

No. 7348

**INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR
RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT
and
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND**

Guarantee Agreement—*Power Project* (with annexed Loan Regulations No. 4, Loan Agreement between the Bank and Mauritius and Project Agreement between the Bank and the Central Electricity Board). Signed at Washington, on 23 September 1963

Official text: English.

Registered by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development on 4 August 1964.

**BANQUE INTERNATIONALE POUR
LA RECONSTRUCTION ET LE DÉVELOPPEMENT
et
ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD**

Contrat de garantie — *Projet relatif à l'énergie électrique* (avec, en annexe, le Règlement n° 4 sur les emprunts, le Contrat d'emprunt entre la Banque et l'île Maurice et le Contrat relatif au Projet entre la Banque et l'Office central de l'électricité). Signé à Washington, le 23 septembre 1963

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No. 7348. GUARANTEE AGREEMENT¹ (*POWER PROJECT*)
BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT. SIGNED AT WASHINGTON, ON 23 SEPTEMBER 1963

AGREEMENT, dated September 23, 1963, between UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND (hereinafter called the Guarantor) and INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT (hereinafter called the Bank).

WHEREAS by an agreement of even date herewith between Mauritius (hereinafter called the Borrower) and the Bank, which agreement (including the schedules therein referred to) is hereinafter called the Loan Agreement,² the Bank has agreed to make to the Borrower a loan in various currencies in an aggregate principal amount equivalent to seven million dollars (\$7,000,000), on the terms and conditions set forth in the Loan Agreement, but only on condition that the Guarantor agree to guarantee 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 to guarantee such loan as hereinafter provided;

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, 1961³ subject, however, to the modifications thereof set forth in Schedule 2⁴ to the Loan Agreement (such 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.

Section 1.02. Wherever used in this Agreement, unless the context shall otherwise require, the several terms defined in the Loan Agreement (as above defined) shall have the respective meanings therein set forth.

¹ Came into force on 6 April 1964, upon notification by the Bank to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

² See p. 256 of this volume.

³ See p. 286 of this volume.

⁴ See p. 270 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 on the Loan or the redemption of the Bonds, all as provided in the Loan Agreement and the Bonds.

Section 2.02. Whenever there is reasonable cause to believe that the Borrower will not have sufficient funds to carry out or cause to be carried out the Project in accordance with the Loan Agreement, the Guarantor will, in consultation with the Bank and the Borrower, take appropriate measures to assist the Borrower to obtain the additional funds necessary therefor.

Article III

Section 3.01. It is the mutual understanding of the Guarantor and the Bank that, except as otherwise herein provided, the Guarantor will not grant in favor of any external debt any preference or priority over the Loan. To that end, the Guarantor undertakes that, except as otherwise herein provided or as shall be otherwise agreed between the Guarantor and the Bank, if any lien shall be created on any assets or revenues of the Guarantor as security for any external debt, such lien shall 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 shall be made to that effect. This Section shall not apply to the following :

- (a) the creation of any lien on any property purchased, at the time of the purchase, solely as security for the payment of the purchase price of such property;
- (b) 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
- (c) any pledge by or on behalf of the Guarantor of any of its assets in the ordinary course of its banking business to secure any indebtedness maturing not more than one year after its date.

For the purpose of this Section, the expression "assets or revenues of the Guarantor" shall include assets or revenues of any territorial subdivision of the Guarantor which has power to raise revenues by taxation and to charge such revenues of any of its assets¹ as security for external debt.

¹ According to the information provided by the Bank, this should read: "... and to charge such revenues or any of its assets ...".

D'après les indications fournies par la Banque, il convient de lire: «and to charge such revenues or any of its assets ».

Section 3.02. (a) The Guarantor and the Bank shall cooperate fully towards achievement of the purposes of the Loan. To that end, each of them shall furnish to the other all such information as shall be reasonably requested 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) Within the limits of its constitutional powers, the Guarantor shall afford all reasonable opportunity for accredited representatives of the Bank to visit any part of the territories of the Guarantor (including those of the Borrower) 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; provided, however, that the provisions of this Section shall not apply to taxation of 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 Project Agreement and the Bonds shall be free from any taxes that shall be imposed under the laws of the Guarantor 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 now or at any time hereafter imposed under the laws of the Guarantor.

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 Secretary of the Treasury 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 :

H.M. Treasury
Treasury Chambers
Great George Street
London, S.W. 1, United Kingdom

Alternative address for cables and radiograms :

Profilist
London

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 cables and radiograms :

Intbafrad
Washington, D.C.

Section 5.02. The Ambassador of the Guarantor to the United States of America 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 to be delivered in the District of Columbia, United States of America, as of the day and year first above written.

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland :

By Denis GREENHILL
Authorized Representative

International Bank for Reconstruction and Development :

By J. Burke KNAPP
Vice-President