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INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR  
RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT  
and  
SIERRA LEONE

**Guarantee Agreement—Second Power Project** (with annexed Loan Regulations No. 4, as amended, Loan Agreement between the Bank and the Sierra Leone Electricity Corporation, and related letter). Signed at Washington on 5 August 1968

*Authentic text : English.*

*Registered by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development on 31 March 1969.*

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BANQUE INTERNATIONALE POUR  
LA RECONSTRUCTION ET LE DÉVELOPPEMENT  
et  
SIERRA LEONE

**Contrat de Garantie — Deuxième Projet relatif à l'énergie électrique** (avec, en annexe, le Règlement n° 4 sur les emprunts, tel qu'il a été modifié, le Contrat d'emprunt entre la Banque et la Sierra Leone Electricity Corporation, et lettre connexe). Signé à Washington le 5 août 1968

*Texte authentique : anglais.*

*Enregistré par la Banque internationale pour la reconstruction et le développement le 31 mars 1969.*

## GUARANTEE AGREEMENT <sup>1</sup>

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AGREEMENT, dated August 5, 1968, between SIERRA LEONE (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 Sierra Leone Electricity Corporation (hereinafter called the Borrower), which agreement and the schedules therein referred to are hereinafter called the Loan Agreement, <sup>2</sup> the Bank has agreed to make to the Borrower a loan in various currencies equivalent to three million nine hundred thousand dollars (\$ 3,900,000), 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 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 as amended February 9, 1967, <sup>2</sup> with the same force and effect as if they were fully set forth herein (said Loan Regulations No. 4 being hereinafter called the Loan Regulations).

### *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, the premium,

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 23 September 1968, upon notification by the Bank to the Government of Sierra Leone.

<sup>2</sup> See p. 344 of this volume.

if any, on the prepayment of the Loan or the redemption of the Bonds and the punctual performance of all the covenants and agreements of the Borrower, all as set forth in the Loan Agreement and in the Bonds.

*Section 2.02.* Without limitation or restriction upon the provisions of Section 2.01 of this Agreement, the Guarantor specifically undertakes, whenever there is reasonable cause to believe that the funds available to the Borrower will be inadequate to meet the estimated expenditures required for carrying out the Project, to make arrangements, satisfactory to the Bank, promptly to provide the Borrower or cause the Borrower to be provided with such funds as are needed to meet such expenditures.

### *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 public 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 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; or (ii) 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 statutory corporation 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 either 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, and free from all restrictions, 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 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 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.* Unless the Bank shall otherwise agree, the Guarantor shall : (a) make arrangements, acceptable to the Bank, to provide funds annually for the purpose of offsetting losses, if any, incurred by the Borrower in the operation of electricity facilities outside Freetown and Bo. For the purpose of this paragraph, " losses " shall mean any excess of operating expenses, including depreciation, over revenue from the sale of electricity ; and

(b) provide funds, in the form of a grant to the Borrower, sufficient to meet the cost of any construction or expansion referred to in Section 5.02 (c) of the Loan Agreement.

#### *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 :

The Financial Secretary  
The Department of Finance  
Freetown, Sierra Leone

Cable address :

Minfin  
Freetown

For the Bank :

International Bank for Reconstruction and Development  
1818 H Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20433  
United States of America

Cable address :

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.

Sierra Leone :

By A. K. HYDE  
Authorized Representative

International Bank for Reconstruction and Development :

By M. SHOAB  
Vice President

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

LOAN REGULATIONS No. 4, DATED 15 FEBRUARY 1961,  
AS AMENDED 9 FEBRUARY 1967

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

[*Not published herein. See United Nations, Treaty Series, Vol. 598, p. 270.*]

#### LOAN AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT, dated August 5, 1968, between INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT (hereinafter called the Bank) and SIERRA LEONE ELECTRICITY CORPORATION (hereinafter called the Borrower).