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PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO APPENDIX I OF JAPAN

Communication from Japan pursuant to Article XXIV:6(a)¹ of the GPA

The following communication, dated 12 March 2004, from the Delegation of Japan is being circulated to the Parties to the Agreement on Government Procurement.

1. Pursuant to Article XXIV, paragraph 6(a) of the Agreement on Government Procurement, the Government of Japan wishes to notify the Committee on Government Procurement the following modifications of a purely formal nature relating to Annex 3 of Appendix I of the Agreement on Government Procurement:

- Delete "Japan Environment Corporation" and "Pollution-Related Health Damage Compensation Association" from "List of Entities" and "List of Entities which procure the services, specified in Annex 4".
- Add "Japan Environmental Safety Corporation" and "Environmental Restoration and Conservation Agency" to "List of Entities" and "List of Entities which procure the services, specified in Annex 4".

2. The above modifications are the results of the following organizational changes. These modifications do not alter the level of the mutually agreed coverage provided in the Agreement:

"Japan Environment Corporation" and "Pollution-Related Health Damage Compensation Association" are to be abolished on 1 April 2004. "Japan Environmental Safety Corporation" and "Environmental Restoration and Conservation Agency" are to be established on the same day to replace those two entities. (The undertakings concerning the PCB waste management program and the services providing information and technical expertise on environmental protection that have been conducted by "Japan Environment Corporation" will be transferred to "Japan Environmental Safety Corporation". "Environmental Restoration and Conservation Agency" will conduct the other undertakings that have been carried out by "Japan Environment Corporation" and all undertakings that have been carried out by "Pollution-Related Health Damage Compensation Association".)

¹ Article XXIV:6(a) reads as follows: *Rectifications or Modifications* (a) Rectifications, transfers of an entity from one Annex to another or, in exceptional cases, other modifications relating to Appendices I through IV shall be notified to the Committee, along with information as to the likely consequences of the change for the mutually agreed coverage provided in this Agreement. If the rectifications, transfers or other modifications are of a purely formal or minor nature, they shall become effective provided there is no objection within 30 days. In other cases, the Chairman of the Committee shall promptly convene a meeting of the Committee. The Committee shall consider the proposal and any claim for compensatory adjustments, with a view to maintaining a balance of rights and obligations and a comparable level of mutually agreed coverage provided in this Agreement prior to such notification. In the event of agreement not being reached, the matter may be pursued in accordance with the provisions contained in Article XXII.

3. Attachment A² provides a summary of the modifications proposed by Japan to pages 1/5, 3/5 and 4/5 of Annex 3 of Appendix I. Attachment B² indicates how pages 1/5, 3/5 and 4/5 of Annex 3 of Appendix I would appear after the proposed modifications have been made.

² Attachments A and B are in English only.

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ATTACHMENT A

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ANNEX 3

*All Other Entities which Procure in Accordance
with the Provisions of this Agreement*

Supplies

Threshold:

130 thousand SDR

List of Entities:

1. Group A

- Water Resources Development Public Corporation
- Japan Regional Development Corporation
- Japan Green Resources Corporation
- Japan National Oil Corporation (c)
- Japan Railway Construction Public Corporation (a) (d)
- New Tokyo International Airport Authority
- Japan Highway Public Corporation
- Metropolitan Expressway Public Corporation
- Hanshin Expressway Public Corporation
- Honshu-Shikoku Bridge Authority
- Urban Development Corporation (a)
- Japan Science and Technology Corporation
- Japan Nuclear Cycle Development Institute (b)
- ~~Japan Environment Corporation~~ Japan Environmental Safety Corporation
- Japan International Cooperation Agency
- Social Welfare and Medical Service Corporation
- Government Pension Investment Fund
- Agriculture and Livestock Industries Corporation
- Metal Mining Agency of Japan (c)
- Japan Small and Medium Enterprise Corporation
- Japan Post
- Labour Welfare Corporation
- Employment and Human Resources Development Organization of Japan
- Okinawa Development Finance Corporation
- National Life Finance Corporation
- Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Finance Corporation
- Japan Finance Corporation for Small Business
- Housing Loan Corporation
- Japan Finance Corporation for Municipal Enterprises
- Development Bank of Japan
- Japan Bank for International Cooperation
- Teito Rapid Transit Authority (a)
- Japan Tobacco Inc.
- Hokkaido Railway Company (a)
- East Japan Railway Company (a)
- Central Japan Railway Company (a)
- West Japan Railway Company (a)
- Shikoku Railway Company (a)
- Kyushu Railway Company (a)
- Japan Freight Railway Company (a)
- Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Co. (f)
- Northern Territories Issue Association
- Japan Consumers Information Center
- Japan Atomic Energy Research Institute (b)
- RIKEN (The Institute of Physical and Chemical Research) (b)
- ~~Pollution Related Health Damage Compensation Association~~ Environmental Restoration and Conservation Agency
- Fund for the Promotion and Development of the Amami Islands
- Japan Foundation
- The Japan Scholarship Foundation

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Supplies (cont'd)

- National Traffic Safety and Environment Laboratory
- National Maritime Research Institute
- Port and Airport Research Institute
- Electronic Navigation Research Institute
- Civil Engineering Research Institute of Hokkaido
- Marine Technical College
- National Institute for Sea Training
- Schools for Seafarers Training
- Civil Aviation College
- National Institute for Environmental Studies
- Labor Management Organization for USFJ Employees
- National Agency for Vehicle Inspection
- National Statistics Center
- Japan Mint
- National Printing Bureau

Services

Threshold:

Construction services:

4,500 thousand SDR for Japan Post in Group A
15,000 thousand SDR for all other entities in Group A
4,500 thousand SDR for entities in Group B

Architectural, engineering and other technical services covered by this Agreement:
450 thousand SDR

Other services: 130 thousand SDR

List of Entities which procure the services, specified in Annex 4:

1. Group A

- Water Resources Development Public Corporation
- Japan Regional Development Corporation
- Japan Green Resources Corporation
- Japan National Oil Corporation (c)
- Japan Railway Construction Public Corporation (a) (d)

- New Tokyo International Airport Authority
- Japan Highway Public Corporation
- Metropolitan Expressway Public Corporation
- Hanshin Expressway Public Corporation
- Honshu-Shikoku Bridge Authority
- Urban Development Corporation (a)
- Japan Science and Technology Corporation
- Japan Nuclear Cycle Development Institute (b)
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- Japan International Cooperation Agency
- Social Welfare and Medical Service Corporation
- Government Pension Investment Fund
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- Metal Mining Agency of Japan (c)
- Japan Small and Medium Enterprise Corporation
- Japan Post
- Labour Welfare Corporation
- Employment and Human Resources Development Organization of Japan
- Okinawa Development Finance Corporation
- National Life Finance Corporation
- Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Finance Corporation
- Japan Finance Corporation for Small Business
- Housing Loan Corporation
- Japan Finance Corporation for Municipal Enterprises
- Development Bank of Japan
- Japan Bank for International Cooperation
- Teito Rapid Transit Authority (a)
- Japan Tobacco Inc. (g)
- Hokkaido Railway Company (a)(g)
- East Japan Railway Company (a)(g)
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- Japan Freight Railway Company (a)(g)
- Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Co. (f)(g)
- Northern Territories Issue Association
- Japan Consumers Information Center

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Services (cont'd)

- Japan Atomic Energy Research Institute (b)
 - RIKEN (The Institute of Physical and Chemical Research) (b)
 - ~~Pollution-Related Health Damage Compensation Association~~ Environmental Restoration and Conservation Agency
 - Fund for the Promotion and Development of the Amami Islands
 - Japan Foundation
 - The Japan Scholarship Foundation
 - Japan Arts Council
 - Japan Society for the Promotion of Science
 - University of the Air Foundation
 - National Stadium and School Health Center of Japan
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 - Japan Racing Association
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 - The National Association of Racing
 - Farmers' Pension Fund
 - Japan Keirin Association
 - Japan External Trade Organization
 - Japan Motorcycle Racing Organization
 - New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization
 - Japan National Tourist Organization
 - Japan Institute of Labour
 - Mutual Aid Fund for Official Casualties and Retirement of Volunteer Firemen
 - Corporation for Advanced Transport and Technology (e)
 - The Promotion and Mutual Aid Corporation for Private Schools of Japan
 - Organization for Workers' Retirement Allowance Mutual Aid
 - National Center for University Entrance Examinations
 - National Institute of Special Education
 - National Olympics Memorial Youth Center
 - National Women's Education Center
 - National Youth Houses
 - National Children's Centers
 - The National Institute for Japanese Language
 - National Science Museum
 - National Institute for Materials Science
 - National Research Institute for Earth Science and Disaster Prevention
 - National Aerospace Laboratory of Japan
 - National Institute of Radiological Sciences
 - National Museum of Art
 - National Museum
 - National Research Institute for Cultural Properties
 - National Center for Teachers' Development
 - National Institute of Health and Nutrition
 - National Institute of Industrial Safety
 - National Institute of Industrial Health
 - Center for Food Quality, Labeling and Consumer Services
 - National Center for Seeds and Seedlings
 - National Livestock Breeding Center
 - Fertilizer and Feed Inspection Station
 - Agricultural Chemicals Inspection Station
 - National Farmers Academy
 - Forest Tree Breeding Center
 - National Salmon Resources Center
 - National Fisheries University
 - National Agricultural Research Organization
 - National Institute of Agrobiological Sciences
 - National Institute for Agro-Environmental Sciences
 - National Institute for Rural Engineering
 - National Food Research Institute
 - Japan International Research Center for Agricultural Sciences
 - Forestry and Forest Products Research Institute
2. Group B
- National Archives of Japan
 - Communications Research Laboratory
 - National Research Institute of Fire and Disaster
 - National Research Institute of Brewing

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ATTACHMENT B

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ANNEX 3

*All Other Entities which Procure in Accordance
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List of Entities:

1. Group A

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