June 21, 2012

Ref: WB/CD/145/06/21/2012

H.E. Mr. Hans Blankenberg
Ambassador to Ethiopia
Netherlands Embassy
Addis Ababa

Dear Mr. Blankenberg,

Administration Arrangement between the Minister for Development Cooperation of Netherlands and the International Development Association concerning the Multi-Donor Trust Fund for Co-financing of the Ethiopia Protection of Basic Services Program (Phase II) Project (Health MDG Support Facility - Subprogram B) (TF071185)

Amendment to Administration Arrangement – Extension of End Disbursement Date

We refer to the Administration Arrangement (“Arrangement”) dated March 28, 2009, between the Netherlands Minister for Development Cooperation (“Minister”) (“Donor”) and the International Development Association (“IDA”) concerning the Multi Donor Trust Fund (“MDTF”) for the Co-financing of the Ethiopia Protection of Basic Services Program (“Phase II”) Project (“Health MDG Support Facility – Subprogram B”). We also refer to a letter from Geert Geut, Head of Development Cooperation, Embassy of the Kingdom of Netherlands in Ethiopia, dated December 2, 2011, providing Netherlands’ confirmation to extend the End Disbursement Date of the above mentioned MDTF.

Therefore, we propose to amend paragraph 9.1 of Annex 2 to the Arrangement to read as follows:

“9. Disbursement Deadline; Cancellation; Refund

9.1. It is expected that the Contribution funds will be fully disbursed by IDA in accordance with the provisions of this Administration Agreement by June 30, 2013, in respect of eligible expenditures incurred by the Recipient up to December 31, 2012. At the request of the Recipient, in the event of any Contribution funds remaining un-disbursed as of June 30, 2013, IDA may, by notice to the Recipient, extend the time allowed to make disbursements to the Recipient in accordance with the purposes of this Administration Agreement to a later date after June 30, 2013, or in respect of eligible expenditures incurred after December 31, 2012, only with the written approval of all the Donors.”
All other provisions of the Arrangement, except amended herein, shall remain in full force and effect.

Please confirm your agreement with the foregoing by signing, dating and returning to us the enclosed copy of this letter. Upon receipt by IDA of the copy of this letter countersigned by you, this amendment will become effective as of the date of the countersignature.

Sincerely,

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Guang Z. Chen  
Country Director for Ethiopia  
Africa Region

AGREED:

Netherlands Minister for Development Cooperation

By:  

Name: Johan F.L. Blankenberg  
Title: Ambassador  
Date: 27.06.2012