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GRANT NUMBER 0242-LAO (SF)

GRANT AGREEMENT  
(Special Operations)

(Greater Mekong Subregion Biodiversity Conservation Corridors Project)

(Lao Component)

between

LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

and

ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

DATED 14 FEBRUARY 2011

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## **GRANT AGREEMENT (Special Operations)**

GRANT AGREEMENT dated 14 February 2011 between LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (the "Recipient") and ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK ("ADB").

### WHEREAS

(A) the Recipient has applied to ADB for a grant for the purposes of the Project described in Schedule 1 to this Grant Agreement;

(B) the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam has applied to ADB for a loan for the purpose of carrying out the activities described in a loan agreement between the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and ADB;

(C) the Kingdom of Cambodia has applied to ADB for a grant for the purpose of carrying out the activities described in a grant agreement between the Kingdom of Cambodia and ADB; and

(D) ADB has agreed to provide a grant to the Recipient from ADB's Special Funds resources upon the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth;

NOW THEREFORE the parties agree as follows:

## **ARTICLE I**

### **Grant Regulations; Definitions**

Section 1.01. All provisions of the Special Operations Grant Regulations of ADB, dated 7 February 2005 (the "Grant Regulations"), are hereby made applicable to this Grant Agreement with the same force and effect as if they were fully set forth herein.

Section 1.02. The definitions set forth in the Grant Regulations are applicable to this Grant Agreement unless the context requires otherwise. In addition, the following terms have the following meanings:

(a) "Attapeu PPO" means a provincial project office to be established within PAFO in the Recipient's Attapeu Province;

(b) "Biodiversity Corridors" means geographic areas within or cutting across GMS Economic Corridors that need to be placed under sustainable management regimes to secure local livelihoods, address habitat fragmentation and maintain ecosystem services, which are designed to ensure the continuity of ecological processes between two or more natural protected areas;

(c) “Champasak PPO” means a provincial project office to be established within PAFO in the Recipient’s Champasak Province;

(d) “Consulting Guidelines” means the Guidelines on the Use of Consultants by Asian Development Bank and its Borrowers (2010, as amended from time to time);

(e) “Consulting Services” means the services to be financed out of the proceeds of the Grant as described in Schedule 3 to this Grant Agreement;

(f) “GMS” or “Greater Mekong Subregion” means a region comprising the Kingdom of Cambodia, a part of People's Republic of China, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Union of Myanmar, Kingdom of Thailand and Socialist Republic of Viet Nam;

(g) “GMS Economic Corridors” means a concept for economic development and cooperation, adopted during the 8th GMS Ministerial Meeting held in Manila in 1998;

(h) “Goods” means equipment and materials to be financed out of the proceeds of the Grant, including related services such as transportation, insurance, installation, commissioning, training, and initial maintenance, but excluding Consulting Services;

(i) “Loan Disbursement Handbook” means ADB’s Loan Disbursement Handbook (2007, as amended from time to time);

(j) “MAF” means the Recipient’s Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, or any successor thereto;

(k) “Output” means a set of the Project activities, as more fully described in Schedule 1 to this Grant Agreement;

(l) “PAFO” means the provincial agriculture and forestry office in each Project Province;

(m) “PAM” means the project administration manual for the Project dated 5 November 2010 and agreed between the Recipient and ADB, as updated from time to time in accordance with the respective administrative procedures of the Recipient and ADB;

(n) “PPO” means, individually, the Attapeu PPO, Champasak PPO or the Xekong PPO; and “PPOs” means, collectively, the Attapeu PPO, Champasak PPO and the Xekong PPO;

(o) “Procurement Guidelines” means ADB’s Procurement Guidelines (2010, as amended from time to time);

(p) “Procurement Plan” means the procurement plan for the Project dated 5 November 2010 and agreed between the Recipient and ADB, as updated from time to time in accordance with the Procurement Guidelines, the Consulting Guidelines, and other arrangements agreed with ADB;

(q) "Project Executing Agency" for the purposes of, and within the meaning of, the Grant Regulations means MAF or any successor thereto acceptable to ADB, which is responsible for carrying out the Project;

(r) "Project facilities" means any facilities to be constructed, provided, rehabilitated, operated and/or maintained under the Project;

(s) "Project Province" means any of Attapeu Province, Champasak Province or Xekong Province; and "Project Provinces" means all of them within the territory of the Recipient where the Project is carried out, and/or the Project facilities are operated and maintained;

(t) "Subproject" means a subproject to be financed under the Project, as selected in accordance with the PAM;

(u) "VDF" means a village development fund to be used for the purposes of the Project;

(v) "Works" means construction or civil works to be financed out of the proceeds of the Grant, including services such as drilling or mapping, and project related services that are provided as part of a single responsibility or turnkey contract, but excluding Consulting Services;

(w) "WREA" means the Recipient's Water Resources and Environment Administration, or any successor thereto; and

(x) "Xekong PPO" means a provincial project office to be established within PAFO in the Recipient's Xekong Province.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **The Grant**

Section 2.01. ADB agrees to make available to the Recipient from ADB's Special Funds resources on terms and conditions set forth in this Grant Agreement an amount of twenty million Dollars (\$20,000,000).

## **ARTICLE III**

### **Use of Proceeds of the Grant**

Section 3.01. The Recipient shall cause the proceeds of the Grant to be applied to the financing of expenditures on the Project in accordance with the provisions of this Grant Agreement.

Section 3.02. The proceeds of the Grant shall be allocated and withdrawn in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 2 to this Grant Agreement, as such Schedule may be amended from time to time by agreement between the Recipient and ADB.

Section 3.03. Except as ADB may otherwise agree, the Recipient shall procure or cause to be procured items of expenditure in accordance with the applicable provisions of Schedule 3 to this Grant Agreement.

Section 3.04. Withdrawals from the Grant Account in respect of Goods, Works and Consulting Services shall be made only on account of expenditures relating to

- (a) Goods which are produced in and supplied from and Works and Consulting Services which are supplied from such member countries of ADB as shall have been specified by ADB from time to time as eligible sources for procurement, and
- (b) Goods, Works and Consulting Services which meet such other eligibility requirements as shall have been specified by ADB from time to time.

Section 3.05. The Grant Closing Date for the purposes of Section 8.02 of the Grant Regulations shall be 30 September 2019 or such other date as may from time to time be agreed between the Recipient and ADB.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **Particular Covenants**

Section 4.01. In the carrying out of the Project and operation of the Project facilities, the Recipient shall perform, or cause to be performed, all obligations set forth in Schedule 4 to this Grant Agreement.

Section 4.02. (a) The Recipient shall (i) maintain, or cause to be maintained, separate accounts for the Project; (ii) have such accounts and related financial statements audited annually, in accordance with appropriate auditing standards consistently applied, by independent auditors whose qualifications, experience and terms of reference are acceptable to ADB; (iii) furnish to ADB, as soon as available but in any event not later than 9 months after the end of each related fiscal year, certified copies of such audited accounts and financial statements and the report of the auditors relating thereto (including the auditors' opinion on the use of the Grant proceeds and compliance with the financial covenants of this Grant Agreement as well as on the use of the procedures for imprest account/statement of expenditures), all in the English language; and (iv) furnish to ADB such other information concerning such accounts and financial statements and the audit thereof as ADB shall from time to time reasonably request.

(b) The Recipient shall enable ADB, upon ADB's request, to discuss the Recipient's financial statements for the Project and its financial affairs related to the Project from time to time with the auditors appointed by the Recipient pursuant to Section 4.02(a) hereabove, and shall authorize and require any representative of such auditors to participate in any such discussions requested by ADB, provided that any such discussion shall be conducted only in the presence of an authorized officer of the Recipient unless the Recipient shall otherwise agree.

Section 4.03. The Recipient shall enable ADB's representatives to inspect the Project, the Goods and Works financed out of the proceeds of the Grant, and any relevant records and documents.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **Effectiveness**

Section 5.01. A date 90 days after the date of this Grant Agreement is specified for the effectiveness of the Grant Agreement for the purposes of Section 9.04 of the Grant Regulations.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **Miscellaneous**

Section 6.01. The Minister of Finance of the Recipient is designated as representative of the Recipient for the purposes of Section 11.02 of the Grant Regulations.

Section 6.02. The following addresses are specified for the purposes of Section 11.01 of the Grant Regulations:

#### For the Recipient

Ministry of Finance  
23 Singha Road  
P.O. Box 46  
Vientiane Capital  
Lao People's Democratic Republic

Facsimile Numbers:

(856-21) 412142  
(856-21) 900926.

For ADB

Asian Development Bank  
6 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City  
1550 Metro Manila, Philippines

Facsimile Numbers:

(632) 636-2444  
(632) 636-2305.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto, acting through their representatives thereunto duly authorized, have caused this Grant Agreement to be signed in their respective names and to be delivered at the principal office of ADB, as of the day and year first above written.

LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

By



VIENGTHONG SIPHANDONE  
Vice-Minister of Finance

ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

By



CHONG CHI NAI  
Country Director  
Lao Resident Mission

## SCHEDULE 1

### Description of the Project

1. The objective of the Project is the establishment of sustainably managed Biodiversity Corridors in the Project Provinces.

2. The Project shall comprise the following Outputs:

**Output 1: Strengthening of Institutions and Communities for Biodiversity Corridor Management.** (a) Strengthening the capacity of the national, provincial, district and commune levels for corridor planning and management; and (b) providing protection and sustainable use policies, guidelines and/or local regulations for enforcing biodiversity corridor management plans.

**Output 2: Restoration, Protection and Sustainable Management of Biodiversity Corridors.** Carrying out (a) forest restoration, (b) natural forest replanting, (c) enrichment planting, and (d) non-timber forest products planting and agroforestry.

**Output 3: Improvement of Livelihoods and Provision of Small Scale Infrastructure Support.** Implementing Subprojects to be selected in accordance with the PAM.

**Output 4: Project Management and Support Services.** Providing support services and building capacity on Project administration, procurement, financial management, progress reporting, impact monitoring, social and environmental safeguards and contract management.

3. The Project is expected to be completed by 31 March 2019.



## SCHEDULE 2

### Allocation and Withdrawal of Grant Proceeds

#### General

1. The table attached to this Schedule sets forth the Categories of items of expenditure to be financed out of the proceeds of the Grant and the allocation of amounts of the Grant to each such Category ("Table"). (Reference to "Category" in this Schedule is to a Category or Categories of the Table.)

#### Percentages of ADB Financing

2. Except as ADB may otherwise agree, each item of expenditure shall be financed out of the proceeds of the Grant on the basis of the percentages set forth in the Table.

#### Reallocation

3. Notwithstanding the allocation of Grant proceeds and the withdrawal percentages set forth in the Table,

(a) if the amount of the Grant allocated to any Category appears to be insufficient to finance all agreed expenditures in that Category, ADB may, by notice to the Recipient, (i) reallocate to such Category, to the extent required to meet the estimated shortfall, amounts of the Grant which have been allocated to another Category but, in the opinion of ADB, are not needed to meet other expenditures, and (ii) if such reallocation cannot fully meet the estimated shortfall, reduce the withdrawal percentage applicable to such expenditures in order that further withdrawals under such Category may continue until all expenditures thereunder shall have been made; and

(b) if the amount of the Grant allocated to any Category appears to exceed all agreed expenditures in that Category, ADB may, by notice to the Recipient, reallocate such excess amount to any other Category.

#### Disbursement Procedures

4. Except as ADB may otherwise agree, the Grant proceeds shall be disbursed in accordance with the Loan Disbursement Handbook.

#### Imprest Account and Statement of Expenditures

5. (a) Except as ADB may otherwise agree, the Recipient shall establish, and cause to be established, immediately after the Effective Date, (i) a first generation imprest account at the Bank of Lao PDR, and (ii) five (5) second generation imprest accounts, one (1) each for MAF, WREA, Attapeu PPO, Champasak PPO and Xekong PPO, at commercial banks acceptable to ADB (collectively, imprest accounts). The imprest accounts shall be established, managed, replenished and liquidated in accordance with the Loan Disbursement Handbook, and detailed arrangements agreed upon between the Recipient and ADB. The currency of the imprest accounts shall be the Dollar. The amount to be

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deposited into the first generation imprest account shall not exceed the lower of (i) the estimated expenditure to be financed from the imprest account for the coming 6 months of Project implementation, or (ii) two million Dollars (\$2,000,000). The amount to be deposited into each second generation imprest account shall not exceed the lower of (i) the estimated expenditure to be financed from the imprest account for the coming 6 months of Project implementation, or (ii) three hundred thousand Dollars (\$300,000).

(b) The statement of expenditures procedure may be used for reimbursement of eligible expenditures and to liquidate advances provided into the imprest account, in accordance with the Loan Disbursement Handbook and detailed arrangements agreed upon between the Recipient and ADB. Any individual payment to be reimbursed or liquidated under the statement of expenditures procedure shall not exceed the equivalent of one hundred thousand Dollars (\$100,000) per payment.

Condition for Disbursement for a Project Province

6. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Grant Agreement, no disbursement shall be made for a Project Province until, in such Province, a PPO has been established, with a (i) provincial project coordinator; (ii) chief accountant; and (iii) safeguard officer who shall be responsible for monitoring safeguard compliance during Subproject design and implementation.

TABLE

<b>ALLOCATION AND WITHDRAWAL OF GRANT PROCEEDS (Greater Mekong Subregion Biodiversity Conservation Corridors Project)</b>				
<b>CATEGORY</b>				<b>ADB FINANCING</b>
<b>Number</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Amount Allocated (\$)</b>		<b>Percentage and Basis for Withdrawal from the Grant Account</b>
		<b>Category</b>	<b>Subcategory</b>	
1	Works	7,038,000		100 percent of total expenditure
2	Office Refurbishment	102,000		100 percent of total expenditure
3	Vehicles and Equipment	916,900		
3A	Vehicles		410,000	100 percent of total expenditure
3B	Equipment		506,900	100 percent of total expenditure
4	Goods and Services	5,971,300		100 percent of total expenditure
5	Livelihoods improvement	714,400		100 percent of total expenditure
6	Consulting Services	3,173,600		100 percent of total expenditure
7	Training	702,800		100 percent of total expenditure
8	Project Management	1,381,000		100 percent of total expenditure
	Total	20,000,000		

### SCHEDULE 3

#### Provisions on Procurement and Consulting Services

##### General

1. The procurement of Goods, Works and Consulting Services shall be subject to and governed by the Procurement Guidelines, and the Consulting Guidelines, respectively.
2. All terms used and not otherwise defined in this Grant Agreement have the meanings provided in the Procurement Guidelines and/or the Consulting Guidelines, as applicable.

##### Procurement of Goods and Works

3. Except as ADB may otherwise agree, Goods and Works shall only be procured on the basis of the methods of procurement set forth below:
  - (a) National Competitive Bidding;
  - (b) Shopping;
  - (c) Direct Contracting; and
  - (d) Community Participation.
4. The methods of procurement are subject to, among other things, the detailed arrangements and threshold values set forth in the Procurement Plan. The Recipient may only modify the methods of procurement or threshold values with the prior agreement of ADB, and modifications must be set out in updates to the Procurement Plan.

##### National Competitive Bidding

5. The Recipient and ADB shall ensure that, prior to the commencement of any procurement activity under national competitive bidding, the Recipient's national competitive bidding procedures are consistent with the Procurement Guidelines. Any modifications or clarifications to such procedures agreed between the Recipient and ADB shall be set out in the Procurement Plan. Any subsequent change to the agreed modifications and clarifications shall become effective only after approval of such change by the Recipient and ADB.

##### Community Participation in Procurement

6. The Recipient may use community participation in procurement in accordance with the agreed procedures set out in the Procurement Plan.

##### Selection of Consulting Services

7. Except as ADB may otherwise agree, and except as set forth in the paragraph below, the Recipient shall apply quality- and cost-based selection for selecting and engaging Consulting Services.

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8. The Recipient shall apply the following method for selecting and engaging the specified Consulting Services, in accordance with, among other things, the procedures set forth in the Procurement Plan: Consultants' Qualifications Selection for feasibility study, detailed design, supervision, safeguards, and design and capacity of VDF.

9. The Recipient may recruit the individual consultants, if required and acceptable to ADB, in accordance with procedures acceptable to ADB for recruiting individual consultants.

Industrial or Intellectual Property Rights

10. (a) The Recipient shall ensure that all Goods and Works procured (including without limitation all computer hardware, software and systems, whether separately procured or incorporated within other goods and services procured) do not violate or infringe any industrial property or intellectual property right or claim of any third party.

(b) The Recipient shall ensure that all contracts for the procurement of Goods and Works contain appropriate representations, warranties and, if appropriate, indemnities from the contractor or supplier with respect to the matters referred to in subparagraph (a) of this paragraph.

11. The Recipient shall ensure that all ADB-financed contracts with consultants contain appropriate representations, warranties and, if appropriate, indemnities from the consultants to ensure that the Consulting Services provided do not violate or infringe any industrial property or intellectual property right or claim of any third party.

ADB's Review of Procurement Decisions

12. Contracts for Consulting Services shall be subject to prior review by ADB, unless otherwise agreed between the Recipient and ADB and set forth in the Procurement Plan.

## SCHEDULE 4

### Execution of Project and Operation of Project Facilities; Financial Matters

#### Implementation Arrangements

1. The Recipient shall ensure that the Project is implemented in accordance with the detailed arrangements set forth in the PAM. Any subsequent change to the PAM shall become effective only after approval of such change by MAF and ADB. In the event of any discrepancy between the PAM and this Grant Agreement, the provisions of this Grant Agreement shall prevail.

#### Environment

2. The Recipient shall ensure that the Project facilities are constructed and operated in compliance with the Recipient's applicable environmental laws and regulations and ADB's *Safeguard Policy Statement* (2009), and that no Subproject with significant adverse environmental impacts is financed under the Project. In particular, the Recipient shall ensure that Subprojects are carried out in accordance with environmental assessment procedures provided in the environmental assessment and review framework, and the respective Subproject environmental management plans as agreed between the Recipient and ADB.

3. The Recipient shall ensure that no Subproject with Category A environmental criteria as defined in the *Safeguard Policy Statement*, is financed under the Project.

#### Resettlement

4. The Recipient shall ensure that no Subproject with the ADB's Category A resettlement criteria is financed under the Project. Prior to the commencement of any resettlement activities under a Subproject with any involuntary resettlement impacts, the Recipient shall prepare or update as the case may be, and submit to ADB for approval, the relevant resettlement plans in accordance with the resettlement framework as agreed between the Recipient and ADB, the Recipient's relevant laws and regulations and ADB's *Safeguard Policy Statement*. The Recipient shall not issue a notice to commence Works in a particular Subproject, until (a) compensation payment and relocation of the affected people in such particular Subproject, if any, have been completed satisfactorily in accordance with the respective resettlement plan; (b) rehabilitation assistance has been in place; and (c) such Subproject is free of all encumbrances. The Recipient shall also ensure that a grievance mechanism is established for affected people in the Project Provinces where Subprojects are implemented.

#### Ethnic Groups

5. The Recipient shall ensure that Subprojects do not adversely affect ethnic groups. In particular, the Project shall be carried out in accordance with the indigenous peoples planning framework, as agreed between the Recipient and ADB. The Recipient shall ensure that no Subprojects with significant adverse impacts on ethnic groups are financed under the Project. For Subprojects in which ethnic groups are present and affected, an indigenous peoples development plan shall be prepared in accordance with the indigenous peoples

planning framework. The Recipient shall ensure that, measures to improve the welfare of ethnic groups are built into the overall Subproject design where the indigenous peoples population exceeds 60% and no negative impact on such ethnic groups is expected.

#### Gender and Development

6. The Recipient shall ensure that the Project's gender action plans are implemented in a timely manner. MAF and the Project Provinces shall ensure that the gender mainstreaming activities are (a) incorporated into the Project design and undertaken during Project implementation; and (b) monitored by the relevant divisions within MAF. Such activities shall include (a) women's participation in the consultation and participatory process through the inclusion of representatives of Women's unions; (b) the opportunity for women to participate in Subproject construction activities on the basis of equal pay for work of equal value; (c) the opportunity for women to participate in post-construction Subproject operation and maintenance activities on the basis of equal pay for work of equal value; (d) pro-poor activities specifically focused on women's needs; (e) equal opportunity for men and women to attend training courses; (f) the inclusion of a social specialist in the Project implementation consulting team to address gender issues; and (g) the use of gender-disaggregated data in the benefit monitoring aspects of Project monitoring and evaluation.

#### Community Awareness and Beneficiary Participation

7. MAF shall ensure that Project Provinces promote active community awareness and stakeholder participation in the design, implementation and performance monitoring of Project activities and Subprojects, through (a) disseminating the nature of the proposed Project works in open public fora; and (b) establishing a mechanism for public consultation, and that bidding documents financed under the Project include provisions to ensure contractors' preference to hire local labor and to comply with the Recipient's labor law and labor regulations including guaranteeing equal opportunities for female workers to work with the principle of equal pay for work of equal value.

#### Operation and Maintenance of Project Facilities

8. The Recipient shall ensure that within 24 months of the Effective Date, each Project Province executes with MAF a memorandum of understanding, acceptable to ADB. Such memorandum of understanding shall include provisions to (a) prepare a maintenance management plan that includes estimates of the physical works and associated costs required for routine and periodic maintenance, as well as provisions for emergency repairs for the duration of the Project facilities; (b) include the maintenance management plans in its annual budgets; (c) provide adequate funds in a timely manner from provincial budgets to implement the maintenance management plan; and (d) establish mechanisms for the safe and proper use for each of the Project facilities in accordance with national regulations and practice.

#### Monitoring of Social and Environmental Safeguards

9. Within 12 months of the Effective Date, MAF shall execute a contract with suitably qualified institutions such as social science institutes, universities, consulting firms, non-governmental organizations, other institutions or individuals acceptable to ADB, for social and environmental safeguards monitoring. Such contract shall be submitted to ADB, and

regular reports from the contracted institution/individual shall be included in the semi-annual reports to be submitted to ADB.

#### Subproject Selection and Screening

10. Subprojects shall be carried out in accordance with procedures and criteria as provided in the PAM. In particular, candidate Subprojects shall be screened by the following criteria:

- (a) technically feasible and appropriate for terrain/mountainous areas;
- (b) affordable within the block allocation provided per commune and meeting specific needs of the beneficiaries;
- (c) optimizing the inputs of local resources including labor, materials, enterprises and knowledge;
- (d) within the realistic envelope of the existing maintenance capacities to ensure that no additional maintenance burdens are imposed which are impossible to meet;
- (e) performing the intended purpose for the entire duration of their design life; and
- (f) complying with social and environmental safeguards.

#### VDF Management Guidelines

11. The Recipient shall ensure that before any activities financed by VDF start, the Project Provinces issue regulations on VDF establishment and its use, satisfactory to ADB. Such regulations shall include, among other things, (a) eligibility criteria for activities and recipients to be financed by VDF; (b) eligible expenditures that may be financed by VDF, (c) administration mechanism of VDF including accounting and funds flow; and (d) reporting mechanism. Once approved, the Recipient shall ensure that activities financed by VDF are implemented in accordance with the agreed guidelines.

#### Governance and Anticorruption

12. The Recipient (a) acknowledges ADB's right to investigate, directly or through its agents, any alleged corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practices relating to the Project; and (b) agrees to cooperate, and shall cause the Project Executing Agency, and all other Recipient's offices, organizations and entities involved in implementing the Project to cooperate, fully with any such investigation and to extend all necessary assistance, including providing access to all relevant books and records, as may be necessary for the satisfactory completion of any such investigation. In particular, the Recipient shall ensure that (a) periodic inspections of the Project contractors' activities related to fund withdrawals and settlements are carried out; (b) relevant provisions of ADB's Anticorruption Policy (1998, as amended to date) are included in all bidding documents for the Project; and (c) contracts, financed under the Project, include provisions specifying the right of ADB to audit and examine the records and accounts of MAF and PPOs, contractors, suppliers, consultants, and other service providers as they relate to the Project. VDF activities shall be carried out in accordance with guidelines and maintaining transparency requirements satisfactory to ADB.

13. The Recipient shall disclose through MAF website accessible by the general public, information about various matters concerning the Project, including general Project information, procurement, Project progress, and contact details in English and Laotian



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languages. The website shall also provide a link to ADB's Integrity Unit (<http://www.adb.org/Integrity/complaint.asp>) for reporting to ADB any grievances or allegations of corrupt practices arising out of the Project and Project activities. With regard to procurement, the website shall include information on the list of participating bidders, name of the winning bidder, basic details on bidding procedures adopted, amount of contract awarded, and the list of Goods, Works and Consulting Services procured.