

No. 6188

**INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION
AND DEVELOPMENT
and
ISRAEL**

Guarantee Agreement—*Potash Project* (with annexed Loan Regulations No. 4 and Loan Agreement between the Bank and Mifalei Yam Hamelah B.M. (Dead Sea Works Limited)). Signed at Washington, on 11 July 1961

Official text: English.

Registered by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development on 9 May 1962.

**BANQUE INTERNATIONALE
POUR LA RECONSTRUCTION ET LE DÉVELOPPEMENT
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Contrat de garantie — *Projet relatif à la potasse* (avec, en annexe, le Règlement n° 4 sur les emprunts et le Contrat d'emprunt entre la Banque et la Mifalei Yam Hamelah B.M. [Dead Sea Works Limited]). Signé à Washington, le 11 juillet 1961

Texte officiel anglais.

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No. 6188. GUARANTEE AGREEMENT¹ (*POTASH PROJECT*) BETWEEN THE STATE OF ISRAEL AND THE INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT. SIGNED AT WASHINGTON, ON 11 JULY 1961

AGREEMENT, dated July 11, 1961, between STATE OF ISRAEL (hereinafter called the Guarantor) and INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT (hereinafter called the Bank).

WHEREAS by an agreement of even date herewith between the Bank and Mifalei Yam Hamelah B.M. (Dead Sea Works Limited) (hereinafter called the Borrower), which agreement and the schedules therein referred to are hereinafter called the Loan Agreement,² the Bank has agreed to make to the Borrower a loan in various currencies equivalent to twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000), on the terms and conditions set forth in the Loan Agreement, but only on condition that the Guarantor agree to guarantee the obligations of the Borrower in respect of such loan as hereinafter provided; and

WHEREAS the Guarantor, in consideration of the Bank's entering into the Loan Agreement with the Borrower, has agreed so to guarantee such obligations of the Borrower;

NOW THEREFORE the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

Article I

Section 1.01. The parties to this Guarantee Agreement accept all the provisions of Loan Regulations No. 4 of the Bank dated February 15, 1961,³ subject, however, to the modifications thereof set forth in Schedule 3⁴ to the Loan Agreement (said Loan Regulations No. 4 as so modified being hereinafter called the Loan Regulations), with the same force and effect as if they were fully set forth herein. The terms defined in the Loan Agreement shall have the same meaning herein as if such definitions were fully set forth herein.

¹ Came into force on 9 November 1961, upon notification by the Bank to the Government of Israel.

² See p. 12 of this volume.

³ See p. 10 of this volume.

⁴ See p. 42 of this volume.

Article II

Section 2.01. Without limitation or restriction upon any of the other covenants on its part in this Agreement contained, the Guarantor hereby unconditionally guarantees, as primary obligor and not as surety merely, the due and punctual payment of the principal of, and the interest and other charges on, the Loan, the principal of and interest on the Bonds, and the premium, if any, on the prepayment of the Loan or the redemption of the Bonds, all as set forth in the Loan Agreement, the Trust Deed and the Bonds.

Article III

Section 3.01. It is the mutual intention of the Guarantor and the Bank that no other external debt shall enjoy any priority over the Loan by way of a lien on governmental assets. To that end, the Guarantor undertakes that, except as the Bank shall otherwise agree, if any lien shall be created on any assets of the Guarantor or of the Bank of Israel or any other institution acting as the central bank of the Guarantor as security for any external debt, such lien will *ipso facto* equally and ratably secure the payment of the principal of, and interest and other charges on, the Loan and the Bonds, and that in the creation of any such lien express provision will be made to that effect; provided, however, that the foregoing provisions of this Section shall not apply to: (i) any lien created on property, at the time of purchase thereof, solely as security for the payment of the purchase price of such property; (ii) any lien on commercial goods to secure a debt maturing not more than one year after the date on which it is originally incurred and to be paid out of the proceeds of sale of such commercial goods; or (iii) any lien arising in the ordinary course of banking transactions and securing a debt maturing not more than one year after its date.

The term "assets of the Guarantor" as used in this Section includes assets of the Guarantor or of any of its political subdivisions or of any agency of the Guarantor or of any such political subdivision.

Section 3.02. (a) The Guarantor and the Bank shall cooperate fully to assure that the purposes of the Loan will be accomplished. To that end, each of them shall furnish to the other all such information as it shall reasonably request with regard to the general status of the Loan. On the part of the Guarantor, such information shall include information with respect to financial and economic conditions in the territories of the Guarantor and the international balance of payments position of the Guarantor.

(b) The Guarantor and the Bank shall from time to time exchange views through their representatives with regard to matters relating to the purposes of the Loan and the maintenance of the service thereof. The Guarantor shall

promptly inform the Bank of any condition which interferes with, or threatens to interfere with, the accomplishment of the purposes of the Loan or the maintenance of the service thereof.

(c) The Guarantor shall afford all reasonable opportunity for accredited representatives of the Bank to visit any part of the territories of the Guarantor for purposes related to the Loan.

Section 3.03. The principal of, and interest and other charges on, the Loan and the Bonds shall be paid without deduction for, and free from, any taxes imposed under the laws of the Guarantor or laws in effect in its territories; provided, however, that the provisions of this Section shall not apply to taxation of, or fees upon, payments under any Bond to a holder thereof other than the Bank when such Bond is beneficially owned by an individual or corporate resident of the Guarantor.

Section 3.04. This Agreement, the Loan Agreement, the Trust Deed and the Bonds shall be free from any taxes that shall be imposed under the laws of the Guarantor or laws in effect in its territories on or in connection with the execution, issue, delivery or registration thereof.

Section 3.05. The principal of, and interest and other charges on, the Loan and the Bonds shall be paid free from all restrictions imposed under the laws of the Guarantor or laws in effect in its territories.

Section 3.06. The Guarantor covenants that, except as the Guarantor and the Bank shall otherwise agree, the Guarantor will not directly or indirectly acquire any shares of the Borrower if, as a result thereof, the number of shares then directly or indirectly owned by the Guarantor would exceed forty-five percent of all shares of the Borrower then outstanding.

Article IV

Section 4.01. The Guarantor shall endorse, in accordance with the provisions of the Loan Regulations, its guarantee on the Bonds to be executed and delivered by the Borrower. The Minister of Finance of the Guarantor and such person or persons as he shall designate in writing are designated as the authorized representatives of the Guarantor for the purposes of Section 6.12 (b) of the Loan Regulations.

Article V

Section 5.01. The following addresses are specified for the purposes of Section 8.01 of the Loan Regulations :

For the Guarantor :

Minister of Finance
Jerusalem, Israel

Alternative address for cablegrams and radiograms :

Ozar
Jerusalem

For the Bank :

International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
1818 H Street, N.W.
Washington 25, D.C.
United States of America

Alternative address for cablegrams and radiograms :

Intbafrad
Washington, D.C.

Section 5.02. The Minister of Finance of the Guarantor is designated for the purposes of Section 8.03 of the Loan Regulations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto, acting through their representatives thereunto duly authorized, have caused this Guarantee Agreement to be signed in their respective names and delivered in the District of Columbia, United States of America, as of the day and year first above written.

State of Israel :

By Avraham HARMAN
Authorized Representative

International Bank for Reconstruction and Development :

By Joseph RUCINSKI
Director, Department of Operations—
South Asia and Middle East

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

LOAN REGULATIONS No. 4, DATED 15 FEBRUARY 1961

REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO LOANS MADE BY THE BANK TO BORROWERS OTHER THAN
MEMBER GOVERNMENTS

[Not published herein. See *United Nations, Treaty Series, Vol. 400, p. 212*]