

Appendix III Specimen Subordinated Loan Agreement

THIS SUBORDINATED LOAN AGREEMENT

is made the		he	day of	20	between		
(1)	[(("the	e Lender");]) of [(])	
(2)	[(("the	e Borrower"); and]) of [(])	
(3)	The Malta Financial Services Authority established under the Malta Financial Services Authority Act, Cap 330 ("the MFSA")						
WH	ERE	AS					
(A)	The Borrower is a Central Securities Depository and/or a Regulated Market (<i>delete as applicable</i>) authorised under the Financial Markets Act, 1990.						
(B)	The Borrower is required to maintain financial resources to meet the provisions of its licence as they apply to the Borrower at any particular time.						
(C)	The Lender has agreed to lend to the Borrower an amount as set herein upon and subject to the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement.						
NOV	W IT	IS HEREBY AGREE	ED as follows:				
1.	The	Loan					
	(a)	by way of loan the	his Agreement, the L principal amount of [o the terms and conditi	(]) (the "Pr	incipal	Amount")
	(b)		r and the Borrower huest by the MFSA i	•			

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writing of all principal and interest in respect of the Loan outstanding for the time being and all payments of any amount made in the period specified by the MFSA in the request.

2. Interest

Subject to the provisions of Clause 5 of this Agreement:

The Borrower shall until repayment of the Loan in full pay to the Lender annual interest on the Loan or on any part or parts thereof for the time being remaining due hereunder.

Provided that at no time during the continuance of this Agreement shall the Rate of Interest exceed an annual rate of [(8% or other maximum rate set by the MFSA]).

3. Prepayment

Subject to the provisions of Clause 5 of this Agreement, the Borrower may prepay the whole or any part of the Loan provided that the written consent of the MFSA to such prepayment is first obtained by the Borrower.

4. Repayment of the Loan

Subject to the provisions of Clause 5 of this Agreement, the Loan shall be repayable provided that prior written notice has been given to the MFSA and the prior written consent of the MFSA to such repayment has been obtained by the Borrower.

5. Subordination

Notwithstanding the provisions of Clauses 3 and 4 of this Agreement, the rights of the Lender in respect of the Loan are subordinated in all respects to all the creditors of the Borrower in respect of amounts outstanding to them payable by the Borrower ("Senior Liabilities") and accordingly payment of any amount of the Loan shall be in all respects conditional on the express prior written consent of the MFSA to such payment provided that payments of interest may be made without such consent at a rate not exceeding the rate provided in the proviso to Clause 2 of this Agreement.

6. Payments

Subject to the provisions of Clause 5 of this Agreement all sums payable by the Borrower hereunder shall be paid in full without set off or counter claim and free and clear of and without deduction or withholding for or on account of any present or future taxes, duties or other charges. If any payment shall be subject to any such tax or if the Borrower shall be required by law to make any such deduction or withholding, the Borrower will pay such tax, will ensure that such payment,

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deduction or withholding, will not exceed the minimum legal liability therefore and will simultaneously pay to the Lender such additional amounts as will result in the Lender receiving a net amount equal to the full amount which the Lender would have received had no such payment, deduction or withholding been required.

7. Covenants

- (a) The Borrower hereby undertakes to the MFSA that it will not without the prior written consent of the MFSA:
 - (i) secure all or any part of the Loan;
 - (ii) redeem, purchase or otherwise acquire any of the liabilities of the Borrower in respect of the Loan;
 - (iii) amend or concur in amending the terms of this Agreement;
 - (iv) repay all or any part of the Loan otherwise than in accordance with the terms hereof; or
 - (v) take or omit to take any action whereby the subordination of the Loan or any part thereof as provided for in Clause 5 of this Agreement might be terminated, impaired or adversely affected.
 - (b) The Lender hereby undertakes to the MFSA that it will not without the prior written consent of the MFSA:
 - (i) assign or purport to assign to any person this Agreement or the whole or any part of its rights against the Borrower in respect of the Loan;
 - (ii) purport to retain or set off at any time any amount of the Loan against any amount otherwise payable by it to the Borrower except to the extent that payment of such amount of the Loan would be permitted at such time by this Agreement;
 - (iii) amend or waive or concur in amending or waiving the terms of this Agreement;
 - (iv) attempt to obtain repayment of the whole or any part of the Loan otherwise than in accordance with the terms of this Agreement;
 - (v) take or omit to take any action whereby the subordination of the Loan or any part thereof as provided for in Clause 5 of this Agreement might be terminated, impaired or adversely affected; or

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(vi) take any security from any person for all or any part of the Loan and so that the Lender shall, upon obtaining security in breach of this Clause, hold the same for the Borrower.

8. Entire Agreement

The Borrower, the Lender and the MFSA acknowledge that this Agreement forms the entire agreement relating to the Loan. If there are any other terms relating to the Loan existing at the date hereof and not comprised in this Agreement such terms shall be of no further force and effect. Any amendments to this Agreement made or purported to be made without the written consent of the MFSA shall be void.

9. Continuing Obligations

The obligations of the Borrower and Lender hereunder shall be continuing obligations and shall be and remain fully effective until the repayment of the Loan in full in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

10. MFSA

The MFSA is party to this Agreement only for the purpose of ensuring the enforceability of the provisions of this Agreement so as to satisfy itself that the relevant requirements of the financial resources are met and the MFSA is not, and shall not be deemed to be under any duty to, or to have any obligation of any nature to, the other creditors of the Borrower or any of them.

Each of the Lender and the Borrower shall indemnify the MFSA against all claims, losses, costs, expenses and other liabilities made against or incurred by the MFSA as a consequence of the MFSA being a party to, or taking any action under, this Agreement.

The parties hereby signify their consent and understanding of the above provisions.

(Lender)

(Borrower)

The Malta Financial Services Authority