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Financing Agreement

(Fostering Innovation through Research, Science and Technology Project)

between

SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

and

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Dated July 25 **, 2013**

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FINANCING AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT dated July 25, 2013, entered into between the SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM ("Recipient") and the INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION ("Association"). The Recipient and the Association hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I — GENERAL CONDITIONS; DEFINITIONS

1.01. The General Conditions (as defined and modified in the Appendix to this Agreement) constitute an integral part of this Agreement.

1.02. Unless the context requires otherwise, the capitalized terms used in this Agreement have the meanings ascribed to them in the General Conditions or in the Appendix to this Agreement.

ARTICLE II — FINANCING

2.01. The Association agrees to extend to the Recipient, on the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in this Agreement, a credit in an amount equivalent to sixty six million eight hundred thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 66,800,000) (variously, "Credit" and "Financing") to assist in financing the project described in Schedule 1 to this Agreement ("Project").

2.02. The Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Financing in accordance with Section IV of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

2.03. The Maximum Commitment Charge Rate payable by the Recipient on the Unwithdrawn Financing Balance shall be one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%) per annum.

2.04. The Service Charge payable by the Recipient on the Withdrawn Credit Balance shall be equal to three-fourths of one percent (3/4 of 1%) per annum.

2.05. The Interest Charge payable by the Recipient on the Withdrawn Credit Balance shall be equal to one and a quarter percent (1.25%) per annum.

2.06. The Payment Dates are May 1 and November 1 in each year.

2.07. The principal amount of the Credit shall be repaid in accordance with the repayment schedule set forth in Schedule 3 to this Agreement.

2.08. The Payment Currency is Dollar.

ARTICLE III — PROJECT

3.01. The Recipient declares its commitment to the objective of the Project. To this end, the Recipient shall carry out the Project through the MoST, all in accordance with the provisions of Article IV of the General Conditions.

3.02. Without limitation upon the provisions of Section 3.01 of this Agreement, and except as the Recipient and the Association shall otherwise agree, the Recipient shall ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

ARTICLE IV — EFFECTIVENESS; TERMINATION

4.01. The Effectiveness Deadline is the date ninety (90) days after the date of this Agreement.

4.02. For purposes of Section 8.05 (b) of the General Conditions, the date on which the obligations of the Recipient under this Agreement (other than those providing for payment obligations) shall terminate is twenty (20) years after the date of this Agreement.

ARTICLE V — REPRESENTATIVE; ADDRESSES

5.01. The Recipient's Representative is the Governor, or a Deputy Governor, of State Bank of Vietnam.

5.02. The Recipient's Address is:

State Bank of Vietnam
49 Ly Thai To
Hanoi, Vietnam

Facsimile:

(84-4) 3825 0612

5.03. The Association's Address is:

International Development Association
1818 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20433
United States of America

Cable:	Telex:	Facsimile:
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AGREED at Hanoi, Socialist Republic of Vietnam, as of the day and year first above written.

SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

By

Authorized Representative

Name: _____

Title: Nguyen Van Binh,
Governor, State Bank of Vietnam

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By

Authorized Representative

Name: Victoria Kwakwa

Title: Country Director