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Global Environment Facility Grant Agreement

(Biodiversity Conservation Project)

between

REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE

and

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION
AND DEVELOPMENT

acting as an Implementing Agency of the Global Environment Facility

Dated April 21, 2010

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY GRANT AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT dated April 21, 2010, entered into between: REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE ("Recipient"); and INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT ("World Bank"), acting as an implementing agency of the Global Environment Facility ("GEF").

The Recipient and the World Bank hereby agree as follows:

Article I
Standard Conditions; Definitions

- 1.01. The Standard Conditions (as defined in the Appendix to this Agreement) constitute an integral part of this Agreement.
- 1.02. Unless the context requires otherwise, the capitalized terms used in this Agreement have the meanings ascribed to them in the Standard Conditions or in the Appendix to this Agreement.

Article II
The Project

- 2.01. The Recipient declares its commitment to the objectives of the project described in Schedule 1 to this Agreement ("Project"). To this end, the Recipient shall carry out the Project in accordance with the provisions of Article II of the Standard Conditions.
- 2.02. Without limitation upon the provisions of Section 2.01 of this Agreement, and except as the Recipient and the World Bank shall otherwise agree, the Recipient shall ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

Article III
The Grant

- 3.01. The World Bank agrees to extend to the Recipient, on the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in this Agreement, a grant in an amount equal to five million United States Dollars (\$5,000,000) ("Grant") to assist in financing the Project.
- 3.02. The Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Grant in accordance with Section IV of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

- 3.03. The Grant is funded out of the abovementioned trust fund for which the World Bank receives periodic contributions. In accordance with Section 3.02 of the Standard Conditions, the Recipient may withdraw the Grant proceeds subject to the availability of such funds.

**Article IV
Additional Remedies**

- 4.01. The Additional Event of Suspension referred to in Section 4.02 (k) of the Standard Conditions is that the World Bank has determined after the Effective Date that prior to such date but after the date of this Agreement, an event has occurred which would have entitled the World Bank to suspend the Recipient's right to make withdrawals from the Grant Account if this Agreement had been effective on the date such event occurred.

**Article V
Effectiveness; Termination**

- 5.01. This Agreement shall not become effective until evidence satisfactory to the World Bank has been furnished to the World Bank that the conditions specified below have been satisfied:
- (a) the Recipient has adopted the Project Implementation Manual; and
 - (b) the Recipient has established the National Steering Committee.
- 5.02. Except as the Recipient and the World Bank shall otherwise agree, the Effective Date on which this Agreement shall enter into effect shall be the date upon which the World Bank dispatches to the Recipient notice of its acceptance of the evidence required pursuant to Section 5.01. If, before the Effective Date, any event has occurred which would have entitled the World Bank to suspend the right of the Recipient to make withdrawals from the Grant Account if this Agreement had been effective, the World Bank may postpone the dispatch of the notice referred to in this Section until such event (or events) has (or have) ceased to exist.
- 5.03. This Agreement and all obligations of the parties under it shall terminate if it has not entered into effect by the date 90 days after the date of this Agreement, unless the World Bank, after consideration of the reasons for the delay, establishes a later date for the purpose of this Section. The World Bank shall promptly notify the Recipient of such later date.