of Secure Identification Credentials in connection with Use of Electronic Means to Process Applications and Supporting Documentation ("Terms and Conditions of Use of SIDC"), the Recipient represents and

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1 Instruction to the Recipient when sending this letter to the World Bank: Stipulate if more than one person needs to sign Applications, and how many or which positions, and if any thresholds apply. Please delete this footnote in final letter that is sent to the World Bank.

2 Instruction to the Recipient: Stipulate if more than one person needs to jointly sign Applications, if so, please indicate the actual number. Please delete this footnote in final letter that is sent to the World Bank.

3 Instruction to the Recipient: Use this bracket if any one of the authorized persons may sign; if this is not applicable, please delete. Please delete this footnote in final letter that is sent to the World Bank.

4 Instruction to the Recipient: Use this bracket only if several individuals must jointly sign each Application; if this is not applicable, please delete. Please delete this footnote in final letter that is sent to the World Bank.

5 Instruction to the Recipient: Add this paragraph if the Recipient wishes to authorize the listed persons to accept Secure Identification Credentials and to deliver Applications by electronic means; if this is not applicable, please delete the paragraph. Please delete this footnote in final letter that is sent to the World Bank.
warrants to the World Bank that it will cause such persons to abide by those terms and conditions.

This Authorization replaces and supersedes any Authorization currently in the World Bank records with respect to this Agreement.

[Name], [position] Specimen Signature: ______________________

[Name], [position] Specimen Signature: ______________________

[Name], [position] Specimen Signature: ______________________

Yours truly,

/ signed /

[Position]
Terms and Conditions of Use of Secure Identification Credentials  
in connection with Use of Electronic Means  
to Process Applications  
and Supporting Documentation  

March 1, 2013

The World Bank (Bank)¹ will provide secure identification credentials (SIDC) to permit the Borrower² to deliver applications for withdrawal and applications for special commitments under the Agreement(s) and supporting documentation (such applications and supporting documentation together referred to in these Terms and Conditions of Use as Applications) to the Bank electronically, on the terms and conditions of use specified herein.

SIDC can be either: (a) hardware-based (Physical Token), or (b) software-based (Soft Token). The Bank reserves the right to determine which type of SIDC is most appropriate.

A. Identification of Users.

1. The Borrower will be required to identify in a completed Authorized Signatory Letter (ASL) duly delivered to and received by the Bank each person who will be authorized to deliver Applications. The Bank will provide SIDC to each person identified in the ASL (Signatory), as provided below. The Borrower shall also immediately notify the Bank if a Signatory is no longer authorized by the Borrower to act as a Signatory.

2. Each Signatory must register as a user on the Bank’s Client Connection (CC) website (https://clientconnection.worldbank.org) prior to receipt of his/her SIDC. Registration on CC will require that the Signatory establish a CC password (CC Password). The Signatory shall not reveal his/her CC Password to anyone or store or record the CC Password in written or other form. Upon registration as a CC user, the Signatory will be assigned a unique identifying account name.

B. Initialization of SIDC.

1. Prior to initialization of SIDC by a Signatory, the Signatory will acknowledge having read, understood and agreed to be bound by these Terms and Conditions of Use.

2. Where a Physical Token is to be used, promptly upon receipt of the Physical Token, the Signatory will access CC using his/her account name and CC Password and register his/her Physical Token and set a personal identification number (PIN) to be used in connection with the use of his/her Physical Token, after which the Physical Token will be initialized for use by the Signatory exclusively for purposes of delivering Applications. Where a Soft Token is to be used, the Signatory will access CC using his/her account name and CC Password and set a personal identification

¹ “Bank” includes IBRD and IDA.
² “Borrower” includes the borrower of an IBRD loan, IDA credit, or Project Preparation Facility advance and the recipient of a grant.
number (PIN) to be used in connection with the use of his/her Soft Token, after which the Soft Token will be initialized for use by the Signatory exclusively for purposes of delivering Applications. Upon initialization of the SIDC, the Signatory will be a “SIDC User”. The Bank will maintain in its database a user account (Account) for each SIDC User for purposes of managing the SIDC of the SIDC User. Neither the Borrower nor the SIDC User will have any access to the Account.

3. Prior to first use of the SIDC by the SIDC User, the Borrower shall ensure that the SIDC User has received training materials provided by the Bank in use of the SIDC.

C. Use of SIDC.

1. Use of the SIDC is strictly limited to use in the delivery of Applications by the SIDC User in the manner prescribed by the Bank in the Agreement(s) and these Terms and Conditions. Any other use of the SIDC is prohibited.

2. The Bank assumes no responsibility or liability whatsoever for any misuse of the SIDC by the SIDC User, other representatives of the Borrower, or third parties.

3. The Borrower undertakes to ensure, and represents and warrants to the Bank (such representation and warranty being expressly relied upon by the Bank in granting SIDC) that each SIDC User understands and will abide by, these Terms and Conditions of Use, including without limitation the following:

4. Security

   4.1. The SIDC User shall not reveal his/her PIN to anyone or store or record the PIN in written or other form.

   4.2. The SIDC User shall not allow anyone else to utilize his/her SIDC to deliver an Application to the Bank.

   4.3. The SIDC User shall always logout from CC when not using the system. Failure to logout properly can create a route into the system that is unprotected.

   4.4. If the SIDC User believes a third party has learned his/her PIN or has lost his/her Physical Token he/she shall immediately notify clientconnection@worldbank.org.

   4.5. The Borrower shall immediately notify the Bank at clientconnection@worldbank.org of any lost, stolen or compromised SIDC, and take other reasonable steps to ensure such SIDC are disabled immediately.

5. Reservation of Right to Disable SIDC

   5.1. The Borrower shall reserve the right to revoke the authorization of a SIDC User to use a SIDC for any reason.

   5.2. The Bank reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to temporarily or permanently disable a SIDC, de-activate a SIDC User’s Account or both.
6. **Care of Physical Tokens**

6.1. Physical Tokens will remain the property of the Bank.

6.2. The Bank will physically deliver a Physical Token to each Signatory designated to receive one in a manner to be determined by and satisfactory to the Bank.

6.3. Physical Tokens contain delicate and sophisticated instrumentation and therefore should be handled with due care, and should not be immersed in liquids, exposed to extreme temperatures, crushed or bent. Also, Physical Tokens should be kept more than five (5) cm from devices that generate electromagnetic radiation (EMR), such as mobile phones, phone-enabled PDAs, smart phones and other similar devices. Physical Tokens should be carried and stored separate from any EMR device. At close range (less than 5 cm), these devices can output high levels of EMR that can interfere with the proper operation of electronic equipment, including the Physical Token.

6.4. Without derogating from these Terms and Conditions of Use, other technical instructions on the proper use and care of Physical Tokens are available at http://www.rsa.com.

7. **Replacement**

7.1. Lost, damaged, compromised (in terms of 4.5, above) or destroyed Physical Tokens will be replaced at the expense of the Borrower.

7.2. The Bank reserves the right, in its sole discretion, not to replace any Physical Token in the case of misuse, or not to reactivate a SICD User’s Account.