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Docket Number: M-2008-038-C.

Petitioner: AMFIRE Mining Company, LLC, One Energy Place, Latrobe, Pennsylvania 15650.

Mine: Nolo Mine, MSHA I.D. No. 36-08850, located in Indiana County, Pennsylvania.

Regulation Affected: 30 CFR 75.500(d) (Permissible electric equipment).

Modification Request: The petitioner requests a modification of the existing standard to permit an alternative method to use low-voltage or battery-powered non-permissible electronic surveying equipment in or inby the last open crosscut, or within 150 feet of pillar workings under controlled conditions for surveying and mapping of the working section, and for final surveying in the return areas of the mine. The petitioner seeks modification of 30 CFR 75.500(d) and any other applicable standards as they pertain to restricting the use of non-permissible or non-intrinsically safe electrical testing and diagnostic equipment used by maintenance personnel for troubleshooting and repair of mining equipment commonly used and accepted which may include, but is not limited to: Low-voltage or battery-powered non-permissible electronic surveying equipment, portable battery operated hand drills, portable battery operated mine transits, electronic distance meters, and other equipment that may have to be used including but not limited to tools such as laptop computers. *The petitioner states that:* (1) Application of the existing standard will result in a diminution of safety to the miners; (2) mining equipment by its nature, size, complexity of mine plans, and relative closeness to other abandoned mines require that accurate and precise measurements be completed in a prompt and efficient manner; (3) all non-permissible electronic surveying equipment used in or inby the last open crosscut shall be examined prior to use to ensure that the equipment is being maintained in safe operating conditions; (4) the equipment will be examined at intervals not to exceed 7 days by a qualified person as defined in 30 CFR 75.153; (5) examination results will be recorded in the weekly examination of electrical equipment book; (6) a qualified person as defined in 30 CFR 75.151 will continuously monitor for methane immediately before and during the use of non-permissible electronic

test and diagnostic equipment in or inby the last open crosscut, in return areas, or within 150 feet of pillar workings; (7) if 1.0 percent or more of methane is detected, non-permissible electronic surveying equipment will be de-energized immediately and will be withdrawn outby the last open crosscut to intake air, or to a minimum of 150 feet outby the pillar workings; (8) all hand-held methane detectors will be MSHA-approved and maintained in permissible and proper operating condition as defined under 30 CFR 75.320; (9) qualified personnel engaged in the use of electronic surveying equipment will be properly trained to recognize the hazards and limitations associated with the use of such equipment; and (10) all electronic surveying equipment will be used in accordance with the manufacturer's recommended safe use procedures. Persons may review a complete description of petitioner's alternative method and procedures at the MSHA address listed in this notice. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method will at all times guarantee no less than the same measure of protection afforded the miners by such standard.

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Acting Deputy Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances.

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Summary of Millennium Challenge Compact With the Government of Burkina Faso

A. Introduction

Burkina Faso is a landlocked country in Africa's Sahel region, bordering Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Mali, Niger, and Togo, with a population of approximately 15.26 million people. It is one of the poorest countries in the world, ranking 176 out of 177 countries as surveyed by the United Nations Development Program's 2007 Human Development Index. In an effort to address constraints to investment, Burkina Faso has undertaken several broad macroeconomic reforms since the mid-1990s, including market-oriented reforms, decentralization of power from the central government to local governments, adoption of a new labor code, and business climate improvements. In light of these efforts, in 2007, the International Finance Corporation named Burkina Faso one of the top reformers in West Africa. In January 2008, Burkina Faso began a two-year term on the United Nations Security Council. Despite these reforms, recognitions, and moderate economic gains, Burkina Faso continues to face severe constraints to growth and poverty reduction.

B. Program Overview, Budget, and Impact

Constraints are particularly acute in rural areas. Agricultural activities involve 85 percent of the country's active population and contribute to approximately 36 percent of GDP and 88 percent of export earnings. Rural populations in Burkina Faso currently lack access to basic inputs needed to improve agricultural and livestock productivity, including secure land, skilled labor, adequate water resources, sufficient volumes of credit, and adequate access to markets. To address these constraints, the government of Burkina Faso ("GoBF") has proposed a US\$480,943,569, five-year Millennium Challenge Compact ("Compact") that will consist of four interdependent projects:

- Rural Land Governance Project—designed to increase investment in land and rural productivity through improved land tenure security and land management;
- Agriculture Development Project—designed to expand the productive use of land in order to increase the volume

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Notice of Entering Into a Compact With the Government of Burkina Faso

AGENCY: Millennium Challenge Corporation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 610(b)(2) of the Millennium Challenge Act of 2003 (Pub. L. 108-199, Division D), the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) is publishing a summary and the complete text of the Millennium Challenge Compact between the United States of America, acting through the Millennium Challenge Corporation, and the Government of Burkina Faso. Representatives of the United States Government and the Government of Burkina Faso executed the Compact documents on July 14, 2008.

and value of agricultural production in project zones;

- Roads Project—designed to enhance access to markets through investments in the road network; and

- BRIGHT 2 Schools Project—designed to increase primary school completion rates for girls (each of the four projects is referred to herein as a “Project”).

Table 1 below sets forth the Compact program (“Program”) budget at the Project level.

TABLE 1.—PROGRAM BUDGET BY PROJECT
[US\$ millions]

Component	CIF*	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total
Rural Land Governance Project	1.10	7.21	13.00	15.60	14.08	8.94	59.93
Agriculture Development Project	4.77	17.91	40.95	44.03	25.28	8.97	141.91
Roads Project	0.34	3.05	32.97	93.23	58.60	5.94	194.13
Bright 2 Schools Project	3.00	25.83	.....	.....	.....	.....	28.83
Monitoring & Evaluation	0.45	1.72	1.21	1.46	1.36	1.68	7.88
Program Administration and Oversight	6.44	7.95	8.17	8.87	8.45	8.38	48.26
Total MCC Funding	\$16.10	\$63.67	\$96.30	\$163.19	\$107.77	\$33.91	\$480.94

* Compact Implementation Funds (CIF) refer to funding available before the entry-into-force of the Compact.

Important synergies exist among the four Projects. The Agriculture Development Project will alleviate the constraint of poor water availability with investments in irrigation infrastructure and water management. This Project also will increase the availability of rural credit and provide technical assistance to farmers' groups and individual households, improving their ability to produce higher-value agricultural and livestock products. Complementary Rural Land Governance activities will secure land in the Agricultural Development Project areas and other areas, reducing economic losses due to land conflict or risk of conflict and encouraging productive investment in land. The Roads Project will rehabilitate rural and primary roads near the production zones, increasing opportunities for farmers to sell agricultural products and livestock, as well as to buy the necessary inputs. Finally, the BRIGHT 2 Schools Project will improve girls' literacy and numeracy skills, which will improve capacity for productive employment opportunities in the longer term.

1. Rural Land Governance Project (\$59.93 million)

The Rural Land Governance Project will assist the GoBF to fulfill its commitment to achieve a new rural land tenure framework by addressing the three constraints to rural economic activity, as identified by the GoBF through a consultative process: (a) Difficult access to formal land use rights; (b) unclear land rights leading to endemic and sometimes violent conflict; and (c) poor use of land resources resulting in land degradation.

A new rural land law is expected to be adopted prior to entry into force of the Compact, and will be based on the

existing, stakeholder-driven 2007 rural land policy. The Project also will support the GoBF's implementation of the 2004 decentralization law that authorizes transfer of key aspects of land governance to municipal governments. The Project consists of the following three mutually reinforcing activities:

(a) Legal and Procedural Change and Communication to support the GoBF's effort to develop and implement improved rural land legislation and to develop, revise and implement other legal and procedural frameworks;

(b) Institutional Development and Capacity Building which, in conjunction with the previous activity, is expected to improve institutional capacity to deliver land services in rural areas; and

(c) Site-Specific Land Tenure Interventions to ensure that the previous two activities yield their intended benefits across municipalities and in targeted agricultural development zones.

Most of the Project's site specific interventions will be scalable through a phased approach, thus enabling the expected returns on an initial share of the investments to be tested before the Project is expanded. Phase one will target 17 municipalities with a complete package of technical assistance and infrastructure construction, and a set of up-front investments that are not municipality-specific. The decision to move forward with phase two will be subject to the Project's satisfactory performance on specific economic, legal and policy indicators. Phase two will include the balance of the Compact's term and target up to 30 additional municipalities for technical assistance and infrastructure, and expand

investments associated with other sub-activities.

2. Agriculture Development Project (\$141.91 million)

The Agriculture Development Project is designed to address core constraints typical of rural Burkina Faso: (a) Poor water resource availability and management; (b) weak beneficiary capacity; (c) lack of access to pricing information, markets, and inputs; and (d) lack of access to credit. This Project has synergies with MCC's other investments in rural land governance and roads infrastructure. Improvements in the road network will reduce constraints that producers face in terms of isolation from markets and high transport costs, while investments in land tenure security will be an important factor in motivating producers to invest time and capital in their operations. The Project consists of the following three activities:

(a) Water Management and Irrigation to ensure adequate water availability, water delivery, flood control, and dam safety to support and protect investments in the Sourou Valley and to ensure better water resource management in the Comoé Basin;

(b) Diversified Agriculture to build on the delivery of water in the Project zones by supporting on-farm production and related activities throughout the agricultural value chain; and

(c) Access to Rural Finance to increase medium- and long-term credit in the four western regions of Sud-Ouest, Hauts Bassins, Cascades, and Boucle du Mouhoun.

3. Roads Project (\$194.13 million)

Burkina Faso's Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper identifies infrastructure development as a critical priority for increased economic growth. For a

landlocked country, the road transport network is an important asset for economic development to facilitate trade and communications with regional and international markets and to improve local connectivity of farms to markets. Road network investments also improve access to social services in rural communities, such as those in western Burkina Faso, which currently are underserved due to an inadequate transport system.

The Project is designed to (a) improve access to agricultural markets by upgrading primary and rural road segments serving the Sourou Valley and the Comoé Basin; (b) reduce travel time to markets and vehicle operating costs; and (c) ensure sustainability of the road network by strengthening road maintenance. Benefits are expected to result primarily from increasing the year-round accessibility to markets of agriculturally productive regions that are typically cut off during the rainy season.

The Project consists of the following four activities:

(a) Development of Primary Roads to support the improvements of three primary road segments in western Burkina Faso currently projected to total 271 kilometers;

(b) Development of Rural Roads to support the improvement of 151 kilometers of road segments located in three rural areas in the Comoé Basin of southwestern Burkina Faso. These roads currently exist as rural tracks and improvements will include upgrading to a fully engineered rural road standard;

(c) Capacity Building and Technical Assistance to reinforce the effectiveness of existing government agencies and private sector institutions involved in road maintenance planning and implementation; and

(d) Incentive Matching Fund for Periodic Road Maintenance to set the GoBF on a path toward long-term, sustainable funding of periodic, or

major, maintenance on the full road network in Burkina Faso.

4. Bright 2 Schools Project (\$28.83 million)

The BRIGHT 2 Schools Project extends the successful threshold program that focused on improving primary school completion rates for girls. The Project will consist of two phases. Phase one, scheduled for September 2008 to December 2009, will be an interim phase to provide temporary classroom solutions, maintain community interest at the Project schools, and prepare for the construction phase. Phase two, scheduled from the date the Compact enters into force and for the three consecutive years thereafter, will consist of construction work and other activities. The Project includes the construction of: (a) Up to 50 additional boreholes; (b) an additional classroom block of three classrooms for grades 4–6 at each of the 132 locations (for a total of 396 additional classrooms); and (c) of 122 *bisongos* (kindergartens), including playground and equipment. The Project will also provide daily meals (take-home rations) during all nine months of the school year for the approximately 100 children estimated to be enrolled at each of the 132 *bisongos* (including ten *bisongos* financed under the threshold program), and will fund a social mobilization campaign and an adult literacy/management of micro-projects activity.

The BRIGHT 2 Schools Project will be administered by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) pursuant to an interagency agreement under Section 632(b) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended. MCC funds will cover direct and indirect costs incurred by USAID for the implementation of this Project.

C. Program Management

The GoBF, by a decree of the Council of Ministers dated April 18, 2008,

established MCA-Burkina Faso to serve as the accountable entity for implementation of the Compact. MCA-Burkina Faso will be administered and managed by an independent board of directors ("Board") that will make strategic decisions and provide oversight. The Board will be comprised of eleven voting members, including six government officials. The Board also will benefit from the participation of a stakeholders committee consisting of up to 28 members including government officials, and representatives from the private sector and civil society. In addition to the Board, a management unit, led by a national coordinator, will manage the day-to-day activities of MCA-Burkina Faso and will be supported by key officers, technical staff, and administrative personnel.

MCA-Burkina Faso will engage line ministries and public institutions to serve as implementing entities. However, as the accountable entity, MCA-Burkina Faso will remain responsible for the successful implementation of the Compact. In addition, the GoBF has appointed, through competitive processes approved by MCC, third-party fiscal and procurement agents. As a government entity, MCA-Burkina Faso will be subject to GoBF audit requirements as well as audits required by the Compact.

D. Assessment

1. Economic and Beneficiary Analysis

Many of the Compact investments are focused in the Boucle de Mouhoun region, the third poorest of Burkina Faso's 13 regions. Approximately 80 percent of the region's 1.4 million people live on less than \$1 per day. A smaller number of investments will be made in the Comoé region with an estimated population of 490,000. The table below summarizes the economic and beneficiary analysis for each Project.

TABLE 2.—PROJECTED BENEFICIARIES AND ECONOMIC RATES OF RETURN

Project	Beneficiaries	ERR	Description
Rural Land Governance	Up to 415,200 households, comprising up to 2,490,000 individuals, from 47 of Burkina Faso's 302 rural communes will have access to local land registration and titling services, including up to 138,000 individuals who will benefit from up to 23,000 land titles expected to be delivered.	TBD (based on assessment of pilot investment).	The project is predicated on the benefits of reducing land conflict. This assumption will be tested during a pilot phase and will inform an ERR-based decision on scaling up the project.
Agricultural Development.	Up to 150,000 farmers, herders, members of producers groups and other traders, many of whom currently live on less than \$2 per day, will benefit from improved agricultural and livestock production conditions, better water managements, and improved access to credit.	7%	ERRs for the irrigation works are especially sensitive to crop prices. To be conservative, MCC used a composite of historical averages for key crops instead of current prices. Today's prices would result in a higher overall Project ERR.

TABLE 2.—PROJECTED BENEFICIARIES AND ECONOMIC RATES OF RETURN—Continued

Project	Beneficiaries	ERR	Description
Roads	A portion of the 2.4 million inhabitants of the nine provinces surrounding the primary roads and up to 65,000 inhabitants of the 30 villages serviced by rural roads. Many of these beneficiaries are likely to be farmers buying and selling agricultural produce.	2%	In spite of low ERRs for the three primary roads, these are critical links to MCC-funded agricultural zones, allowing producers better access to markets, health and education facilities, and facilitating trade with neighboring countries.
BRIGHT 2 Schools	Up to 19,800 children, including 9,900 girls	Not applicable	This project is an extension of a successful threshold program and will be administered by USAID. As such, it was not subjected to MCC due diligence standards, including ERR calculations.

In addition to the beneficiaries identified above, national-level benefits are expected to result from the new land law associated with the Rural Land Governance Project and from the Roads Project's support of systemic improvements in the GoBF's long-term road maintenance strategy. Because the Projects are overlapping and there are synergies among projects, numerous individuals will benefit from more than one project. Drawing on lessons learned from previous Compacts, the cost estimates for Burkina Faso's large-scale infrastructure projects are conservative. For the Roads Project, base costs were derived from full feasibility-level studies and then doubled during due diligence, as MCC accounted for contingencies, environmental and social costs, and the higher costs of construction in a landlocked West Africa country. On the benefit side, MCC has generally not included benefits that cannot be quantified, a particular problem in a data-poor environment like Burkina Faso. In evaluating the Roads Project investment, MCC took into account the linkages between MCC-funded agricultural investments and markets, both national and regional. In particular, one road segment in the Boucle de Mouhoun region provides a critical link to the Mali border and is likely to reduce travel times and costs between Bamako and Ouagadougou. Another road segment in the Comoé Region provides an important link to Banfora, a regional market town that is frequented by traders from Ivory Coast and Ghana, which is likely to facilitate trade opportunities for local farmers.

2. Consultative Process

In connection with the proposal submitted to MCC, the GoBF conducted a robust consultative process in May and June of 2006, building on the success and lessons learned from the process used to prepare its Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper. The GoBF also engaged the media to inform the

public about the proposal for MCA assistance with a series of press releases, television interviews and press conferences. Consultations took place in all thirteen regions of the country and included representatives of civil society, the private sector, traditional authorities, farmers' and women's groups and local GoBF officials. Of the 3,115 participants, 87 percent came from civil society, and 18 percent were women. Overwhelmingly, input focused on improving the rural economy including ways to secure land tenure, intensify and modernize agricultural production, and improve the road network. Following the consultations, the GoBF distributed a summary document to partners in civil society and the donor community that resulted, after further revisions, in the proposal for funding submitted to MCC in October 2006. The Compact is designed specifically to address the core constraints to economic growth identified during the consultative process.

3. GoBF Commitment and Contribution to Development of the Compact

The GoBF has demonstrated substantial commitment to the Compact development process since becoming eligible for MCA assistance in November 2005. In February 2006, the GoBF carefully followed MCC guidance and established a full-time compact development unit at an operational cost of \$3.11 million. It financed an extensive consultation process throughout the country's 13 regions, at a total cost of \$0.33 million, and commissioned a \$2.36 million set of feasibility studies for the Roads Project. In setting up the accountable entity, the GoBF hired a recruitment firm to undertake the recruitment process for the key directors, at a cost of \$64,000. The estimated monetary value of these contributions together is \$5.86 million. For a country with a 2006 GNI per capita of \$460, this contribution

demonstrates the high national priority placed on the successful negotiation and implementation of this Compact. GoBF also has demonstrated its commitment through its effort to maintain eligibility on MCC indicators, and through its decision to establish the accountable entity under the auspices of the Office of the Prime Minister. In addition, the GoBF has committed to funding access roads and health infrastructure in the Sourou Valley agricultural zone as a complementary investment to MCC-financed activities.

4. Sustainability

(a) Rural Land Governance Project. The foundation of this Project is a reformed legal, policy and procedural framework for land tenure, which will ensure an enabling environment for sustainability of the MCC investment. All site-specific sub-activities will be based on new legal frameworks, ensuring their support in law. Most of the Project's site-specific interventions will be scalable through the phased approach, thus enabling the expected returns on an initial share of the investment to be tested before the Project is expanded. By requiring that phase two be based on demonstrated performance, the Project design stands as an innovative approach to ensuring results and investment sustainability. All training and equipment investments, particularly those associated with strengthening regional and provincial registration and mapping services, will be designed specifically for the Burkina Faso context.

(b) Agriculture Development Project. The overall sustainability of the Project lies with: (i) The strengthened capacity of the *Direction Générale des Ressources en Eau* ("DGRE") to better manage and maintain water storage in the Sourou reservoir; (ii) the strengthened capacity of the *Autorité de Mise en Valeur du Sourou* ("AMVS") within the Ministry of Agriculture, through its operation and maintenance contractors to provide a

reliable supply of water to farmers as specified in the by-laws of the project (*Cahier de Charges*); (iii) the capacity of beneficiaries, through their water user associations (“WUA”) to pay for operations and maintenance to ensure the provision of irrigation water; (iv) the establishment of an operations and maintenance fund managed and overseen by AMVS and the WUAs; and (v) the GoBF to ensure that the *Cahier de Charges* is respected by the parties to it. Disbursement of MCC funding will depend on the GoBF strengthening capacity to MCC’s satisfaction.

(c) Roads Project. Road maintenance is crucial for the long-term functioning of the Roads Project investment. The continuation of efforts to mobilize resources for road maintenance is essential to ensure sustainability of the road investments. The provision by MCC of matching funds to annual increases in GoBF spending on periodic (major) maintenance is an innovative mechanism to ensure roads are adequately maintained and an adequate long-term road maintenance system is in place.

(d) BRIGHT 2 Schools Project. The sustainability of MCC investments in this Project is contingent upon the GoBF providing trained teachers and school books for 396 classrooms. The GoBF has committed to providing these teachers and books and met similar requirements during the threshold phase. In addition, the GoBF will be obligated to nominate a BRIGHT 2 Schools Project coordinator and coordination team, and to provide an annual budget allocation to the Ministry of Basic Education and Literacy for teacher salaries and other recurrent costs for the existing 132 BRIGHT schools (including classrooms and other facilities funded under the BRIGHT 2 Schools Project).

5. Environment and Social Impacts

MCC will require that all Projects comply with national laws and regulations, MCC’s environmental guidelines and gender policy, and the World Bank’s Operational Policy on Involuntary Resettlement (“OP 4.12”). None of the Projects is likely to generate significant adverse environmental, health, or safety impacts, and all expected impacts can be mitigated. The environmental and social sustainability of the Compact will be enhanced through oversight, ongoing public consultation, and institutional capacity building.

The Rural Land Governance Project is classified as Category B under MCC’s environmental guidelines due to potential site-specific environmental and social impacts anticipated to result

from the construction of municipal buildings and field-level activities clarifying local land uses and land rights. While these impacts are not anticipated to be significant in nature, they will require mitigation through implementation of measures identified in an Environmental and Social Management Framework. Resettlement Action Plans (“RAPs”) also will be developed to adequately plan for and mitigate the resettlement impacts at building sites.

The Agriculture Development Project is classified as Category A under MCC’s environmental guidelines due to large-scale agriculture development activities involving intensification or conversion of natural habitats, with potential for significant impacts on sensitive locations as well as the potential for increased use of pesticides and increased surface water pollution. Given the potential for these significant social and environmental impacts, detailed assessments and mitigation plans will be required, including an environmental impact assessment (“EIA”) and RAP for the water management and irrigation activities, and EIAs for the agricultural activities.

The Roads Project is classified as Category B under MCC’s environmental guidelines as the potential environmental and social impacts related to upgrading and rehabilitating existing roads and supporting road maintenance are likely to be site-specific and mitigable. As a result, EIAs will be completed for each set of roads to be rehabilitated or upgraded, and each EIA will include gender analysis, environmental management plans and HIV/AIDS prevention plans.

For the BRIGHT 2 Schools Project, MCC and USAID have agreed that USAID Regulation 216 will be followed in lieu of MCC’s Environmental Guidelines and Gender Policy.

6. Donor, Multilateral, and Interagency Coordination

MCC has consulted extensively on each of the proposed Projects with the major donors in Burkina Faso, including, the World Bank, the European Union (“EU”), the French Development Agency (*Agence Française de Développement*, or “AFD”), the Danish International Development Agency (“DANIDA”), the German Agency for Technical Cooperation (*Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit GmbH*, or “GTZ”), the Austrian Development Corporation, the Luxembourg Agency for Development Cooperation, the International Fund for Agricultural Development (“IFAD”), the International Finance Corporation

(“IFC”), the African Development Bank (“AfDB”), the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (“FAO”), the Swedish International Development Agency (“SIDA”), the United Nations Development Program (“UNDP”), and USAID.

In several cases, MCC-funded activities complement or directly build on initiatives by other donors. For example, as part of the Agriculture Development Project, the market information system will continue work begun under a USAID project, and the improvements to district markets will draw on the experience of the Swiss Development Agency. Synergies will also be gained in the implementation of the Access to Rural Finance activity through close coordination with the IFC’s micro-, small- and medium-sized enterprise credit program, the World Bank’s *Projet d’Appui aux Filières Agro-Sylvo-Pastoral* Project (“PAFASP”), and the World Bank and EU-funded *Maison de l’Enterprise* which provides business support services.

In addition, technical assistance under the Roads Project has been structured to complement ongoing technical assistance programs, to build on the World Bank’s assistance that resulted in the establishment of the Road Fund, and to strengthen work initiated by the AfDB and the EU on road maintenance. Design of the Incentive Matching Fund for Periodic Maintenance (“IMFP”), in particular, was developed in collaboration with the World Bank and the EU.

Finally, the BRIGHT 2 Schools Project, to be administered by USAID, is a model of interagency coordination and the first time MCC and USAID have partnered directly in connection with the implementation of a compact-funded project.

Millennium Challenge Compact Between the United States of America Acting Through the Millennium Challenge Corporation and the Government of Burkina Faso

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Millennium Challenge Compact

Preamble

This Millennium Challenge Compact (this “*Compact*”) is between the United States of America, acting through the Millennium Challenge Corporation, a United States government corporation (“*MCC*”), and the Government of Burkina Faso (the “*Government*”) (individually, each of *MCC* and the *Government*, a “*Party*,” and collectively, the “*Parties*”).

Recalling that the *Government* consulted with the private sector and civil society of Burkina Faso to determine the priorities for the use of Millennium Challenge Account assistance and developed and submitted to *MCC* a proposal for such assistance; and

Recognizing that *MCC* wishes to help Burkina Faso implement a program to achieve the *Compact Goal* and *Project Objectives* described herein (the “*Program*”),

The *Parties* hereby agree as follows:

Article 1. Goal and Objectives

Section 1.1 Compact Goal

The goal of this *Compact* is to reduce poverty in Burkina Faso through economic growth (the “*Compact Goal*”).

Section 1.2 Project Objective

The objectives of the Projects (as further described in Annex I) (each, a “*Project Objective*”) are:

- (a) To increase investment in land and rural productivity through improved land tenure security and land management;
- (b) To expand the productive use of land in order to increase the volume and value of agricultural production in Project zones;
- (c) To enhance access to markets through investments in the road network; and
- (d) To increase primary school completion rates for girls.

Article 2. Funding and Resources

Section 2.1 Program Funding

MCC hereby grants to the *Government*, under the terms of this *Compact*, an amount not to exceed Four Hundred Sixty-Four Million Eight Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Five Hundred and Four United States Dollars (US\$464,842,504) (“*Program Funding*”) for use by the *Government* to implement the *Program*. The allocation of *Program Funding* uses is generally described in Annex II to this *Compact*.

Section 2.2 Compact Implementation Funding

(a) *MCC* hereby grants to the *Government*, under the terms of this *Compact*, in addition to the *Program Funding* described in Section 2.1, an amount not to exceed Sixteen Million One Hundred One Thousand and Sixty-Five United States Dollars (US\$16,101,065) (“*Compact Implementation Funding*” or “*CIF*”) under Section 609(g) of the Millennium Challenge Act of 2003, as amended (the “*MCA Act*”), for use by the *Government* for the following purposes:

- (i) Feasibility and design studies, strategic environmental (and social) assessments, environmental impact assessments, environmental assessments, environmental management plans and resettlement action plans for projects and activities included in the *Program*;
- (ii) Financial management and procurement activities;
- (iii) Monitoring and evaluation activities;
- (iv) Administration activities, including salaries, benefits, and administrative support expenses such as

rent, information technology, and other capital expenditures; and

(v) Other *Compact* implementation activities approved by *MCC*.

The allocation of *Compact Implementation Funding* uses is generally described in Annex II to this *Compact*.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 7.3 of this *Compact*, this Section 2.2, together with any other provisions of this *Compact* applicable to *Compact Implementation Funding*, shall be effective as of the date this *Compact* is signed by *MCC* and the *Government*.

(c) Each Disbursement of *Compact Implementation Funding* shall be subject to satisfaction of the conditions to such Disbursement as set forth in Annex IV.

(d) If *MCC* determines that the full amount of *Compact Implementation Funding* under Section 2.2(a) of this *Compact* exceeds the amount which reasonably can be utilized for the purposes and uses set forth in Section 2.2(a) of this *Compact* within one year after this *Compact* enters into force, *MCC*, by written notice to the *Government*, may withdraw the excess amount, thereby reducing the amount of the *Compact Implementation Funding* as set forth in Section 2.2(a) (such excess, the “*Excess CIF Amount*”). In such event, the amount of *Compact Implementation Funding* granted to the *Government* under Section 2.2(a) will be reduced by the *Excess CIF Amount*, and *MCC* will have no further obligations with respect to such *Excess CIF Amount*.

(e) *MCC*, at *MCC*’s option by written notice to the *Government*, may elect to grant to the *Government* an amount equal to all or a portion of such *Excess CIF Amount* as an increase in the *Program Funding*, and such additional *Program Funding* will be subject to the terms and conditions of this *Compact* applicable to *Program Funding*.

Section 2.3 MCC Funding

Program Funding and *Compact Implementation Funding* are collectively referred to in this *Compact* as “*MCC Funding*.”

Section 2.4 Disbursement

In accordance with this *Compact* and the *Program Implementation Agreement*, *MCC* will disburse *MCC Funding* for expenditures incurred in furtherance of the *Program* (each instance, a “*Disbursement*”). Subject to the satisfaction of all applicable conditions, the proceeds of such *Disbursements* will be made available to the *Government*, at *MCC*’s sole election, by (a) deposit to one or more bank

accounts established by the Government and acceptable to MCC (each, a “*Permitted Account*”), or (b) direct payment to the relevant provider of goods, works or services in connection with the implementation of the Program. MCC Funding may be expended only to cover Program expenditures as provided in this Compact and the Program Implementation Agreement.

Section 2.5 Interest

The Government will pay to MCC any interest or other earnings that accrue on MCC Funding in accordance with the Program Implementation Agreement (whether by directing such payments to a bank account outside Burkina Faso that MCC may from time to time indicate or as otherwise directed by MCC).

Section 2.6 Government Resources; Budget

(a) The Government will provide all funds and other resources, and will take all actions, that are necessary to carry out the Government’s responsibilities and obligations under this Compact.

(b) The Government will use its best efforts to ensure that all MCC Funding it receives or is projected to receive in each of its fiscal years is fully accounted for in its annual budget on a multi-year basis.

(c) The Government will not reduce the normal and expected resources that it would otherwise receive or budget from sources other than MCC for the activities contemplated under this Compact and the Program.

(d) Unless the Government discloses otherwise to MCC in writing, MCC Funding will be in addition to the resources that the Government would otherwise receive or budget for the activities contemplated under this Compact and the Program.

Section 2.7 Limitations on the Use of MCC Funding

The Government will ensure that MCC Funding will not be used for any purpose that would violate United States law or policy, as specified in this Compact or as further notified to the Government in writing or by posting from time to time on the MCC Web site at www.mcc.gov (the “*MCC Web site*”), including but not limited to the following purposes:

(a) For assistance to, or training of, the military, police, militia, national guard or other quasi-military organization or unit;

(b) For any activity that is likely to cause a substantial loss of United States

jobs or a substantial displacement of United States production;

(c) To undertake, fund or otherwise support any activity that is likely to cause a significant environmental, health, or safety hazard, as further described in MCC’s Environmental Guidelines posted from time to time on the MCC Web site (the “*MCC Environmental Guidelines*”); or

(d) To pay for the performance of abortions as a method of family planning or to motivate or coerce any person to practice abortions, to pay for the performance of involuntary sterilizations as a method of family planning or to coerce or provide any financial incentive to any person to undergo sterilizations or to pay for any biomedical research which relates, in whole or in part, to methods of, or the performance of, abortions or involuntary sterilization as a means of family planning.

Section 2.8 Taxes

(a) Unless the Parties otherwise specifically agree in writing, and subject to the provisions of Sections 2.8(b)(ii) and (iii) and 2.8(c), the Government will ensure that each of the following is free from the payment of any existing or future taxes, duties, levies, contributions or other similar charges (“*Taxes*”) of or in Burkina Faso (including any such Taxes imposed by a national, regional, local or other governmental or taxing authority of or in Burkina Faso): (i) The Program; (ii) MCC Funding; (iii) interest or earnings on MCC Funding; (iv) any Project or activity implemented under the Program; (v) the Accountable Entity (as defined below); (vi) goods, works, services, technology and other assets and activities under the Program or any Project; (vii) persons and entities that provide such goods, works, services, technology and assets or perform such activities; and (viii) income, profits and payments with respect thereto. The Parties acknowledge and agree that the foregoing includes, *inter alia*, value added and other transfer taxes, profit and income taxes, property and *ad valorem* taxes, import and export duties and taxes (including for goods imported and re-exported for personal use), withholding taxes, payroll taxes, and social security and social insurance contributions.

(b) The Government and MCC may, at MCC’s discretion, enter into one or more agreements setting forth the mechanisms for implementing this Section 2.8, including, but not limited to (i) waivers of certain filing and compliance requirements relating to Taxes; (ii) an agreement on exceptions

to Section 2.8(a) above for fees or charges for services that are generally applicable in Burkina Faso, reasonable in amount and imposed on a non-discriminatory basis; and (iii) one or more mechanisms to implement the provisions of Section 2.8(a) with respect to all or any of the Taxes that would otherwise be applicable, which may include exemptions from payment of such Taxes that have been granted in accordance with applicable law, refund or reimbursement of such Taxes by the Government to MCC or to the taxpayer, or payment by the Government to the Accountable Entity or MCC, for the benefit of the Program, an agreed amount in respect of any Taxes collected on the items described in Section 2.8(a).

(c) Unless otherwise specified in an agreement entered into pursuant to Section 2.8(b), the provisions of Section 2.8(a) shall not apply to income Taxes on and contributions with respect to individuals who are nationals of Burkina Faso; *provided*, that such Taxes and contributions are not discriminatory and are generally applicable to all nationals in Burkina Faso; and *provided, further*, that in any event Section 2.8(a) shall apply to Millennium Challenge Account—Burkina Faso, an independent entity established under the office of the Prime Minister by Decree No. 2008-185/PRES/PM dated April 18, 2008 (“*MCA—Burkina Faso*”), or any other entity established by the Government solely for purposes of managing or overseeing implementation of the Program (MCA—Burkina Faso and any such other entity, each, an “*Accountable Entity*”).

(d) If a Tax has been paid contrary to the requirements of this Section 2.8 or any agreement entered into pursuant to this Section 2.8, the Government will refund promptly to MCC (or to another party as designated by MCC) the amount of such Tax in United States Dollars (“*US\$*”) or CFA Francs (as elected by MCC) within thirty (30) days (or such other period as may be agreed in writing by the Parties) after the Government is notified in writing (whether by MCC or otherwise) that such Tax has been paid.

(e) No MCC Funding, proceeds thereof or Program assets may be applied by the Government in satisfaction of its obligations under this Section 2.8.

Article 3. Implementation

Section 3.1 Program Implementation Agreement

The Government will implement the Program in accordance with this Compact and as further specified in an agreement to be entered into by MCC,

the Government and the Accountable Entity and relating to, among other matters, implementation arrangements, fiscal accountability and disbursement and use of MCC Funding (the “*Program Implementation Agreement*” or “*PIA*”).

Section 3.2 Government Responsibilities

(a) The Government has principal responsibility for overseeing and managing the implementation of the Program.

(b) With the prior written consent of MCC, the Government may designate an entity to implement some or all of the Government’s obligations or to exercise any rights of the Government under this Compact or the Program Implementation Agreement. Such a designation will not relieve the Government of any designated obligations and rights, for which the Government will retain full responsibility.

(c) The Government will ensure that no law or regulation in Burkina Faso now or hereinafter in effect makes or will make unlawful or otherwise prevent or hinder the performance of any of the Government’s obligations under this Compact, the Program Implementation Agreement or any other related agreement or any transaction contemplated hereby or thereby.

(d) The Government will ensure that any assets or services funded in whole or in part (directly or indirectly) by MCC Funding will be used solely in furtherance of this Compact and the Program unless otherwise agreed by MCC in writing.

(e) The Government will take all necessary or appropriate steps to achieve the Compact Goal and the Project Objectives during the Compact Term (as defined in Section 7.4).

Section 3.3 Policy Performance

In addition to undertaking the specific policy, legal and regulatory reform commitments identified in Annex I (if any), the Government will seek to maintain and to improve its level of performance under the policy criteria identified in Section 607 of the MCA Act, and the selection criteria and methodology used by MCC.

Section 3.4 Government Assurances

The Government assures MCC that:

(a) As of the date this Compact is signed by the Government, the information provided to MCC by or on behalf of the Government in the course of reaching agreement with MCC on this Compact is true, correct and complete in all material respects;

(b) This Compact does not, and will not, conflict with any other international agreement or obligation of the Government or any of the laws of Burkina Faso; and

(c) The Government will not invoke any of the provisions of its internal law to justify or excuse a failure to perform its duties or responsibilities under this Compact.

Section 3.5 Implementation Letters

From time to time, MCC may provide guidance to the Government in writing on any matters relating to this Compact, MCC Funding, or implementation of the Program (each, an “*Implementation Letter*”). The Government will apply such guidance in implementing the Program.

Section 3.6 Procurement

The Government will ensure that the procurement of all goods, works and services by the Government or any Provider (as defined in Section 3.7(c)) to implement the Program will be consistent with the program procurement guidelines posted from time to time on the MCC Web site (the “*MCC Program Procurement Guidelines*”). The MCC Program Procurement Guidelines will include, among others, the following requirements:

(a) Open, fair, and competitive procedures must be used in a transparent manner to solicit, award and administer contracts and to procure goods, works and services;

(b) Solicitations for goods, works and services must be based upon a clear and accurate description of the goods, works and services to be acquired;

(c) Contracts must be awarded only to qualified contractors that have the capability and willingness to perform the contracts in accordance with their terms on a cost effective and timely basis; and

(d) No more than a commercially reasonable price, as determined, for example, by a comparison of price quotations and market prices, will be paid to procure goods, works and services.

Section 3.7 Records; Accounting; Covered Providers; Access

(a) Government Books and Records. The Government will maintain, and will use its best efforts to ensure that all Covered Providers (as defined in Section 3.7(c)) maintain, accounting books, records, documents and other evidence relating to the Program adequate to show to MCC’s satisfaction the use of all MCC Funding (“*Compact Records*”). In addition, the Government

will furnish or cause to be furnished to MCC, upon its request, all such Compact Records.

(b) Accounting. The Government will maintain, and will use its best efforts to ensure that all Covered Providers maintain, Compact Records in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles prevailing in the United States, or at the Government’s option and with MCC’s prior written approval, other accounting principles, such as those (i) prescribed by the International Accounting Standards Board, or (ii) then prevailing in Burkina Faso. Compact Records must be maintained for at least five (5) years after the end of the Compact Term or for such longer period, if any, required to resolve any litigation, claims or audit findings or any statutory requirements.

(c) Providers and Covered Providers. Unless the Parties agree otherwise in writing, a “*Provider*” is (i) any entity of the Government that receives or uses MCC Funding or any other Program asset in carrying out activities in furtherance of this Compact, or (ii) any third party that receives at least US\$50,000 in the aggregate of MCC Funding (other than as salary or compensation as an employee of an entity of the Government) during the Compact Term. A “*Covered Provider*” is (i) a non-United States Provider that receives (other than pursuant to a direct contract or agreement with MCC) US\$300,000 or more of MCC Funding in any Government fiscal year or any other non-United States person or entity that receives, directly or indirectly, US\$300,000 or more of MCC Funding from any Provider in such fiscal year, or (ii) any United States Provider that receives (other than pursuant to a direct contract or agreement with MCC) US\$500,000 or more of MCC Funding in any Government fiscal year or any other United States person or entity that receives, directly or indirectly, US\$500,000 or more of MCC Funding from any Provider in such fiscal year.

(d) Access. Upon MCC’s request, the Government, at all reasonable times, will permit, or cause to be permitted, authorized representatives of MCC, an authorized United States inspector general, the United States Government Accountability Office, any auditor responsible for an audit contemplated herein or otherwise conducted in furtherance of this Compact, and any agents or representatives engaged by MCC or the Government to conduct any assessment, review or evaluation of the Program, the opportunity to audit, review, evaluate or inspect facilities and activities funded in whole or in part by MCC Funding.

Section 3.8 Audits; Reviews

(a) Government Audits. Except as the Parties may otherwise agree in writing, the Government will, on at least a semi-annual basis, conduct, or cause to be conducted, financial audits of all disbursements of MCC Funding covering the period from signing of this Compact until the earlier of the following December 31 or June 30 and covering each six-month period thereafter ending December 31 and June 30, through the end of the Compact Term, in accordance with the terms of the Program Implementation

Agreement. In addition, upon MCC's request, the Government will ensure that such audits are conducted by an independent auditor approved by MCC and named on the list of local auditors approved by the Inspector General of MCC (the "*Inspector General*") or a United States-based certified public accounting firm selected in accordance with the Guidelines for Financial Audits Contracted by MCA (the "*Audit Guidelines*") issued and revised from time to time by the Inspector General, which are posted on the MCC Web site. Audits will be performed in accordance with the Audit Guidelines and be subject to quality assurance oversight by the Inspector General. Each audit must be completed and the audit report delivered to MCC no later than 90 days after the first period to be audited and no later than 90 days after each June 30 and December 31 thereafter, or such other period as the Parties may otherwise agree in writing.

(b) Audits of United States Entities. The Government will ensure that agreements between the Government or any Provider, on the one hand, and a United States nonprofit organization, on the other hand, that are financed with MCC Funding state that the United States nonprofit organization is subject to the applicable audit requirements contained in OMB Circular A-133 issued by the United States Government Office of Management and Budget ("OMB"). The Government will ensure that agreements between the Government or any Provider, on the one hand, and a United States for-profit Covered Provider, on the other hand, that are financed with MCC Funding state that the United States for-profit organization is subject to audit by the applicable United States Government agency, unless the Government and MCC agree otherwise in writing.

(c) Corrective Actions. The Government will use its best efforts to ensure that Covered Providers take, where necessary, appropriate and timely corrective actions in response to audits,

consider whether a Covered Provider's audit necessitates adjustment of the Government's records, and require each such Covered Provider to permit independent auditors to have access to its records and financial statements as necessary.

(d) Audit by MCC. MCC will have the right to arrange for audits of the Government's use of MCC Funding.

(e) Cost of Audits, Reviews or Evaluations. MCC Funding may be used to fund the costs of any audits, reviews or evaluations required under this Compact.

Article 4. Communications

Section 4.1 Communications

Any document or communication required or submitted by either Party to the other under this Compact must be in writing and, except as otherwise agreed with MCC, in English. For this purpose, the address of each Party is set forth below.

To MCC:

Millennium Challenge Corporation, Attention: (a) Before this Compact enters into force, Vice President, Compact Development; and (b) after this Compact enters into force, Vice President, Compact Implementation, (in each case, with a copy to the Vice President and General Counsel), 875 Fifteenth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005, United States of America, Facsimile: (202) 521-3700, Telephone: (202) 521-3600, E-mail: VPDevelopment@mcc.gov (Vice President, Compact Development), VPIImplementation@mcc.gov (Vice President, Compact Implementation), VPGeneralCounsel@mcc.gov (Vice President and General Counsel).

To the Government:

Ministère de l'Economie et des Finances, Attention: Minister of Economy and Finance, *Ministre de l'Economie et des Finances*, Avenue du Général Bila Jean Gérard ZAGRE, 01 BP: 7012 Ouagadougou 01, Burkina Faso, Facsimile: +226 50 31 27 15, Telephone: 226 50 32 42 11.

Section 4.2 Representatives

For all purposes of this Compact, the Government will be represented by the individual holding the position of, or acting as, the Minister of Economy and Finance, and MCC will be represented by (a) before this Compact enters into force, the individual holding the position of, or acting as, Vice President, Compact Development, and (b) after this Compact enters into force, the individual holding the position of, or acting as, Vice President, Compact Implementation (each of the foregoing, a

"Principal Representative"). Each Party, by written notice to the other Party, may designate one or more additional representatives for all purposes other than signing amendments to this Compact. A Party may change its Principal Representative to a new representative that holds a position of equal or higher rank upon written notice to the other Party.

Section 4.3 Signatures

With respect to all documents other than this Compact or an amendment to this Compact, a signature delivered by facsimile or electronic mail will be binding on the Party delivering such signature to the same extent as an original signature would be.

Article 5. Termination; Suspension; Refunds

Section 5.1 Termination; Suspension

(a) Either Party may terminate this Compact in its entirety by giving the other Party thirty (30) days' written notice.

(b) MCC may, immediately, upon written notice to the Government, suspend or terminate this Compact or MCC Funding, in whole or in part, and any obligation related thereto, if MCC determines that any circumstance identified by MCC as a basis for suspension or termination (whether in writing to the Government or by posting on the MCC Web site) has occurred, which circumstances include but are not limited to the following:

(i) The Government fails to comply with its obligations under this Compact, the Program Implementation Agreement or any other agreement or arrangement entered into by the Government in connection with this Compact or the Program;

(ii) An event or series of events has occurred that MCC determines makes it probable that any of the Project Objectives will not be achieved during the Compact Term or that the Government will not be able to perform its obligations under this Compact;

(iii) A use of MCC Funding or continued implementation of the Program violates or would violate applicable law or United States Government policy, whether now or hereafter in effect;

(iv) The Government or any other person or entity receiving MCC Funding or using assets acquired in whole or in part with MCC Funding is engaged in activities that are contrary to the national security interests of the United States;

(v) An act has been committed or an omission or an event has occurred that

would render Burkina Faso ineligible to receive United States economic assistance under Part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended (22 U.S.C. 2151 *et seq.*), by reason of the application of any provision of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 or any other provision of law;

(vi) The Government has engaged in a pattern of actions inconsistent with the criteria used to determine the eligibility of Burkina Faso for assistance under the MCA Act; and

(vii) The Government or another person or entity receiving MCC Funding or using assets acquired in whole or in part with MCC Funding is found to have been convicted of a narcotics offense or to have been engaged in drug trafficking.

(c) All Disbursements will cease upon expiration, suspension, or termination of this Compact; *provided, however,* MCC Funding may be used, in compliance with this Compact and the Program Implementation Agreement, to pay for (i) reasonable expenditures for goods, works or services that are properly incurred under or in furtherance of the Program before expiration, suspension or termination of this Compact, and (ii) reasonable expenditures (including administrative expenses) properly incurred in connection with the winding up of the Program within 120 days after the expiration, suspension or termination of this Compact, so long as the request for such expenditures is submitted within ninety (90) days after such expiration, suspension or termination.

(d) Subject to Section 5.1(c), upon the expiration, suspension or termination of this Compact, (i) any amounts of MCC Funding not disbursed by MCC to the Government will be automatically released from any obligation in connection with this Compact, and (ii) any amounts of MCC Funding disbursed by MCC but not expended under Section 2.4 before the expiration, suspension or termination of this Compact, plus accrued interest thereon will be returned to MCC within thirty (30) days after the Government receives MCC's request for such return; *provided, however,* that if this Compact is suspended or terminated in part, MCC may request a refund for only the amount of MCC Funding allocated to the suspended or terminated portion.

(e) MCC may reinstate any suspended or terminated MCC Funding under this Compact if MCC determines that the Government or other relevant person or entity has committed to correct each condition for which MCC Funding was suspended or terminated.

Section 5.2 *Refunds; Violation*

(a) If any MCC Funding, any interest or earnings thereon, or any asset acquired in whole or in part with MCC Funding is used for any purpose in violation of the terms of this Compact, then MCC may require the Government to repay to MCC in United States Dollars the value of the misused MCC Funding, interest, earnings, or asset, plus interest within thirty (30) days after the Government's receipt of MCC's request for repayment. The Government will not use MCC Funding, proceeds thereof or Program assets to make such payment.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision in this Compact or any other agreement to the contrary, MCC's right under this Section 5.2 for a refund will continue during the Compact Term and for a period of (i) five years thereafter, or (ii) one year after MCC receives actual knowledge of such violation, whichever is later.

Section 5.3 *Survival*

The Government's responsibilities under Sections 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8, 3.7, 3.8, 5.1(c), 5.1(d), 5.2, 5.3 and 6.4 of this Compact will survive the expiration, suspension or termination of this Compact.

Article 6. Compact Annexes; Amendments; Governing Law

Section 6.1 *Annexes*

Each annex to this Compact constitutes an integral part hereof, and references to "Annex" mean an annex to this Compact unless otherwise expressly stated.

Section 6.2 *Amendments*

(a) The Parties may amend this Compact only by a written agreement signed by the Principal Representatives.

(b) Without formally amending the Compact, the Parties may agree in writing, signed by the Principal Representatives, to modify any Annex to this Compact to, among others (i) suspend, modify or terminate any project described in Annex I (each, a "Project" and collectively, the "Projects") or to create a new project; (ii) change the designations and allocations of funds among the Projects, the Project activities, or any activity under Program administration or monitoring and evaluation, or between a Project identified as of the entry into force of this Compact and a new project; or (iii) add or delete any condition precedent described in Annex IV, *provided that* any such modification (A) is consistent in all material respects with the Compact Goal and the Project Objectives, (B) does not cause the

amount of Program Funding to exceed the aggregate amount specified in Section 2.1 of this Compact (as may be modified by operation of Section 2.2(e) of this Compact), (C) does not cause the amount of Compact Implementation Funding to exceed the aggregate amount specified in Section 2.2(a) of this Compact, (D) does not cause the Government's responsibilities or contribution of resources to be less than specified in this Compact, (E) does not extend the Compact Term, and (F) in the case of a modification to change the designations or allocations of funds among Projects, does not materially adversely affect any activity under Program administration or monitoring and evaluation.

Section 6.3 *Inconsistencies*

In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between:

(a) Any Annex to this Compact and any of Articles 1 through 7, such Articles 1 through 7 will prevail; or

(b) This Compact and any other agreement between the Parties regarding the Program, this Compact will prevail.

Section 6.4 *Governing Law*

This Compact is an international agreement and as such is governed by the principles of international law.

Section 6.5 *Additional Instruments*

Any reference to activities, obligations or rights undertaken or existing under or in furtherance of this Compact or similar language will include activities, obligations and rights undertaken by, existing under or in furtherance of any agreement, document or instrument related to this Compact and the Program.

Section 6.6 *References to MCC Web Site*

Any reference in this Compact, the Program Implementation Agreement or any other agreement entered into in connection with this Compact, to a document or information available on, or notified by posting on the MCC Web site will be deemed a reference to such document or information as updated or substituted on the MCC Web site from time to time.

Section 6.7 *References to Laws, Regulations, Policies and Guidelines*

Each reference in this Compact, the Program Implementation Agreement or any other agreement entered into in connection with this Compact, to a law, regulation, policy, guideline or similar document will be construed as a reference to such law, regulation, policy, guideline or similar document as

it may, from time to time, be amended, revised, replaced, or extended and will include any law, regulation, policy, guideline or similar document issued under or otherwise applicable or related to such law, regulation, policy, guideline or similar document.

Section 6.8 MCC Status

MCC is a United States Government corporation acting on behalf of the United States Government in the implementation of this Compact. MCC and the United States Government have no liability under this Compact, are immune from any action or proceeding arising under or relating to this Compact, and the Government hereby waives and releases all claims related to any such liability. In matters arising under or relating to this Compact, neither MCC nor the United States Government will be subject to the jurisdiction of the courts or any other body of Burkina Faso.

Article 7. Entry Into Force

Section 7.1 Domestic Requirements

The Government shall take all steps necessary to ensure that (a) this Compact and the Program Implementation Agreement and all of the provisions of this Compact and the Program Implementation Agreement are valid and binding and are in full force and effect in Burkina Faso; (b) this Compact, the Program Implementation Agreement and any other agreement entered into in connection with this Compact to which the Government and MCC are parties will be given the status of an international agreement if so stipulated therein; and (c) no laws of Burkina Faso (other than the constitution of Burkina Faso), whether now or hereafter in effect, will take precedence or prevail over the terms of this Compact or the Program Implementation Agreement.

Section 7.2 Conditions Precedent to Entry Into Force

Before this Compact enters into force: (a) The Program Implementation Agreement must have been executed by the Government and MCC and have become effective;

(b) The Government must have delivered to MCC:

(i) A certificate signed and dated by the Principal Representative of the Government, or such other duly authorized representative of the Government acceptable to MCC, certifying that the Government has satisfied the requirements of Section 7.1;

(ii) A legal opinion from the Minister of Justice of Burkina Faso (or such other

legal representative of the Government acceptable to MCC), in form and substance satisfactory to MCC; and

(iii) Complete, certified copies of all decrees, legislation, regulations or other governmental documents relating to the Government's domestic requirements for this Compact to enter into force and the satisfaction of Section 7.1, which MCC may post on its Web site or otherwise make publicly available; and

(c) MCC must determine that after signature of this Compact, the Government has not engaged in any action or omission that is inconsistent with the eligibility criteria for MCC Funding.

Section 7.3 Date of Entry Into Force

This Compact will enter into force on the later of (a) the date of the last letter in an exchange of letters between the Principal Representatives confirming that each Party has completed its domestic requirements for entry into force of this Compact and (b) the date that all conditions set forth in Section 7.2 have been satisfied.

Section 7.4 Compact Term

This Compact will remain in force for five years after its entry into force, unless terminated earlier under Section 5.1 (the "Compact Term").

Section 7.5 Provisional Application

Upon signature of this Compact and until it has entered into force in accordance with Section 7.3, the Parties will provisionally apply the terms of this Compact; *provided*, that no MCC Funding, other than Compact Implementation Funding, will be made available or disbursed before this Compact enters into force.

In Witness Whereof, the undersigned, duly authorized by their respective governments, have signed this Compact this 14th day of July, 2008.

Done at Washington, D.C.

For Millennium Challenge Corporation, on behalf of the United States of America.

John J. Danilovich,
Chief Executive Officer.

For the Government of Burkina Faso,
Name: Jean Baptiste Marie Compaoré, Title: Ministre de l'Economie et des Finances.

Annex I Program Description

A. Program Overview

This Annex I describes the Program that MCC Funding will support in Burkina Faso during the Compact Term.

1. Background and Consultative Process

Burkina Faso is a landlocked country in Africa's Sahel region, bordering Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Mali, Niger, and Togo and with a population of

approximately 15.26 million people. Burkina Faso is predominantly a rural country, with 95 percent of the poor residing in rural areas. It also is one of the poorest countries in the world, ranking 176 out of 177 countries surveyed by the United Nations Development Program's 2007 Human Development Index. In an effort to address constraints to investment, Burkina Faso has undertaken several broad macroeconomic reforms since the mid-1990s, including market-oriented reforms, decentralization of power from the central government to local governments, adoption of a new labor code and business climate improvements. Despite these reforms and moderate economic growth, Burkina Faso continues to face severe constraints to reducing poverty.

In connection with the proposal submitted to MCC, the Government conducted a robust consultative process in May and June of 2006, building on the success and lessons learned from the process used to prepare its Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper. The Government also engaged the media to inform the public about the proposal for Millennium Challenge Account assistance with a series of press releases, television interviews and press conferences. Consultations took place in all thirteen regions of the country and included representatives of civil society, the private sector, traditional authorities, farmers' and women's groups and local government officials. Of the 3,115 participants, 87 percent came from civil society, and 18 percent were women. Overwhelmingly, input focused on improving the rural economy including ways to secure land tenure, intensify and modernize agricultural production, and improve the road network. The Program is designed specifically to address these constraints.

2. Program Description

The Compact Goal is to reduce poverty through economic growth in Burkina Faso. The Program consists of the following Projects: the Rural Land Governance Project described in Part B of this Annex I (the "Rural Land Governance Project"), the Agriculture Development Project described in Part C of this Annex I (the "Agriculture Development Project"), the Roads Project described in Part D of this Annex I (the "Roads Project") and the BRIGHT 2 Schools Project described in Part E of this Annex I (the "BRIGHT 2 Schools Project"). Each activity to be funded by MCC as part of a Project is referred to herein, individually, as a

“Project Activity,” or collectively, as the “Project Activities”.

3. Environmental and Social Accountability

All of the Projects will be implemented in compliance with the MCC Environmental Guidelines, MCC’s Guidance on the Integration of Gender in Program Implementation delivered by MCC to the Government or posted on the MCC Web site (the “MCC Gender Policy”) and the World Bank’s Operational Policy on Involuntary Resettlement in effect as of July 2007 (“OP 4.12”). The Government also will ensure that the Projects comply with all national environmental laws and regulations, licenses and permits, except to the extent such compliance would be inconsistent with this Compact. The Government will: (a) Undertake and complete any environmental impact assessments (“EIA”), environmental assessments (“EA”), environmental management plans (“EMP”), resettlement action plans (“RAP”) and any other such assessments or plans, in form and substance satisfactory to MCC, and as required under the laws of Burkina Faso, the MCC Environmental Guidelines, this Compact, the Program Implementation Agreement, other supplemental agreements or as otherwise required by MCC; (b) implement to MCC’s satisfaction environmental and social mitigation measures identified in such assessments or plans; and (c) commit to fund, or ensure the funding of, any environmental mitigation (including costs of resettlement) in excess of MCC Funding not specifically provided for in the budget for any Project.

B. Rural Land Governance Project

1. Background

Inclusion of the Rural Land Governance Project in the Program reflects an understanding of the importance of sound property rights to economic growth and to social stability in Burkina Faso. The Project Objective of the Rural Land Governance Project is to increase investment in land and rural productivity through improved land tenure security and land management. Expected results include greater security of land rights and improved access to more efficient land institutions, which together contribute to economic growth and poverty reduction in rural areas.

The Government has demonstrated a commitment to adopting improved laws, regulations and administrative processes to meet its ambitious rural land tenure vision. The Rural Land Governance Project seeks to assist the

Government in fulfilling this commitment. A new rural land law is expected to be adopted prior to Entry into Force of the Compact, and will be based on the existing, stakeholder-driven 2007 Rural Land Policy (the “*Rural Land Policy*”). The Rural Land Governance Project also will support the Government’s implementation of the 2004 Decentralization Law (*Loi de 2004 portant Code Général des Collectivités Territoriales*, or the “*Decentralization Law*”), which authorizes transfer of key aspects of land governance to municipal governments.

2. Summary of Project and Activities

The Rural Land Governance Project consists of the following mutually reinforcing Project Activities:

(a) Legal and Procedural Change and Communication.

This Project Activity will support the Government’s effort to develop and implement improved rural land legislation and to develop, revise and implement other legal and procedural frameworks. Specifically, MCC Funding will support:

(i) the Government’s finalization of the rural land law’s implementing regulations and revisions of relevant elements of the Agrarian and Land Reorganization (*Réorganisation Agraire et Foncière* or “RAF”) legislation, together with other legal reform support, including technical advisory services related to the rural land tenure law and support for participatory stakeholder processes and validation; and

(ii) Finalization of communications and outreach tools to ensure national awareness and practical applicability of the Government’s policy and legal reforms, including, but not limited to, the implementation of a stakeholder communications strategy and the development of manuals for local-level application of new legal provisions and tools.

(b) Institutional Development and Capacity Building.

This Project Activity, in conjunction with the Legal and Procedural Change and Communication Project Activity, will improve institutional capacity to deliver land services in rural areas. Specifically, MCC Funding will support:

(i) Improved land registration and mapping services, including institutional modernization analyses, training and capacity building, the purchase of equipment, imagery products, and surveying technology;

(ii) Decentralization of land tenure services, including training and support for new local land services personnel and the construction and basic equipping of up to 47 municipal

buildings to provide offices for the decentralized municipal land services while also serving as offices for other key local government functions; and

(iii) Capacity building to mediate land conflicts, including (A) capacity building within the justice sector through training for judges and associated personnel and practicing lawyers; (B) new law school curriculum modules focusing on land law and land conflict; (C) training of municipal officials, local village councils and local land services personnel on land conflict mediation; and (D) support for mobile land conflict tribunals.

MCC Funding also will support implementation of environmental and social mitigation measures as identified in the Environmental and Social Management Framework, or as otherwise may be appropriate, consistent with MCC Environmental Guidelines and OP 4.12.

(c) Site-Specific Land Tenure Interventions.

This Project Activity will ensure that both the Legal and Procedural Change and Communication Project Activity and the Institutional Development and Capacity Building Project Activity yield their intended benefits across municipalities and in targeted agricultural development zones. The Site-Specific Land Tenure Interventions Project Activity employs a cluster approach to project design, based around 15 clusters, each containing up to three to four municipalities.

Specifically, MCC Funding will support:

(i) Participatory land use management planning in up to 47 rural municipalities, including training, mapping, operational costs, and necessary assistance by regional and provincial institutions; and

(ii) Clarifying and securing rights in developed zones, including in up to eight existing agricultural schemes subject to the phasing approach, in the new MCC-funded irrigation scheme, and associated with approximately 14,500 parcels in Ganzourgou province.

MCC Funding also will support implementation of environmental and social mitigation measures as identified in the Environmental and Social Management Framework, or as otherwise may be appropriate, consistent with MCC Environmental Guidelines and OP 4.12.

Certain of the activities enumerated in Sections 2(b)(i), (b)(ii), (c)(i) and (c)(ii) above will be subject to a phased approach. Unless MCC otherwise agrees, phase one includes years one and two of the Compact Term. Phase one will target 17 municipalities with a complete package of technical assistance and

infrastructure construction, and also will include a set of up-front investments that are not municipality-specific. Phase two will include the balance of the Compact Term, and will target up to 30 additional municipalities for technical assistance and infrastructure as well as expand investment associated with the other sub-activities. MCC's decision to initiate phase two investments is subject to satisfaction of: (A) The achievement of an economic rate of return target; (B) achievement of legal and policy change targets, including (1) passage of the rural land law, (2) passage of the implementing regulations for the rural land law, (3) passage of relevant revisions as may be necessary or appropriate to the RAF legislation and (4) revision of the regulations or bylaws for managed agricultural zones (*Cahier de Charges Général*); (C) satisfactory progress on applicable performance indicators specified in the M&E Plan; and (D) sufficient progress toward milestones set in the Implementation Plan. In the event that MCC determines, in its sole discretion, that phase one fails to achieve the performance criteria outlined above, the MCC Funding associated with phase two may be reallocated to other Project Activities, consistent with Section 6.2(b) of the Compact.

3. Beneficiaries

The Rural Land Governance Project is expected to affect households and businesses nationally, primarily through the Legal and Procedural Change and Communication Project Activity, creating a better investment climate for existing and prospective rural producers.

The Institutional Development and Capacity Building Project Activity and the Site-Specific Land Tenure Interventions Project Activity additionally will benefit rural producers located in the targeted sites. These direct beneficiaries include producers in up to 47 of the country's 302 rural municipalities and in the targeted agricultural development zones. Targeted sites will be organized in 15 clusters of contiguous municipalities with the expectation that outcomes and impacts achieved by the cluster municipalities eventually will extend to other neighboring municipalities that are not targeted in this project, particularly as the clusters are allocated across all 13 administrative regions of the country. Several of the municipalities will overlap with the Agricultural Development Project and others will be along road segments to be supported under the Roads Project.

Improved land registration and mapping services at national, regional or provincial levels may also benefit other public or private users who are not located in target municipalities or managed scheme areas.

4. Sustainability

The foundation of this Project is a reformed legal, policy and procedural framework for land tenure, which will ensure an enabling environment for sustainability of the MCC investment. All site-specific sub-activities will be based on new legal tools, assuring their support in law. Training will target the range of local stakeholders to assure buy-in. Most of the Project's site-specific interventions will be scalable through the phased approach, thus enabling the expected returns on an initial share of the investment to be tested before the Project is expanded. By requiring that phase two be based on demonstrated performance, the Project design stands as an innovative approach to ensuring results and investment sustainability. All training and equipment investments, particularly those associated with strengthening regional and provincial registration and mapping services, will reflect analysis of appropriate and sustainable capacity building and technology choices.

The sustainability of the municipal buildings investment for each beneficiary municipal government in phase one and phase two will be supported by the requirement that municipal budgets contain sufficient resources for building operation and maintenance, consistent with Burkina Faso's current municipal government financing frameworks and procedures associated with the decentralization law. All participating municipal governments, or the Ministry of Economy and Finance on their behalf, will be required to submit for MCA-Burkina Faso and MCC approval a plan that details the operational arrangements for the finished building as a condition on the launch of the associated works procurements. These plans will include identification of the specific local services planned to operate out of each building as well as specific plans for building operations and maintenance.

5. Environmental and Social Mitigation Measures

The implementation of environmental management and gender integration plans will ensure the sustainability of the Rural Land Governance Project by mitigating potential impacts and strengthening Project design. An environmental and social management

framework ("ESMF") will be used to conduct the required environmental and social impact analysis of the municipal buildings. The ESMF will identify impacts as well as develop site-specific EMPS for each building site. RAPs will also be developed to adequately plan for and mitigate the resettlement impacts at building sites.

In addition, environmental and social safeguards consistent with applicable rules, regulations and best practices in Burkina Faso will be incorporated into all land use decision-making processes funded through the Site-Specific Land Tenure Interventions Project Activity. These safeguards will ensure the sustainable implementation of interventions in existing protected areas. Furthermore, the ESMF will develop a process to ensure community decision-making regarding restricting access to natural resources and establish measures to mitigate adverse impacts on livelihoods, such as the creation of a compensation fund to register and improve land to allow for successful realization of livelihood activities outside of protected areas. Finally, the implementation of the Rural Land Governance Project will be structured to ensure that women can benefit from the MCC-funded investments, through the integration of appropriate mechanisms into the new land law and into the overall implementation of the Project.

6. Donor Coordination

The Rural Land Governance Project builds on land tenure, rural development and decentralization efforts supported by the World Bank, the French Development Agency (*Agence Française de Développement* or "AFD"), the Danish International Development Agency ("DANIDA"), the German Agency for Technical Cooperation (*Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit GmbH*, or "GTZ"), the Austrian Development Corporation, the Luxembourg Agency for Development Cooperation, the International Fund for Agricultural Development ("IFAD"), the International Finance Corporation ("IFC"), the African Development Bank ("AfDB"), the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization ("FAO"), the Swedish International Development Agency ("SIDA"), and the United Nations Development Program ("UNDP"). MCC funding will co-finance, with the World Bank, support for stakeholder consultation, legal drafting, and passage of the new land law and application texts, as well as outreach and dissemination once the new law is passed.

7. United States Agency for International Development

The United States Agency for International Development ("USAID") currently does not focus specifically on the land tenure sector in Burkina Faso. However, the Government will work with USAID, as appropriate, to identify potential opportunities for coordination with respect to the Rural Land Governance Project.

C. Agriculture Development Project

1. Background

The Project Objective of the Agriculture Development Project is to expand the productive use of land in order to increase the volume and value of agricultural production in Project zones. In that regard, the Agriculture Development Project is designed to increase rural incomes and employment and to enhance the competitiveness of the rural economies in the Sourou Valley and the Comoé Basin by addressing core constraints typical of rural Burkina Faso: poor water resource availability and management; weak beneficiary capacity; lack of access to information, markets, and inputs; and lack of access to credit. Expected results include increased agricultural production and productivity in Project zones, increased total area of land under irrigation in Di, and increased availability of rural credit in the Project's intervention zones.

2. Summary of Project and Activities

The Agriculture Development Project consists of the following mutually reinforcing Project Activities:

(a) Water Management and Irrigation.

The Water Management and Irrigation Project Activity is designed to ensure adequate water availability, water delivery, flood control, and dam safety to support and protect investments in the Sourou Valley and Comoé Basin. Specifically, MCC Funding will support:

(i) Preparation and implementation of Integrated Water Resources Management ("IWRM") plans for the Sourou Valley and Comoé Basin in conformity with Burkina Faso's integrated water resources management action plan (*Plan d'Action de la Gestion Intégrée des Ressources en Eau du Burkina Faso* ("PAGIRE"));

(ii) Rehabilitation of the Léry dam and associated infrastructure (the "Léry Dam");

(iii) Development of the Di irrigation scheme in the Sourou Valley;

(iv) Development of EIAs, EMPs, and RAPs for the respective investments and implementation of mitigation measures as identified in these assessments, or as

otherwise may be appropriate, to include compensation for physical and economic displacement of individuals, residences and businesses affected by such rehabilitation and construction, consistent with OP 4.12; and

(v) Provision of capacity building and technical assistance to establish the institutional framework and financial capacity for sustainable operation and maintenance of the water and irrigation infrastructure, including, but not limited to, capacity building and technical assistance to the *Autorité de Mise en Valeur de la Vallée du Sourou* ("AMVS") consistent with the recommendations of the AMVS Management Audit (as defined in subsection (b) below).

(b) Diversified Agriculture.

The Diversified Agriculture Project Activity will build on the delivery of water in the Project zones by supporting on-farm production and related activities throughout the agricultural value chain. Specifically, MCC Funding will support:

(i) Extension services, demonstration farms and technical assistance services, assisting beneficiaries in irrigated and rain-fed areas;

(ii) Business development services, including transaction brokering, technology transfer, and links to the Access to Rural Finance Activity;

(iii) Expansion of market information systems and rehabilitation of district markets;

(iv) Improvement of the quality and accessibility of private animal health services and increasing the capacity of public agencies to provide technical support and professional training to veterinary practitioners; and

(v) Development of EIAs and EMPs for the respective investments and implementation of mitigation measures as identified in these assessments, or as otherwise may be appropriate.

A management audit of AMVS (the "AMVS Management Audit") will be conducted prior to Entry into Force of the Compact to assess the efficacy and efficiency of AMVS, including, but not limited to, its strategic planning, organization, operating systems, resources, and personnel and management systems. Following discussion of the recommendations of the AMVS Management Audit with key stakeholders, an action plan agreed by the Parties (the "AMVS Action Plan") will be implemented by AMVS.

(c) Access to Rural Finance.

This Project activity will increase medium- and long-term credit in the four western regions of Sud-Ouest, Hauts Bassins, Cascades, and Boucle du

Mouhoun. Specifically, MCC Funding will support:

(i) An on-lending facility to provide medium-to long-term loans, particularly to farmers and small- and medium-sized, rural and agricultural enterprises;

(ii) Improvement of the capacity of participating financial institutions to profitably and securely expand rural lending; and

(iii) Increasing the ability of creditworthy enterprises in the region to access credit, including women-owned enterprises.

3. Beneficiaries

The principal beneficiaries of the irrigation investments will be people with some farming experience with dry-land crops who receive irrigated land. Many beneficiaries are expected to be those people who are earning less than US\$2/day and selection criteria for land allocation are designed to serve this category of beneficiaries. The farmers on the existing irrigation perimeters who will benefit from the technical assistance activities more likely fall into a slightly higher income category.

Beneficiaries of the livestock, Léry Dam, and market investments are more likely to be like the relatively poor dry land farmers. Beneficiaries of the investments in the Water Management and Irrigation Project Activity and the Access to Rural Finance Project Activity will be widely distributed in Sourou, Hauts Basins, Sud Ouest, and Cascades Regions.

4. Sustainability

The ability of farmers to adapt to new irrigation and agricultural methods, and the executing agencies to complete the project within the Compact Term, will be crucial for a successful and sustainable outcome. Availability of sufficient water resources and fertile soils, and the capacity for implementing proper operation and maintenance of facilities and infrastructure, are limiting factors to sustainable development in Burkina Faso. The Agriculture Development Project is designed to address these key constraints in partnership with the Government and with the commitment of beneficiaries. To achieve the Project's goals, MCC Funding will strengthen the capacity of key stakeholders through training and technical assistance, and will create the enabling environment that ensures proper levying of water fees and adequate operation and maintenance of the infrastructure and facilities.

The overall sustainability of the Project lies with: (a) The strengthened capacity of the *Direction Générale des Ressources en Eau* ("DGRE") to better manage and maintain water storage in

the Sourou reservoir; (b) the strengthened capacity of AMVS through its operation and maintenance contractors to provide a reliable supply of water to farmers as specified in the by-laws of the project (*Cahier de Charges*); (c) the capacity of beneficiaries, through their Water User Associations (''WUA'') to pay for operations and maintenance to ensure the provision of irrigation water; (d) the establishment of an operations and maintenance fund managed and overseen by AMVS and the WUAs; and (e) the Government to ensure that the *Cahier de Charges* is respected by the parties to it. Contingent upon full continuing execution of the operations and maintenance action plan pursuant to the AMVS Management Audit, a deposit of MCC Funding equal to approximately 1.5 times the estimated cost of operations and maintenance of the Di irrigation infrastructure for one year, may be made into the operations and maintenance fund, unless otherwise agreed by the Parties. Notwithstanding such deposits, MCC anticipates that farmers will, from the outset, pay water charges incrementally toward the full cost of operations and maintenance within the first two years of operation. With respect to the Léry Dam, the Government will ensure that a plan and adequate resources are in place to cover yearly operation and maintenance costs associated with the Léry Dam. Land allocation and future land management within the scheme area will be supported by general and specific by-laws (*Cahier de Charges*), whose content will be approved by MCC. The Rural Land Governance Project will support land use planning and management and capacity-building to the municipalities overlapping with targeted areas, and will support registration of rights in the targeted scheme areas.

Projects with similar objectives have failed in the past because of the failure of public and private entities to consistently deliver on their commitments to growers. The focus of this Project is not on building a particular service capacity for which external funding will always be needed. It rather will foster relationships between producers and commercial suppliers of the goods and services they need and between AMVS and the WUAs, so that mutual interest is served by each continuing to perform his or her part. The objective is to ensure that producers acquire the knowledge and the ability to recognize their needs for information, and to develop the network and capacity to meet that need, through

more diverse and direct sources than a conventional, public sector agent.

5. Environmental and Social Mitigation Measures

Environmental sustainability of the Agriculture Development Project will be promoted through the implementation of site-specific interventions to reduce the potential for downstream surface water contamination, reforestation actions to address fuel-wood shortages, and use of pest management plans. Additionally, training and capacity building for the AMVS and Ministry of Environment officials will help ensure that environmental and social issues will be adequately managed. Social sustainability will be promoted by the integration of completed gender analysis into final Project design and terms of reference for implementation to ensure women and families benefit from Project investments, targeted training and through a transparent parcel allocation scheme. Thorough resettlement analysis will also contribute to social sustainability through the identification of mitigation and compensation measures that will factor into the Resettlement Action Plans.

Detailed assessments and mitigation plans will be developed for the Agriculture Development Project as follows: (a) EIAs, EMPs and RAPs for the water management and irrigation activities at Di and Léry, focusing on environmental, social, and resettlement impacts of the creation of the Di irrigated perimeter as well as the rehabilitation of the Léry Dam; (b) in connection with the Diversified Agriculture Project Activity, an EIA, EMP, and RAP for the market rehabilitation component, focusing on the environmental, social, and resettlement impacts of rehabilitating up to eight district markets; (c) an EIA and EMP of the diversified agriculture activities, focusing on the environmental impacts of agricultural intensification in the region and its aquatic ecosystems; (d) a plan to build environmental and social capacity for the AMVS to ensure that minimum capacity is present for monitoring impacts and monitoring compliance with MCC's Environmental Guidelines and the MCC Gender Policy; and (e) appropriate guidelines and requirements for the Access to Rural Finance Project Activity to ensure that end-borrowers implement projects in compliance with the Government's environmental regulations and MCC's Environmental Guidelines.

6. Donor Coordination

The Project design draws extensively on the work of other donors. MCC consulted with the EU on the IWRM, and with the World Bank and AfDB on irrigation and agriculture. Lessons learned, particularly with regard to including supporting technical assistance for farmers, have been incorporated to improve the design of this project and foster its sustainability. A number of other donors have been active in the target rural areas of the Project, including the World Bank, AfDB, USAID, the *Fonds Européen De Développement* ("FED") as well as Swiss and Belgian bilateral aid agencies. In several cases, the actions to be taken under the Project complement other initiatives. For example, the market information system will continue work begun under a USAID project, and the improvements to district markets will draw on the experience of the Swiss Development Agency. In addition, the Access to Rural Finance Project Activity has been designed in consultation with other donor funded micro, small and medium sized rural enterprise ("MSME") activities in Burkina Faso. In particular, synergies will be gained in implementation through close coordination with the International Finance Corporation's MSME credit program, the World Bank's *Projet d'Appui aux Filières Agro-Sylvo-Pastoral Project* ("PAFASP"), and the World Bank and EU-funded *Maison de l'Enterprise* which provides business support services. MCC anticipates that consultations will continue with these donors and with others who may develop interventions within the Project zones.

7. United States Agency for International Development

USAID currently does not focus specifically on the agriculture sector in Burkina Faso. However, the Government will work with USAID, as appropriate, to identify potential opportunities for coordination with respect to the Agriculture Development Project.

8. Policy, Legal and Regulatory Reforms

The Government will continue institutional reforms and initiatives aimed at sustainable water resource management that would support the development of the Integrated Water Resource Management plans prepared and financed pursuant to this Compact.

The Government will exercise its best efforts to ensure compliance of all stakeholders with their obligations as set out in the various *Cahier de Charges* relevant to the Di irrigation perimeter. If

such stakeholders fail to fulfill those obligations with respect to operation and maintenance of the irrigation system, the Government shall ensure that such operation and maintenance is performed in any event.

The Government will put in place in the Sourou Valley region adequate health infrastructure, and will deploy the necessary staff to ensure proper functioning of this infrastructure, in conformity with the standards of the National Health Service Plan (*Plan de Developpement Sanitaire*) in use in Burkina Faso.

In addition, the implementation by the Government, to the satisfaction of MCC in its discretion, of the policy, legal and regulatory reform described below shall be conditions precedent to specified Disbursements: the Government will ensure the availability of funds and provide a timeline acceptable to MCC for the construction of identified agriculture access roads in the vicinity of the Di perimeter: (a) Di—Poura—Ourokou—Poro—Dono, and (b) Dono—Niassari—Bouna.

D. Roads Project

1. Background

Burkina Faso's Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper identifies infrastructure development as a critical priority for increased economic growth. For a landlocked country, the road transport network is an important asset for economic development. Such a network facilitates trade and communications with regional and international markets and improves local connectivity of farms to markets. Road network investments also improve access to social services in rural communities, such as those in western Burkina Faso, which currently are underserved by an adequate transport system.

The Project Objective of the Roads Project is to enhance access to markets through investments in the road network. More specifically, the Roads Project is designed to: (a) Improve access to agricultural markets by upgrading primary and rural road segments serving the Sourou Valley and the Comoé Basin; (b) reduce travel time to markets and reduce vehicle operating costs; and (c) ensure the sustainability of the road network by strengthening road maintenance. Expected results include increased volume of freight and passenger traffic on rehabilitated roads, reduced travel times and costs, and improved road maintenance. The Project includes a set of primary and rural roads projects for upgrading to appropriate functional standards and designed to carry projected traffic for a

15 to 20 year horizon. Benefits are expected to result primarily from increasing the year-round accessibility to markets of agriculturally productive regions that are typically cut off during the rainy season.

2. Summary of Project and Activities

The Roads Project consists of the following Project Activities:

(a) Development of Primary Roads.

The Development of Primary Roads Project Activity will support the improvements of three primary road segments in western Burkina Faso currently projected to total 271 kilometers. The segments to be financed using MCC Funding include the development of a 145 kilometer segment from Dedougou—Nouna—Mali border, the development of a 76 kilometer segment from Sabou—Koudougou—Didyr, and a 50 kilometer segment from Banfora—Sindou (collectively, the “Primary Roads”). Specifically, MCC Funding will support:

(i) Implementation of construction activities for the opening, improvement, or rehabilitation of the Primary Roads;

(ii) Implementation of environmental and social mitigation measures as identified in the EIA and the RAP, or as otherwise may be appropriate, to include compensation for physical and economic displacement of individuals, residences and businesses affected by such rehabilitation and construction, consistent with OP 4.12; and

(iii) Project management, supervision and auditing of such improvements and upgrades.

(b) Development of Rural Roads.

The Development of Rural Roads Project Activity will support the improvements of rural road segments currently projected to total 151 kilometers located in three rural areas in the Comoé Basin of southwestern Burkina Faso, including the Provinces of Leraba, Comoe, and Kenedougou (collectively, the “Rural Roads”). These roads currently exist as rural tracks and improvements will include upgrading to a fully engineered rural road standard. Specifically, MCC Funding will support:

(i) Implementation of construction activities for the opening, improvement, or rehabilitation of the Rural Roads;

(ii) Implementation of environmental and social mitigation measures as identified in the EIA and the RAP, or as otherwise may be appropriate, to include compensation for physical and economic displacement of individuals, residences and businesses affected by such rehabilitation and construction, consistent with OP 4.12; and

(iii) Project management, supervision and auditing of such improvements and upgrades.

(c) Capacity Building and Technical Assistance for Road Maintenance.

The Capacity Building and Technical Assistance Project Activity will provide capacity building and technical assistance to existing government agencies and private sector institutions involved with road maintenance activities to improve the planning and implementation of road maintenance. Specifically, MCC Funding will support:

(i) Assistance in developing a five-year road maintenance plan;

(ii) Training on procurement processes, contract management, and financial accounting systems;

(iii) Support for development of administrative framework of the IMFP (as defined below);

(iv) Support for public outreach programs for improving safety and protection of road infrastructure; and

(v) Any other related activities as may be approved by MCC.

MCC Funding will also be used for environmental and social capacity building of the Ministry of Environment and Ministry of Infrastructure.

(d) Incentive Matching Fund for Periodic Road Maintenance.

The Incentive Matching Fund for Periodic Road Maintenance (“IMFP”) Project Activity is designed to set the Government on a path toward long-term, sustainable funding of periodic maintenance on the full road network in Burkina Faso. MCC Funding will be used to finance periodic road maintenance works through an incentive matching fund that will match annual increases in the Government's dedicated funding for periodic maintenance, subject to measurable indicators of performance on maintenance planning, capacity, and implementation. MCC and the Government envision that the IMFP will be administered by the Road Maintenance Fund of Burkina (*Fonds d'Entretien Routier du Burkina—FER-B*), an institution established by the Government in cooperation with the World Bank (the “Road Fund”). MCC Funding of the IMFP is subject to the fulfillment of the following conditions, as such conditions are further specified in the Program Implementation

Agreement: (i) The preparation and delivery by the Government of a five-year road maintenance plan that will be updated annually; (ii) the presentation by the Government of evidence, satisfactory to MCC, that *Direction Générale des Routes* (“DGR”) and *Direction Générale des Pistes Rurales* (“DGPR”) have improved procurement,

contract management and implementation oversight capacities; (iii) the presentation by the Government of evidence, satisfactory to MCC, that the Road Fund has adopted appropriate financial controls (including cash management and accounting controls) and operational systems (including with respect to contract management), and such mechanisms are formalized, implemented and verified pursuant to technical and financial audits conducted in accordance with the by-laws (*Cahier de Charges*) of the Road Fund approved by MCC; and (iv) the establishment of the relative contributions of the Government and MCC to the IMFP, as agreed upon between MCC and the Government, and the provision by the Government of evidence of financing sufficient to meet the Government's share of such contributions. In connection with this sub-section (d), the Parties shall use their best efforts to consult with other donors where appropriate.

3. Beneficiaries

Key beneficiaries of the Roads Project will include the population in the areas serviced by the roads as well as those who tranship goods through the region using the roads. Anticipated benefits include increased production (for both inputs such as fertilizer, and outputs such as farm produce) due to improved access to markets resulting from reduced travel time and reduced vehicle operating costs. In addition, reducing the isolation of these communities may increase access to health and education services.

4. Sustainability

Road maintenance is crucial for the long term function and benefit of the Roads Project investment. The continuation of efforts to mobilize resources for road maintenance is essential to ensure sustainability of the road investments. In support of road maintenance, the provision by MCC of matching funds to annual increases in Government spending on periodic maintenance is an innovative mechanism to ensure roads are adequately maintained and continue to stimulate access into the long-term.

5. Environmental and Social Mitigation Measures

Environmental sustainability of the Roads Project will be promoted through the conduct of comprehensive environmental and social impact assessments that will build upon the environmental and social work already completed. In addition, the Roads Project will include a series of training

and short-term educational seminars that will include coverage of sound environmental and social performance for existing contractors active in the road maintenance industry.

EIAs will be completed for each set of roads to be rehabilitated or upgraded, and each EIA will include gender analysis, EMPs and HIV/AIDS prevention plans. In addition, RAPs will be developed and implemented for each road segment. While environmental and social impacts related to the IMFP Project Activity are not expected to be significant, requirements will be incorporated into the design of the IMFP. Further, annual technical audits will include consideration of environmental and social performance.

6. Donor Coordination

Throughout due diligence, MCC has consulted with major donors involved in funding road construction and capacity building/institutional strengthening projects in Burkina Faso. MCC has been particularly active in coordinating its approach to road maintenance, an increasingly important collective concern among the major donors. Technical assistance under the Capacity Building and Technical Assistance for Road Maintenance Project Activity has been structured to complement ongoing technical assistance programs, to build on the World Bank's assistance that resulted in the establishment of the Road Fund, and to strengthen work initiated by the AfDB and the EU on road maintenance. Design of the IMFP, in particular, was developed in collaboration with the World Bank and the EU.

The road segments selected for MCC Funding provide connections with current road construction activities funded by other donors. The Koudougou to Dedougou road segment, funded by the Islamic Development Bank ("BID"), Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa ("BADEA"), Arab Development Fund ("FAD"), Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development, Saudi Fund for Development, OPEC Fund for International Development and the Government, lies in between the Dedougou-Mali border road and the Sabou-Koudougou-Didyr road. The Sabou to Koudougou road segment intersects with the EU-funded periodic maintenance on the Sabou to Bobo-Dioulasso road and works on the Sabou to Ouagadougou road anticipated to be funded by the World Bank.

7. United States Agency for International Development

USAID currently does not focus specifically on the roads and transport sectors in Burkina Faso. However, the Government will work with USAID, as appropriate, to identify potential opportunities for coordination with respect to the Roads Project.

8. Policy, Legal and Regulatory Reforms

The implementation by the Government, to the satisfaction of MCC in its discretion, of the policy, legal and regulatory reforms described below shall be conditions precedent to the specified Disbursements:

(a) The Government will ensure that the Road Fund is fully operational in accordance with Burkina Faso law with all staff, management, and financial systems in place for efficient execution of the road maintenance works including contract management, performance monitoring and works verification.

(b) The Government will ensure that DGR and DGPR have improved operational processes to conduct procurement, contract management, and monitoring of road maintenance works, as measured by mutually agreed targets, to facilitate the implementation of the Road Fund.

(c) The Government will ensure that a transparent method of funding periodic maintenance is established to support the Road Fund.

In addition, the Government will actively pursue participation of the private sector in maintenance work through a series of training seminars and outreach activities to improve private sector understanding of procurement processes, contracting requirements, road maintenance methods/best practices, and maintenance standards.

E. Bright 2 Schools Project

1. Background

The Project Objective of the BRIGHT 2 Schools Project is to increase primary school completion rate for girls and builds upon the successes of the Burkinabé Response to Improve Girls' Chances to Succeed ("BRIGHT") funded under the MCC Threshold Program. In addition, the BRIGHT 2 Schools Project will further support the efforts of the Ministry of Basic Education and Literacy (*Ministère de l'Enseignement de Base et de l'Alphabétisation* or "MEBA") to increase girls' primary education completion rate. The Project focuses on maintaining high levels of girls' enrollment and retention as they move on to the higher grades (4-6) in

their new classrooms. Specific objectives of the Project are to: (a) Maintain the high enrollment rates; (b) anchor the girls' education principles in the respective communities for the benefit of future generations of school-aged girls; and (c) start a program for school maintenance.

The BRIGHT 2 Schools Project will consist of two phases. Phase one, scheduled from September 2008 to December 2009, will be an interim phase to provide temporary classroom solutions and to maintain community interest at the respective schools to be supported by Compact Implementation Funding. Phase two, scheduled from the date the Compact enters into force and for the three consecutive years thereafter, will consist of construction work in addition to all other Project Activities. Several months of anticipated overlap between phase one and phase two will allow for a smooth transition between the two stages.

The BRIGHT 2 Schools Project will be administered by USAID pursuant to an agreement between USAID and MCC (the "Administration Agreement"). Accordingly, the Government will not be responsible for Project Activities for which USAID has sole responsibility under the Administration Agreement (including with respect to applicable Disbursements to USAID). Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Government will cooperate with USAID and perform its obligations to achieve the BRIGHT 2 Schools Project Objective consistent with this Compact, the Program Implementation Agreement and any other Supplemental Agreement.

2. Summary of Project and Activities

The BRIGHT 2 Schools Project consists of the following mutually reinforcing Project Activities:

(a) Borehole Construction/ Rehabilitation and/or Water Catchment Systems.

MCC Funding will support some or all of the following:

(i) The construction of up to 50 additional boreholes for the exclusive use of the school complex;

(ii) The purchase and installation of pipe and water catchments, where technically feasible, in accordance with environmental regulations, and budget permitting; and

(iii) Such other activities as may be determined by MCC in consultation with USAID.

(b) Construction of Schools Complexes.

MCC Funding will support the identification, in consultation with respective communities, of the exact location for expansion of existing

schools and their construction. It also will support the construction of an additional classroom block of three classrooms at each of the 132 locations, for a total of 396 additional classrooms (including equipment), 396 teacher housing units, (including latrine, bathing space and kitchen), two blocks of three latrines (for a total of 792 latrines), sports grounds and sports equipment.

(c) Bisongos (Kindergartens)

MCC Funding will support the construction of 122 bisongos, including playground and equipment. Such construction will utilize existing designs prepared by Catholic Relief Services and made available to the Ministry of Social Action and National Solidarity.

(d) Take-Home Rations.

This Project Activity will provide food for daily meals ("Take-Home Rations") during the nine months of the school year for approximately 100 children estimated to be enrolled at each of the 132 bisongos. The Project also will provide monthly Take-Home Rations for girls demonstrating 90 percent monthly attendance in grades 1–4 (CP1–CE2) during the nine-month school year. Forty-five girls per grade are estimated to be able to benefit from Take-Home Rations, which consist of approximately eight kilograms of rice or other dry foods. Take-Home Rations will be provided based on studies showing that school meals are an effective way of ensuring attendance and improving academic performance. Implementers will be encouraged to work with teachers and parents to create school gardens to enhance participation in canteen planning and management for nutritious meals. The initiative supports MEBA's strategic plan, and anticipates training sessions for teachers in the school garden concept and nutrition.

(e) Social Mobilization Campaign.

This Project Activity will build community ownership around the school and the value of education through social mobilization, literacy training, and other efforts in the 132 rural communities. Specifically, MCC Funding will support:

(i) Well-targeted social mobilization campaigns on topics to serve as content for literacy training, school director and teacher training, and as the basis for community discussion groups, including messages on gender parity, the lifelong value of education and literacy, school maintenance, canteen and bisongo management;

(ii) Assistance to the *Associations des Mères Educatrices* ("AME") to mentor girls;

(iii) Training teachers in sensitivity to gender issues; and

(iv) An incentive program for female teachers.

(f) Adult Literacy/Management of Micro-Projects.

MCC Funding will support the training of trainers, delivery of literacy courses, and training in micro-project management for women and mothers in the 132 communities. This Project Activity will build on existing literacy programs and lead to the development of training materials that respond to the needs of the communities and enhance the women's understanding of the benefits of their own education as well as their role in supporting their daughters' and the school in general. Specifically, MCC Funding will support:

(i) Training in management of micro-projects for income generation to help boost community development; and

(ii) Literacy training for mothers.

(g) Program Support.

MCC Funding will be used for direct and indirect costs incurred by USAID in the implementation of this Project.

3. Beneficiaries

Approximately 19,800 children, including approximately 9,900 girls, will benefit from the construction of the remaining classrooms for BRIGHT schools in 132 communities in 9 provinces. In addition, it is estimated that 13,200 children will benefit from the bisongos (kindergartens), 39,600 children will benefit from the meals provided in schools, and 13,200 girls and their families will benefit from the Take-Home Rations.

4. United States Agency for International Development

USAID will serve as the administrator for the BRIGHT 2 Schools Project pursuant to the Administration Agreement.

5. Policy, Legal and Regulatory Reforms

The Government will implement the policy, legal and regulatory reforms described below.

(a) The Government will ensure the nomination by MEBA of a BRIGHT 2 Schools Project Coordinator and Coordination Team, and shall ensure that a BRIGHT 2 Schools Project Coordinator and Coordination Team are in place for the duration of the Project.

(b) The Government will provide an annual budget allocation, in accordance with Section 2.6(c) of the Compact, to MEBA for teacher salaries and other recurrent costs for the existing 132 BRIGHT schools (including classrooms and other facilities funded under the BRIGHT 2 Schools Project).

F. Implementation Framework

1. Overview

The implementation framework and the plan for ensuring adequate governance, oversight, management, monitoring and evaluation, and fiscal accountability for the use of MCC Funding are summarized below. MCC and the Government shall enter into the Program Implementation Agreement, and any other agreements in furtherance of this Compact, all of which, together with this Compact, shall set out certain rights, responsibilities, duties and other terms relating to the implementation of the Program.

2. MCC

MCC will take all appropriate actions to carry out its responsibilities in connection with this Compact and the Program Implementation Agreement, including the exercise of its approval rights in connection with the implementation of the Program.

3. MCA-Burkina Faso

The Government, by Decree No. 2008-185/PRES/PM dated April 18, 2008, of the Council of Ministers of Burkina Faso (the “Decree”), established MCA-Burkina Faso as an independent legal entity empowered to carry out the Government’s obligations and to implement the Program under this Compact. The Government shall ensure that MCA-Burkina Faso takes all appropriate actions to implement the Program, including the performance of the rights and responsibilities designated to it by the Government pursuant to this Compact and the Program Implementation Agreement. The Government also shall ensure that MCA-Burkina Faso has full decision-making autonomy, including, *inter alia*, the ability, without consultation with, or the consent or approval of, any other party, to (a) enter into contracts in its own name, (b) sue and be sued, (c) establish an account in a financial institution in the name of MCA-Burkina Faso and hold MCC Funding in that account, (d) expend MCC Funding, (e) engage one or more fiscal agents who will act on behalf of MCA-Burkina Faso on terms acceptable to MCC, (f) engage one or more procurement agents who will act on behalf of MCA-Burkina Faso, on terms acceptable to MCC, to manage the acquisition of the goods, works and services requested by MCA-Burkina Faso to implement the activities funded by this Compact, and (g) competitively engage one or more auditors to conduct audits of its accounts.

MCA-Burkina Faso will be administered and managed by the

following bodies: (a) *Le Comité d’Orientation et de Suivi*, acting as its Board of Directors (the “Board”); (b) *L’Unité de Coordination*, acting as its management unit (the “Management Unit”); and (c) *Le Conseil National*, acting as its stakeholders committee (the “Stakeholders Committee”). The governance of MCA-Burkina Faso will be set forth in more detail in the Program Implementation Agreement, the constitutive documents and internal regulations of MCA-Burkina Faso (“MCA-Burkina Faso Bylaws”) laying out the responsibilities of the Board, the Management Unit, and the Stakeholders Committee. The MCA-Burkina Faso Bylaws will be in accordance with MCC’s Guidelines for Accountable Entities and Implementation Structures, published on the MCC Web site (the “Governance Guidelines”).

(a) Board of Directors (*Le Comité d’Orientation et de Suivi*).

(i) Composition. Consistent with the Decree and the Governance Guidelines, MCA-Burkina Faso shall be governed by the Board, which shall consist of those voting and non-voting members set forth in the Decree. Any alteration of the composition of the Board shall be subject to MCC approval.

(ii) Roles and Responsibilities. The Board will be responsible for overseeing the implementation of the Program, including making major decisions, such as approving annual implementation plans, disbursement requests, annual progress reports, key contracts, and reporting on policy reforms, as well as other responsibilities defined in the MCA-Burkina Faso Bylaws. The Board will have final decision-making authority over the implementation of the Program. It will meet regularly; the frequency of meetings will be set forth in the MCA-Burkina Faso Bylaws and will be in accordance with the Governance Guidelines. The specific roles of the voting and non-voting members will be set forth in the MCA-Burkina Faso Bylaws.

(b) Management Unit (*L’Unité de Coordination*).

(i) Composition. The Management Unit, which will be led by a competitively selected National Coordinator, also will be composed of competitively recruited Directors with expertise in the key components of the Program, a Legal Counsel, and other key Directors, including Directors of Environmental and Social Assessment, Procurement, Administration and Finance, and Monitoring and Evaluation, together with such other managers and officers as may be agreed by the Government and MCC. The Directors will be supported by

appropriate staff to enable the Management Unit to execute its roles and responsibilities.

(ii) Roles and Responsibilities. The Management Unit will be based in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, and will be responsible for managing the day-to-day implementation of the Program with oversight from the Board. It will serve as the principal link between MCC and the Government and will be accountable for the successful execution of the Program, each Project and each Project Activity. As an administrative structure of the Government, MCA-Burkina Faso will be subject to Government audit requirements. As a recipient of MCC Funding, it will also be subject to MCC audit requirements.

4. Stakeholders Committee (Le Conseil National)

(a) Composition. The Government has established a strategic Stakeholders Committee, in conformity with the Governance Guidelines, to ensure the continuation of the consultative process throughout the implementation of the Program. The Stakeholders Committee shall consist of up to 28 members (or such other number as may be selected by the Government and approved by MCC), including deputies, mayors, regional government counselors, and representatives from banks in the project intervention zone, the private sector, environmental NGOs, women’s associations, fruits and vegetable exporters, farmers’ associations in the Sourou and Comoé, and religious and customary authorities. The Government also will establish, in the project intervention and project-affected areas, informal stakeholders’ committees whose size and composition will reflect the sectors, activities and concerns of the Program, and include key NGOs, the private sector, civil society, and decentralized regional and local government bodies.

(b) Location. The strategic Stakeholders Committee and the informal stakeholders’ committees will convene where appropriate to ensure maximum participation in providing feedback on Program and Project implementation.

(c) Roles and Responsibilities. The strategic Stakeholders Committee will serve as a feedback and accountability mechanism for MCA-Burkina Faso throughout the Program’s implementation. It will be responsible for continuing the consultative process throughout Program implementation and will consult with the informal stakeholders’ committees on a regular basis or at the request of an informal stakeholders’ committee as set forth in

the MCA-Burkina Faso Bylaws. The informal stakeholders' committees will not have decision-making authority but, at the request of the strategic Stakeholders Committee, will review certain reports, agreements and documents, including implementation documents to the extent appropriate, and provide advice and feedback regarding the Program's implementation.

5. Implementing Entities

(a) Composition. The Government and MCC have identified the principal ministries and public institutions that may or will serve as implementing entities (each, an "*Implementing Entity*"). Such Implementing Entities include, but are not limited to, (i) the AMVS, within the Ministry of Agriculture; (ii) the *Direction Générale des Routes*, within the Ministry of Infrastructure; (iii) the *Direction Générale des Pistes Rurales*, within the Ministry of Infrastructure; (iv) the Road Fund; (v) the Ministry of Environment (*Ministère de l'Environnement et du Cadre de Vie*); and (vi) appropriate *Directions* of the Ministry of Economic and Finance (*Ministère de l'Economie et des Finances*) for the Rural Land Governance Project. MCA-Burkina Faso will enter into agreements with the Implementing Entities that set forth their roles and responsibilities in connection with Program implementation.

(b) Location. The Implementing Entities will be based where appropriate to ensure maximum effectiveness in Program and Project implementation. Additional personnel to be based within the Implementing Entities may be contracted by MCA-Burkina Faso where appropriate.

(c) Roles and Responsibilities. The Implementing Entities will be responsible for the coordination of the Project Activities and of various contractors, the achievement of Project Objectives and timelines, development of Compact-related requirements (work plans, detailed financial plans, and quarterly reports), procurement (where MCC has determined that procurement

tasks may be performed by the Implementing Entity), performance monitoring of contractors and such other Program-related activities as may be agreed by MCA-Burkina Faso and an Implementing Entity with the prior written approval of MCC.

6. Fiscal Agent

Through a competitive process approved by MCC, the Government has appointed a fiscal agent (the "*Fiscal Agent*") to provide fiscal agent services to MCA-Burkina Faso. The Fiscal Agent will provide a broad range of financial management services required by MCA-Burkina Faso to implement the Program, including funds control, disbursement documentation and management, cash management and accounting, as set forth in the Fiscal Agent Agreement. The Government shall take all appropriate actions to ensure that the Fiscal Agent performs these services in accordance with the terms of this Compact, the Program Implementation Agreement, and any other agreement to which the Fiscal Agent is a party and that all accounting in connection with the Program is in accordance with International Accounting Standards (IAS) as contemplated by Section 3.7(b)(i) of the Compact.

7. Procurement Agent

Through a competitive process approved by MCC, the Government has appointed a procurement agent (the "*Procurement Agent*") to provide procurement agent services to MCA-Burkina Faso. The Procurement Agent will administer all Program and administrative procurements, and provide specified procurement appropriate activities required by MCA-Burkina Faso to implement the Program, as set forth in the Procurement Agent Agreement; *provided, however*, that the Procurement Agent shall not be responsible for those procurements administered pursuant to the Administration Agreement. The Government shall take all appropriate actions to ensure that the Procurement Agent performs these services in accordance with the terms of this Compact, the Program Implementation

Agreement, and any other agreement to which the Procurement Agent is a party and in accordance with the MCC Program Procurement Guidelines.

Annex II Summary of the Multi-Year Financial Plan

1. General

This Annex II to this Compact (the "*Financial Plan Annex*") summarizes the Multi-Year Financial Plan for the Program. Each capitalized term in this Financial Plan Annex shall have the same meaning given such term elsewhere in this Compact. Unless otherwise expressly stated, each Section reference herein is to the relevant Section of the main body of this Compact.

The Multi-Year Financial Plan Summary below sets forth the estimated annual contribution of MCC Funding for Program administration, Program monitoring and evaluation, and implementing each Project. The Government's contribution of resources will consist of in-kind contributions and amounts required effectively to satisfy the requirements of Section 2.6(a) of this Compact. In accordance with the Program Implementation Agreement, the Government will develop and adopt on a quarterly basis a detailed financial plan (as approved by MCC) setting forth annual and quarterly funding requirements for the Program (including administrative costs) and for each Project, projected both on a commitment and cash requirement basis.

2. Modifications

Consistent with Section 6.2(b) of this Compact, to preserve administrative flexibility, the Parties may by written agreement (or as otherwise provided in the Program Implementation Agreement), without amending this Compact, change the designations and allocations of MCC Funding among the Projects, the Project Activities, or any activity under Program administration or monitoring and evaluation, or between a Project identified as of the entry into force of this Compact and a new project.

MULTI-YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN SUMMARY (US\$)

Project	CIF	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total
1. Rural Land Governance Project: Legal and Procedural Change and Communication	144,667	943,916	366,792	240,422	240,422	75,592	2,011,811
	54,667	2,394,586	8,975,304	10,370,277	9,278,614	6,934,211	38,007,659
	906,078	3,871,586	3,654,951	4,992,964	4,560,964	1,928,602	19,915,145
Sub-Total	1,105,412	7,210,088	12,997,047	15,603,663	14,080,000	8,938,405	59,934,615
2. Agriculture Development Project: Water Management and Irrigation	3,838,844	6,761,835	26,576,645	34,497,680	15,805,924	3,957,941	91,438,869
	932,758	8,349,515	11,599,192	6,685,782	6,936,923	2,001,462	36,505,632
	-	2,798,084	2,773,453	2,845,349	2,539,336	3,009,336	13,965,558
	4,771,602	17,909,434	40,949,290	44,028,811	25,282,183	8,968,739	141,910,059
3. Roads Project: Development of Primary Roads .. Development of Rural Roads .. Capacity Building and Technical Assistance for Road Maintenance	300,756	1,516,858	28,241,321	69,106,730	42,638,082	422,561	142,226,308
	37,227	74,452	4,268,032	7,665,973	5,499,910	58,779	17,604,373
	-	1,460,000	460,000	460,000	460,000	460,000	3,300,000
	-	-	-	16,000,000	10,000,000	5,000,000	31,000,000
	337,983	3,051,310	32,969,353	93,232,703	58,597,992	5,941,340	194,130,681
4. BRIGHT 2 Schools Project: BRIGHT 2 Schools Activity	3,000,000	25,829,669	-	-	-	-	28,829,669
	3,000,000	25,829,669	-	-	-	-	28,829,669
5. Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E): Monitoring & Evaluation	450,000	1,720,000	1,210,000	1,460,000	1,360,000	1,680,000	7,880,000
	450,000	1,720,000	1,210,000	1,460,000	1,360,000	1,680,000	7,880,000
6. Program Administration & Oversight: MCA-Burkina Faso Program Administration	5,827,998	5,122,627	5,337,718	6,035,248	5,615,847	5,549,637	33,489,075
	608,070	2,432,280	2,432,280	2,432,280	2,432,280	2,432,280	12,769,470
	-	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	2,000,000
	6,436,068	7,954,907	8,169,998	8,867,528	8,448,127	8,381,917	48,258,545
Total Estimated MCC Contribution	16,101,065	63,675,408	96,295,688	163,192,705	107,768,302	33,910,401	480,943,569

Annex III Description of Monitoring and Evaluation Plan

This Annex III (the “*M&E Annex*”) generally describes the components of the Monitoring and Evaluation Plan (“*M&E Plan*”) for the Program.

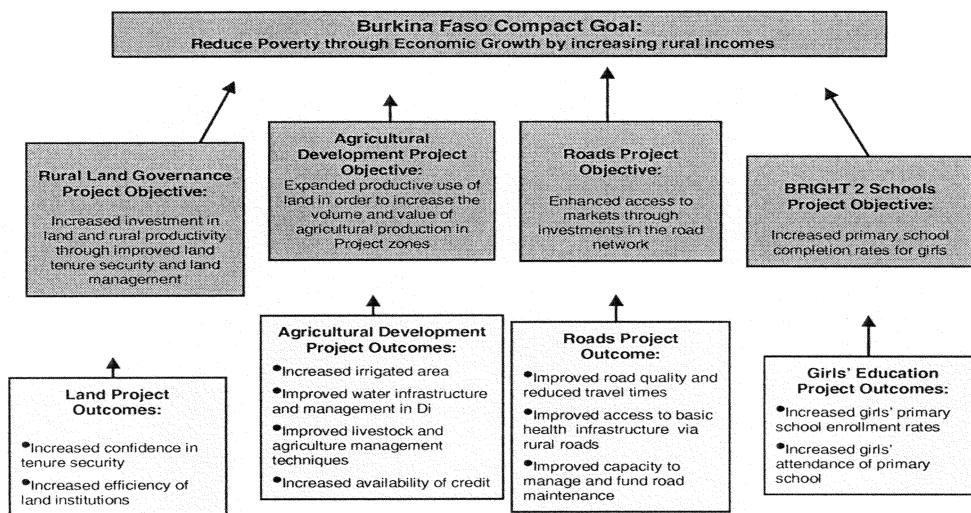
1. Overview

MCC and the Government (or a mutually acceptable Government affiliate) will formulate, agree to and the Government will implement, or cause to be implemented, an M&E Plan that specifies (a) how progress toward the Program goal and objectives will be

monitored, (“*Monitoring Component*”), (b) process and timeline for the monitoring of planned, ongoing, or completed project activities to determine their efficiency and effectiveness, and (c) a methodology for assessment and rigorous evaluation of the outcomes and impact of the Program (“*Evaluation Component*”). Information regarding the Program’s performance, including the M&E Plan, and any amendments or modifications thereto, as well as progress and other reports, will be made publicly available on the Web site of MCA-Burkina Faso and elsewhere.

2. Program Logic

The M&E Plan will be built on a logic model which illustrates how the Program, Projects and Project activities contribute to poverty reduction and economic growth in Burkina Faso. The logic model below provides a visual representation of each Project’s activities and the channels through which the activities lead to higher level outcomes and objectives. In sum, the goal of the Program is to contribute to rural economic growth and poverty reduction among targeted beneficiaries.



3. Monitoring Component

To monitor progress toward the achievement of the impact and outcomes, the Monitoring Component of the M&E Plan will identify (a) the indicators, (b) the definitions of the indicators, (c) the sources and methods for data collection, (d) the frequency for data collection, (e) the party or parties responsible, and (f) the timeline for reporting on each indicator to MCC.

(a) Indicators. The M&E Plan will measure the results of the Program using quantitative, objective and reliable data (“*Indicators*”). Each indicator will have benchmarks that specify the expected value and the expected time by which that result will be achieved (“*Target*”). The M&E Plan will be based on a logical framework approach that classifies indicators as goal, objective, outcome, and output. The Compact Goal indicators (“*Goal Indicators*”) will

measure the poverty reduction goal for each Project. Second, the Objective Indicator (“*Project Objective Indicators*”) will measure the final result of each Project. Third, Outcome and Output Indicators (“*Project Outcome Indicators*”) will measure the early and intermediate results of the Project activities. For each Project Outcome Indicator, Project Objective Indicator, and Goal Indicator, the M&E Plan will define a strategy for obtaining and verifying the value of such indicator prior to undertaking any activity that affects the value of such Indicator (such value, a “*Baseline*”). All indicators will be disaggregated by gender, income level and age, and beneficiary types to the extent practicable. Subject to prior written approval from MCC, MCA-Burkina Faso may add indicators or refine the definitions and Targets of existing indicators.

(i) Goal and Project Objectives. The M&E Plan will contain the Goal and Objective Indicators listed in the table below specifying the definition, unit of measurement, baseline, and end of Compact Target for each.

(ii) Project Outcome Indicators. The M&E Plan will contain Project Outcome Indicators which will measure the results for the 4 main Projects and are listed below with their definitions, units of observation, baseline and end of Compact Target. Prior to the disbursement of MCC Funding for any Project activity, the Implementing Entity of that Project activity must propose a final set of Activity Indicators that is approved in writing by its Project Manager, MCA-Burkina Faso and MCC. The M&E Plan will be amended to reflect the addition of such indicators.

Overall goal: reduce poverty through economic growth by increasing rural incomes	Unit of measurement	Baseline value	Year 5 target
Increased income resulting from primary roads rehabilitation	US\$/year	0	US\$12,777,574.

Overall goal: reduce poverty through economic growth by increasing rural incomes			Unit of measurement	Baseline value	Year 5 target
Increased income resulting from irrigation and agricultural investments			US\$/year	0	US\$2,750,000.
Rural land governance project	Indicator	Definition	Unit of measurement	Baseline value	Year 5 target
Rural Land Governance Project					
Project Objective: Increase investment in land and rural productivity through improved land tenure security and land management.	Trend in incidence of conflicts over land rights.	Annual rate of increase of conflicts over land rights. ¹	Percent	TBD*	Annual rate of increase in land disputes in Project areas falls by 25% (from the baseline rate of increase).
	Conflicts resolved	Proportion of all reported land conflicts <i>resolved</i> by prefectures and <i>Comités Villageois de Développement</i> ("CVDs"). ²	Percent Prefectures. CVDs	TBD*	50.
	" <i>Chartes Foncières</i> " (Social pacts) completed per the new land law.	Number of new social pacts (commune-level land use and land management norms and procedures) completed.	Number	0	60.
	Communal land use plans completed.	Number of new communal land use plans (maps) completed.	Number	0	47.
	Land planning and registration.	Total targeted hectares or parcels registered at the "Division Fiscale" (deconcentrated tax office).	Hectares	Existing agricultural development zones. ³	10,000.
		Hectares	Parcels	New zones (targeted under the Agriculture Development Project). Ganzourgou pilot	2037.
		Percent	Percent	TBD*	14,500 parcels. To 50 percent.
Increased confidence in land tenure.	Extent of confidence in land tenure security.	Percent of survey respondents perceiving their land as secure.	Percent	TBD*	To 50 percent.
	Extent of confidence in land conflict resolution.	Percent of survey respondents perceiving confidence in conflict resolution mechanisms.	Percent		
Increased efficiency of land institutions.	Average time required to obtain a title to land in rural areas.	Number of days required to obtain a land title in rural areas.	Days	TBD*	TBD.**
	Average cost required to register property.	Cost required to register land as property in rural areas.	US\$	TBD*	TBD.**
Agriculture development project	Indicator	Definition	Unit of measurement	Baseline value	Year 5 target
Agriculture Development Project					
Project Objective: To expand productive use of land in order to increase the volume and value of agricultural production in the Project zones.	Volume of production of selected products in the Sourou valley ⁴	Total volume of key agricultural production in the perimeters in the dry season and rainy season.			
	Rainfed .....	.....	Tons	15,571	20,000
	Irrigated ⁵ .....	.....	Tons	56,485	113,000
	Dry-season productivity in the Sourou valley.	Average yield of selected crops	Tons/ha	15	25
	Onion on newly irrigated perimeters				
	Tomato and potato on newly irrigated perimeters.	Average yield of selected crops	Tons/ha	10	25
	Rice on newly irrigated perimeters ..	Average yield of selected crops	Tons/ha	4	6
Outcomes	Indicator	Definition	Unit of measurement	Baseline value	Year 5 target
Agriculture Development Project					
Increased irrigated area	New area under irrigation	Total new irrigated area productively exploited in the Sourou valley (hectares).	Hectares	3,818	65,855
Improved water infrastructure and management in the Di perimeter.	Overall conveyance efficiency	Ratio of volume of water delivered to a field as a fraction of volume taken from the Sourou river.	Percent	N/A	75
	Water use efficiency	Ratio of the volume of crop water required to the volume of water delivered to the field.	Percent	N/A	70

Outcomes	Indicator	Definition	Unit of measurement	Baseline value	Year 5 target
Improved livestock management techniques.	Water fee recovery rate	Percent of annual targeted water fees collected from beneficiaries in new perimeters.	Percent	N/A	100
	Bovine weight gain. ⁷	Average bovine weight gain/head/year in participating herds.	Kg/head/year	39	70
	Vaccine coverage against the contagious bovine péripneumonia.	Percent of bovines vaccinated against the bovine péripneumonia in participating herds.	Percent	29	65
Increased availability of credit in project areas.	Loan provision by the rural finance facility	Total number of loans provided by the rural finance facility.	Number	0	1,000

Roads project	Indicator	Definition	Unit of measurement	Baseline value	Year 5 target
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Roads Project

Project Objective: Enhance access to markets through investments in the road network.	Average Annual Daily Traffic	Traffic Counts (numbers of vehicles).	Number.		
	Segment 1.				
	Sabou—Koudougou .....	.....	.....	148	230.
	Koudougou—Perkoa .....	.....	.....	212	330.
	Perkoa—Didyr .....	.....	.....	164	195. ⁸
	Segment 2.				
	Dedougou—Nouna .....	.....	.....	203	330.
	Nouna—Bomborukuy .....	.....	.....	118	190.
	Bomborukuy—Fr. Mali .....	.....	.....	62	110.
	Segment 3.				
	Banfora—Sindou .....	.....	.....	126	215.
	Volume of goods transported	Volume of products transported to and from the production zones.	Tons	TBD ⁹	Doubling

Outcomes	Indicator	Definition	Unit of measurement	Baseline value	Year 5 target
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Roads Project

Improved road quality and reduced travel times.	International Roughness Index	Degree of road roughness	Number	12–22 for relevant roads.	3.5.
Improved access to basic health infrastructure via rural roads.	Access time (in minutes) to the closest market on paved roads.	Accessibility to the markets	Minutes	TBD ¹⁰	Reduced by half.
Improved capacity to manage and fund road maintenance.	Visits to basic health center infrastructure.	Percent of population visiting health centers (annual).	Percent	34.08 ¹¹	46.10.
	Road Maintenance coverage	Percent of required <i>routine</i> maintenance completed.	Percent	100	100.
		Percent of required <i>periodic</i> maintenance completed.	Percent	TBD	TBD. ¹²

BRIGHT 2 schools project	Indicator	Definition	Unit of measurement	Baseline value	Year 5 target
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BRIGHT 2 Schools Project

Project Objective: Increase primary school completion rates for girls.	National girls' primary education completion.	The number of female students that have successfully completed their last year of primary school, minus the number of repeaters in that grade, divided by the total number of female children of official graduation age.	Percent	26.20	60
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Outcomes

Improve access to basic education for girls.	Girls' enrollment rate in BRIGHT schools.	The number of girls enrolled in BRIGHT schools.	Number	0	9,900
Improve quality of basic education for girls.	Girls' attendance rates at BRIGHT schools. (disaggregated by school and by grade).	Percent of girls who attend BRIGHT school 90% of the time. (Numerator: girls who regularly attend BRIGHT schools). (Denominator: Total number of girls enrolled in BRIGHT schools) ×100.	Percent	0	97
	Girls' promotion rates at BRIGHT schools (disaggregated by school and by grade).	The percentage of girls enrolled in one grade that continue to be enrolled in the following grade in a BRIGHT school.	Percent	0	90

¹ Targeted Project areas will be compared to non-Project areas.

² Baseline data collection will be conducted during the CIF period.

³ This will be disaggregated between conflicts resolved and conflicts reported.

⁴ Existing Zones: (a) irrigated zones: Vallée du Kou, Banzon, Savili, Lac Bam, Sourou, Comoé; (b) pastoral zones: Nouaho and Sondré Est.

⁵ Target will be set as result of baseline.

⁶ Rainy season products: rice, corn, banana, papaya; Dry season products: rice, corn, wheat, banana, papaya, onion, watermelon, green bean, potato and tomato.

⁷ This will be disaggregated between old and new perimeters.

⁶2,037 additional hectares in Di.

⁷These two livestock indicator baselines are national estimates, which will be updated when participating herds are identified.

⁸The traffic growth target for the Perkoa—Didyr segment includes annual normal traffic growth only and does not include generated traffic growth that would be added if this road segment were to be extended.

⁹Baseline data collection will be conducted in the roads design studies.

¹⁰Baseline data collection will be conducted in the roads design studies.

¹¹This baseline represents the national value.

¹²To be determined based upon results of technical assistance studies.

(b) Data Collection and Reporting. The M&E Plan will establish guidelines for data collection and a reporting framework, including a schedule of MCC's Program reporting requirements and an identification of responsible parties. Compliance with data collection and reporting timelines will be conditions for disbursements for the relevant Project activities as set forth in the Program Implementation Agreement. The M&E Plan will specify the data collection methodologies, procedures, and analysis required for reporting on results at all levels. The M&E Plan will also describe any interim MCC approvals for data collection, analysis, and reporting plans.

(c) Data Quality Reviews. As determined in the M&E Plan or as otherwise requested by MCC, the quality of the data gathered through the M&E Plan will be reviewed to ensure that data reported are as valid, reliable, and timely as resources will allow. The objective of any data quality review will be to verify the quality and the consistency of performance data, across different implementation units and reporting institutions. Such data quality reviews also will serve to identify where those levels of quality are not possible, given the realities of data collection.

(d) Management Information System. The M&E Plan will describe the information system that will be used to collect data, store, process and deliver information to relevant stakeholders in such a way that the Program information collected and verified pursuant to the M&E Plan is at all times accessible and useful to those who wish to use it. The system development will take into consideration the requirements and data needs of the components of the Program, and will be aligned with MCC existing systems, other service providers, and government ministries.

(e) Role of MCA-Burkina Faso. The monitoring and evaluation of this Compact spans across 4 discrete Projects and will involve a variety of governmental, non-governmental, and private sector institutions. Except for that portion of the M&E Plan to be implemented pursuant to the Administration Agreement (relating to the BRIGHT 2 Schools Project), MCA-Burkina Faso holds full responsibility for implementation of the M&E Plan, and MCA-Burkina Faso will oversee all

Compact-related monitoring and evaluation activities conducted by each of the Projects, ensuring that data from all implementing entities is consistent, and accurately reported and aggregated into regular Compact performance reports as described in the M&E Plan.

4. Evaluation Component

The Evaluation Component of the M&E Plan will contain two types of evaluations: Impact Evaluations, and Project Performance Evaluations. Plans for each type of evaluation will be finalized before MCC Disbursement for specific Program or Project activities. The Evaluation Component of the M&E Plan will describe the purpose of the evaluation, methodology, timeline, required MCC approvals, as well as the process for collection and analysis of data for each evaluation. The results of all evaluations will be made publicly available in accordance with MCC's Monitoring & Evaluation Guidelines ("M&E Guidelines").

(a) Impact Evaluation. The M&E Plan will include a description of the methods to be used for impact evaluations and plans for integrating the evaluation method into project design. Based on in-country consultation with stakeholders, the following activities outlined below were determined as having the strongest potential for rigorous impact evaluation. The M&E Plan will further outline in detail these methodologies. Final impact evaluation strategies are to be jointly determined before the approval of the M&E Plan and before entry into force of this Compact. The following are a summary of the potential impact evaluations:

(i) Rural Land Governance Project. A difference in difference evaluation will be used to make project scaling decisions. Surveys will be conducted in project and control communes on perceptions of conflict, before and after implementation of the project's pilot phase. In the event that randomized roll-out of some commune-level interventions is possible, their impact could be tested over time. An evaluation may also test spillover of impacts between communes targeted under the project and neighboring communes.

(ii) Agriculture Development Project. Randomized type and level of extension/training support to various groups, and testing spillover effects

beyond the directly targeted beneficiaries. Evaluations will test impacts of combined and isolated interventions, as some producers will be receiving credit and/or irrigation as well as the technical assistance support.

(iii) Roads Project. An evaluation will be conducted to test whether the improved roads lead to greater and easier access to markets for goods and services (both sale and purchase), and whether road rehabilitation is associated with an increase in incomes for road users and/or communities surrounding rehabilitated roads, in each case pursuant to a methodology approved by MCC.

(iv) BRIGHT 2 Schools Project. A continuation of the current BRIGHT impact evaluation, using a regression discontinuity methodology to measure the program's effects on the school enrollment, attendance and performance of children.

5. Other Components of the M&E Plan

In addition to the Monitoring and Evaluation Components, the M&E Plan will include the following components for the Program, Projects and Project Activities, including, where appropriate, roles and responsibilities of the relevant parties and providers:

(a) Costs. A detailed cost estimate for all components of the M&E Plan.

(b) Assumptions and Risks. Any assumptions and risks external to the Program that underlie the accomplishment of the Project Objectives and Project Activity Outcomes. However, such assumptions and risks will not excuse Parties' performance unless otherwise expressly agreed to in writing by all Parties.

6. Implementation of the M&E Plan

(a) Approval and Implementation. The approval and implementation of the M&E Plan, as amended from time to time, will be in accordance with this M&E Annex, Program Implementation Agreement, and any other relevant supplemental agreement.

Annex IV Conditions to CIF Disbursements

1. Applicability

The satisfaction of the conditions precedent set forth in this Annex IV, in form and substance satisfactory to MCC, shall be conditions to Disbursements of

Compact Implementation Funding, *provided* that the following conditions precedent shall not apply to CIF Disbursements made or to be made pursuant to the Administration Agreement.

2. Conditions to Initial CIF Disbursement

- (a) Delivery of an Interim Fiscal Accountability Plan acceptable to MCC.
- (b) Delivery of a CIF Procurement Plan acceptable to MCC.

3. Conditions to All CIF Disbursements (Including Initial CIF Disbursement)

(a) Delivery of a complete, correct and fully executed CIF Disbursement request for the relevant CIF Disbursement period.

(b) MCC is satisfied, in its sole discretion, that (i) the activity being funded by such CIF Disbursement is necessary, advisable or is otherwise consistent with the goal of facilitating the implementation of the Compact, (ii) there has been no violation of, and the use of requested funds for purposes requested will not violate, the limitations on use or treatment of Compact Implementation Funding, and (iii) the Government will have substantially complied with its obligations as set forth in the Compact.

(c) Each of the Fiscal Agent Agreement, the Procurement Agent Agreement, and the applicable Bank Agreement is in full force and effect without modification, alteration, rescission or suspension of any kind, unless otherwise agreed by MCC, and no material default has occurred or is continuing thereunder.

(d) Prior to any CIF Disbursement for a procurement, MCA-Burkina Faso will have established a bid challenge system acceptable to MCC; *provided*, that, this condition shall be deemed satisfied if MCA-Burkina Faso has adopted the interim bid challenge system set forth in the MCC Program Procurement Guidance on the Bid Challenge System available at <http://www.mcc.gov/documents/mcc-ppg-bidchallengesystem.pdf>.

(e) Prior to any CIF Disbursement related to the preparation of EIAs, EAs or RAPs, MCA-Burkina Faso shall ensure each of a resettlement specialist and a project management specialist has been selected and remains engaged with expertise and scope of responsibility satisfactory to MCC.

(f) MCA-Burkina shall ensure that each of its key officers, including, without limitation, its Environmental and Social Impact (ESI) director, has

been selected and remains engaged, or is actively being recruited.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Office of the General Counsel, National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of a new Privacy Act System of Records NSF-74: National Science Foundation Child Care Subsidy Program.

System Name: National Science Foundation Child Care Subsidy Program.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, 5 U.S.C. 552a, the National Science Foundation (NSF) gives notice of a new Privacy Act system of records: National Science Foundation Child Care Subsidy Program. This program was created as the result of Public Law 107-67, Section 630, which allows executive agencies to use appropriated funds to provide child care services for Federal civilian employees. The purpose of the records maintained in this system is to establish and verify NSF employee eligibility for child care subsidies to provide monetary assistance to them.

DATES: Effective Date: This action shall be effective without further notice on August 21, 2008, unless comments are received during or before this period that would result in a contrary determination.

Comments Due Date: Submit comments on or before August 21, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments concerning this notice to Leslie Jensen, National Science Foundation, Office of the General Counsel, Room 1265, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230 or by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to ljensen@nsf.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This publication is in accordance with the Privacy Act requirement that agencies publish a new system of records in the **Federal Register**.

Submit comments as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Identify all comments sent in electronic E-mail with Subject Line: Comments on new system.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Leslie Jensen (703) 292-5065.

Dated: July 15, 2008.

Lawrence Rudolph,
General Counsel.

National Science Foundation

SYSTEM NAME:

National Science Foundation Child Care Subsidy Program (NSF-74).

SYSTEM LOCATION:

National Science Foundation, Division of Human Resources, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230; and in the offices of the contract employees engaged to administer the subsidy programs.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

(1) Current employees of the National Science Foundation who voluntarily apply for a child care subsidy, their spouses, and children who are enrolled in a licensed Federal or non-Federal center, or licensed home-based care.

(2) Child-care providers of these employees.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

The information collected will include the employee's name, spouse's name, employee's title, grade, home and work telephone numbers, home and work addresses, the organization in which the employee works, the employee's social security number, the spouse's social security number, the employee's tax returns, the spouse's tax returns, the name and social security number of the child on whose behalf the parent is applying for a subsidy, the child's date of birth, the date of entry into the Child Care Subsidy Program, and the amount of subsidy received; the name, address, telephone number, employer identification number (EIN), license and accreditation status of the child care center in which the employee's child(ren) is (are) enrolled, and the dates of attendance.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

5 U.S.C. 301 and Executive Order 12656 of Nov. 18, 1988, on Assignment of Emergency Preparedness Responsibilities.

PURPOSE OF THE SYSTEM:

The primary use of the records maintained in this system is to establish and verify the National Science Foundation employee's eligibility for child care subsidies in order to provide monetary assistance to them. Other uses of the records in the system include verifying the eligibility of child care provider and verifying compliance with regulations.