His Excellency
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Minister of Finance
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Excellency:

Re: IBRD Loan 8710-AR (Modernization and Innovation for Better Public Services in Argentina Project) Additional Instructions: Disbursement

I refer to the Loan Agreement between the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the “Bank”) and the Argentine Republic (the “Borrower”) for the above-referenced project, dated as of the Signature Date. The Agreement provides that the Bank may issue additional instructions regarding the withdrawal of the proceeds of Loan 8710-AR (“Loan”). This letter (“Disbursement Letter”), as revised from time to time, constitutes the additional instructions.

The attached World Bank Disbursement Guidelines for Projects, dated May 1, 2006, (“Disbursement Guidelines”) (Attachment 1), are an integral part of the Disbursement Letter. The manner in which the provisions in the Disbursement Guidelines apply to the Loan is specified below. Sections and subsections in parentheses below refer to the relevant sections and subsections in the Disbursement Guidelines and, unless otherwise defined in this letter, the capitalized terms used have the meanings ascribed to them in the Disbursement Guidelines.

I. Disbursement Arrangements

(i) Disbursement Methods (section 2). The following Disbursement Methods may be used under the Loan:

- **Reimbursement** (please note: this is the only method available for eligible expenditures financed from Disbursement Category 1 of the Loan Agreement)
- **Advance** (this method is only available for eligible expenditures financed from Disbursement Category 2 of the Loan Agreement)
- **Direct Payment** (this method is available only for eligible expenditures to be financed from Disbursement Category 2 of the Loan Agreement)
(ii) Disbursement Deadline Date (subsection 3.7). The Disbursement Deadline Date is 4 months after the Closing Date specified in the Loan Agreement. Any changes to this date will be notified by the Bank.

(iii) Disbursement Conditions (subsection 3.8). Please refer to the Disbursement Condition(s) in the Loan Agreement.

II. Withdrawal of Loan Proceeds

(i) Authorized Signatures (subsection 3.1).
An authorized signatory letter in the Form attached (Attachment 2) should be furnished to the Bank at the address indicated below providing the name(s) and specimen signature(s) of the official(s) authorized to sign Applications:

The World Bank
Torre Bouchard
Bouchard 547,
Buenos Aires, Argentina
Attention: Jesko S. Hentschel, Country Director
Latin America and the Caribbean Region

(ii) Applications (subsections 3.2 - 3.3). Please provide completed and signed (a) applications for withdrawal, together with supporting documents, to the address indicated below:

Banco Mundial
SCN, Quadra 02, Lote A
Edificio Corporate Finance Center
7° andar
70712-900 Brasilia, D.F.
Brazil
Attention: Monica Tambucho, Sr. Finance Officer, Loan Operations

(iii) Electronic Delivery (subsection 3.4) The Bank may permit the Borrower to electronically deliver to the Bank Applications (with supporting documents) through the Bank’s Client Connection, web-based portal. The option to deliver Applications to the Bank by electronic means may be effected if: (a) the Borrower has designated in writing, pursuant to the terms of subparagraph (i) of this Section, its officials who are authorized to sign and deliver Applications and to receive secure identification credentials (“SIDC”) from the Bank for the purpose of delivering such Applications by electronic means; and (b) all such officials designated by the Borrower have registered as users of Client Connection. If the Bank agrees, the Bank will provide the Borrower with SIDC for the designated officials. Following which, the designated officials may deliver Applications electronically by completing Form 2380, which is accessible through Client Connection (https://clientconnection.worldbank.org). The Borrower may continue to exercise the option of preparing and delivering Applications in paper form. The
Bank reserves the right and may, in its sole discretion, temporarily or permanently disallow the electronic delivery of Applications by the Borrower.

(iv) Terms and Conditions of Use of SIDC to Process Applications. By designating officials to use SIDC and by choosing to deliver the Applications electronically, the Borrower 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 cause such official to abide by those terms and conditions.

(v) Minimum Value of Applications (subsection 3.5). The Minimum Value of Applications for Direct Payments is USD 1,000,000.

(vi) Advances (sections 5 and 6).

Please note that Advances are only available for financing eligible expenditures from Disbursement Category 2 of the Loan Agreement

- Type of Designated Account[s] (subsection 5.3): Segregated
- Currency of Designated Account[s] (subsection 5.4): USD
- Financial Institution at which the Designated Account[s] Will Be Opened (subsection 5.5): Banco de La Nacion Argentina
- Ceiling (subsection 6.1): USD 5,000,000.

III. Reporting on Use of Loan Proceeds

(i) Supporting Documentation (section 4). Supporting documentation should be provided with each application for withdrawal as set out below:

For Disbursement Category 1 of the Loan Agreement:

- For requests for Reimbursement:
  - Interim Financial Report in the form attached (Attachment 4);
  - List of payments against contracts that are subject to the Bank's prior review, in the form attached (Attachment 5), and
  - Evidence, as confirmed by the Task Team Leader, of the level of achievement of Disbursement Linked Indicators and related results, as stipulated in Schedule 4 of the Loan Agreement, and the corresponding monetary value.
For Disbursement Category 2 of the Loan Agreement:

- For requests for Reimbursement and for documenting eligible expenditures paid from the Designated Account:
  
  o Statement of Expenditure in the form attached (Attachments 6);

- For requests for Direct Payment: records evidencing eligible expenditures, e.g., copies of receipts, supplier invoices

(ii) Frequency of Reporting Eligible Expenditures Paid from the Designated Account (subsection 6.3):

(a) For Disbursement Category 2: monthly

(iii) Other Supporting Documentation Instructions: for Disbursement Category 1 - the financing of eligible expenditures from Disbursement Category 1 depends on the achievement of results measured by DLRs and documentation of eligible expenditures through quarterly IFRs, on a reimbursement basis.

Charges to this category will require: (a) a sufficient amount of eligible expenditures reported in the quarterly IFRs (cumulatively or for the period) expenditures and (b) confirmation, by the Bank, he of the achievement (results) for one or more DLIs, based on DLI audits or DLI Progress Reports, and the related amounts corresponding to the level of achievement of results.

Withdrawal applications for expenditures to be financed from Disbursement Category 1 will use exclusively the reimbursement method and will be submitted in the currency in which the underlying expenditures were incurred – in Argentine Pesos. The borrower may choose to be reimbursed in a currency other than Argentine Pesos; should this happen the exchange rate conversion will be performed by the bank using the respective rate as of the date of the Bank’s processing of the withdrawal application.

IV. Other Important Information


From the Client Connection website, you will be able to prepare and deliver Applications, monitor the near real-time status of the Loan, and retrieve related policy, financial, and procurement information.

If you have not already done so, the 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 Applications, monitor the near real-time status of the Loan, and
retrieve related policy, financial, and procurement information. All Borrower officials authorized to sign and deliver 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 Bank by email at <clientconnection@worldbank.org>.

If you have any queries in relation to the above, please contact Jose Janeiro, Senior Finance Officer at jjaneiro@worldbank.org using the above reference.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Jose Familiar
Vice President
Latin America and the Caribbean Region

Attachments

2. Form for Authorized Signatures
5. Form of Payments Against Contracts Subject to the Bank’s Prior Review
6. Form of Statements of Expenditures

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