<u>Comsis Information Technology Solutions Services</u> ("Comsis Afghanistan")

It is recommended that Comsis Afghanistan (together with any entity that is an Affiliate directly or indirectly controlled by Comsis Afghanistan) be declared ineligible (i) to be awarded or otherwise benefit from a Bankfinanced contract, financially or in any other manner; ¹ (ii) to be a nominated sub-contractor, consultant, manufacturer or supplier, or service provider of an otherwise eligible firm being awarded a Bankfinanced contract; and (iii) to receive the proceeds of any loan made by the Bank or otherwise to participate further in the preparation or implementation of any Bank-Financed Project; provided, however, that after a minimum period of ineligibility of two (2) years, Comsis Afghanistan may be released from ineligibility only if Comsis Afghanistan has, in accordance with sub-paragraph 9.3 of Section III.A of the Sanctions Procedures, demonstrated to the World Bank Group's Integrity Compliance Officer that Comsis Afghanistan has complied with the following conditions:

- (a) Comsis Afghanistan has taken appropriate remedial measures to address the Sanctionable Practices for which Comsis Afghanistan has been sanctioned; and
- (b) Comsis Afghanistan has adopted and implemented, in a manner satisfactory to the Bank, integrity compliance measures as may be imposed by the World Bank Group's Integrity Compliance Officer pursuant to sub-paragraph 9.3(b) of Section III.A of the Sanctions Procedures (e.g., an integrity compliance program or elements thereof) to address the Sanctionable Practices.

In determining this recommended sanction, the SDO took into account, as an aggravating factor, that Comsis Afghanistan engaged in a repeated

For the avoidance of doubt, the declaration of ineligibility to be awarded a contract will include, without limitation, (i) applying for pre-qualification, expressing interest in a consultancy, and bidding, either directly or as a nominated sub-contractor, nominated consultant, nominated manufacturer or supplier, or nominated service provider, in respect of such contract, and (ii) entering into an addendum or amendment introducing a material modification to any existing contract.

A nominated sub-contractor, nominated consultant, nominated manufacturer or supplier, or nominated service provider (different names are used depending on the particular bidding document) is one which has been (i) included by the bidder in its prequalification application or bid because it brings specific and critical experience and know-how that allow the bidder to meet the qualification requirements for the particular bid or (ii) appointed by the borrower.

pattern of misconduct by engaging in fraudulent practices in connection with two separate Bank-financed projects, as well as a Bank vendor contract. The SDO also took into account, as mitigating factors, (i) the passage of time since the misconduct occurred and the Bank was made aware of it, and (ii) INT's representations as to the extent of Comsis Afghanistan's cooperation during the course of the investigation, noting in

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