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To
All Authorised Dealers in Foreign Exchange

Madam / Sirs,

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Export Import Bank of India (Exim Bank) has concluded an agreement with the Banco de Comercio Exterior de Colombia, S.A. (Bancoldex), Colombia on February 5, 2002, making available to the latter, a line of credit upto an aggregate sum of US \$ 10 million (U.S. Dollar Ten Million only). The credit has become effective from March 21, 2002, and is available for financing Indian export of eligible goods (listed in the Annexure) and related services to buyers in the borrower's country i.e. Colombia or any other country as may be requested by the buyer and approved by the borrower except to a country with which India may not have bilateral relations or on which any sanctions or embargo may have been imposed. The eligible goods will also include initial spares, drawings and designs together with services related thereto. The export of goods from India and their import into the borrower's country shall be subject to the laws and regulations in force in both the countries.

2. The broad terms and conditions of the credit are as under :
- (a) Every contract under the credit will require prior approval of Exim Bank.
 - (b) The credit shall be available for financing an amount upto 90 per cent of the f.o.b. (free on board) or c.& f. (cost and freight) or c.i.f. (cost, insurance & freight) contract price of the eligible contract.
 - (c) The contract price shall be specified in U.S. Dollar and shall not be less than U.S. Dollar 50,000/- (U.S. Dollar Fifty Thousand only) or such amount as

may, from time to time, be agreed upon between Exim Bank and the borrower.

(d) The contract signed under the credit should also provide for the following :

- (i) The buyer shall make an advance payment of 10 percent of the f.o.b./c.& f./c.i.f. contract value to the seller within 10 business days after the date of the approval of the contract by Exim Bank.
- (ii) The buyer shall make payment to the seller of the balance 90 percent of f.o.b./c.& f./c.i.f. contract price, pro-rata against shipments, to be covered under an irrevocable letter of credit in favour of the seller.
- (iii) The eligible goods shall be inspected before shipment on behalf of the buyer and the documents to be furnished by the seller to the negotiating bank under the letter of credit arrangement shall include an inspection certificate.

3. The letter of credit shall be advised through such offices of the negotiating bank in India as may be designated from time to time by Exim Bank in consultation with Bancoldex. The letter of credit shall be subject to the Uniform Customs and Practice for Documentary Credits (1994 edition) published by the International Chamber of Commerce (Publication No.500) and shall be irrevocable and if required by a seller, be also divisible and transferable.

4. Upon presentation of documents by the beneficiary to the negotiating bank, the negotiating bank shall pay to the beneficiary an amount being not more than 90 per cent of f.o.b./c.& f./c.i.f. contract value, apportionable to the relative shipment, in equivalent Indian Rupee at the spot rate of exchange of the negotiating bank, provided the documents presented are in order and are in conformity with the relevant letter of credit.

5. Where negotiation has been effected without reserve, Exim Bank shall, upon receipt of the negotiating bank's written communication, reimburse the negotiating bank in U.S. Dollar with the amount of the eligible value to the extent apportionable to the relative shipment by transfer to the credit of the negotiating bank in such account with such bank in New York, USA, as may be specified by the negotiating bank in the communication to Exim Bank. If the negotiation has been made under reserve, Exim Bank shall make payment to the negotiating bank only after Exim Bank receives a written communication

from the negotiating bank that the issuing bank which has opened / issued letters of credit, has lifted the reserve and has accepted the documents, or a communication from the issuing bank through the borrower or the negotiating bank to that effect.

6. Bank charges, expenses, commission or stamp duty payable in India shall be to the account of the seller/beneficiary and those payable in the borrower's country shall be to the account of the buyer.

7. Exporters should check with Exim Bank, in advance, before finalising the contract with the buyers, details of service fee payable by the exporters on the contract to be covered under the above Line of Credit.

8. The terminal dates for opening letters of credit and utilisation of credit are March 20, 2003, and September 20, 2003, respectively.

9. Shipments under the credit will have to be declared on GR/SDF Forms as usual. All copies of the GR/SDF Forms should bear a prominent superscription reading 'Export under Exim Bank's Line of Credit dated February 5, 2002 extended to Banco de Comercio Exterior de Colombia, S.A. (Bancoldex), Colombia'. The number and date of this circular should be recorded in the space provided for. On receipt of full payment of the bills in the manner stated above, authorised dealer should certify the duplicate copy/ies of the relative GR/SDF Form/s and forward them to the concerned Regional Office of the Reserve Bank, in the usual manner.

10. No agency commission shall be payable in respect of exports financed under the above line of credit. However, Reserve Bank may consider on merit, requests for payment of commission upto a maximum extent of 5 per cent of the f.o.b./c.&f./c.i.f. value in respect of goods specified in the Annexure and which require after sales service. In such cases, commission will have to be paid in the borrower's / buyer's country only by deduction from the invoice of the relevant shipment and the reimbursable amount by the Exim Bank to the negotiating bank will be 90 percent of the f.o.b./c.&f./c.i.f. value minus the commission paid. Approval for payment of commission should be obtained before the relevant shipment is effected.

11. Authorised Dealers may bring the contents of this circular to the notice of their concerned constituents.

12. The directions contained in this circular have been issued under Section 10(4) and Section 11(1) of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (42 of 1999).

Yours faithfully,
Grace Koshie
Chief General Manager

ANNEXURE**List of Eligible Goods for finance out of the Credit****PART 'A'**

1. Air compressors
2. Air conditioning, heating, cooling, fume extraction, dust collection, humidification and ventilation equipment for industrial use including blowers and exhaust fans.
3. Alcohol and brewery plant.
4. Aluminium plant and equipment
5. Asbestos cement machinery
6. Cement machinery
7. Cinematographic equipment for motion picture and television studios.
8. Chemical and pharmaceutical plant and machinery.
9. Cigarette making machinery.
10. Coffee processing machinery.
11. Coke oven plant and equipment
12. Coke oven refractories
13. Control and Process Instruments including X-Ray equipment for Industrial Applications.
14. Copper Ore concentration machinery
15. Dairy equipment and animal feed plant
16. Earth moving equipment like crawler tractors, shovels, excavators, loaders, dumpers etc.
17. Edible Oil Mill machinery and oil expellers.
18. Electric motors and pumps
19. Electronic Data Processing equipment
20. Fertilizer plant and equipment
21. Flour, rice and dal mill machinery
22. Food processing plant
23. Foundry equipment including mould making machinery, Sand and Shot blasting equipment
24. Freight containers
25. Garage equipment
26. Gas and air separation plants
27. Glass and Ceramic machinery
28. Heat Exchangers

29. Integrated Steel Plants (complete or in parts), mini steel plants (electric arc and reduction furnaces). Re-heating and heat treatment furnaces, Rolling Mills and other finishing lines for ferrous and non-ferrous metals.
30. Ice-making machinery
31. Industrial boilers
32. Industrial furnaces
33. Industrial switchboards, Control panels, circuit breakers, air break switches
34. Jute machinery
35. Leather tanning and processing machinery
36. Machine tools
37. Machinery for manufacturing air conditioners, bicycles, corks, electrical goods, enamel-ware, hard board, metal containers, radios, razor blades, refractories and bricks, sewing machines, shoes, steel furniture, wire-ropes and cables etc.
38. Machinery for manufacturing any product figuring in Part B of this List, not specified separately in this Part.
39. Material handling equipment like fork lifts, electric lifts, cranes, hoists etc. and conveyor systems.
40. Metal working machinery
41. Mining machinery
42. Motor vehicles and chassis, including three-wheelers
43. Oil drilling rigs
44. Oil refinery equipment
45. Packaging and weighing machinery
46. Pile foundation machinery
47. Plastic machinery
48. Power generation, transmission and distribution equipment including boilers, generators, transformers, switchgears, transmission line towers, conductors, cables, sub-station equipment and protective equipment.
49. Power line carrier communication equipment
50. Power station structures, hydraulic structures like penstocks, gates and gearings, sub-station structures.
51. Pressure vessels.
52. Printing and book-binding machinery
53. Pulp and Paper Mill machinery
54. Railway electrification equipment and structures and railway signalling equipment.
55. Railway rolling stock including locomotives, wagons, coaches and trolleys.
56. Rubber machinery
57. Road and construction equipment including road rollers, tar boilers, continuous batch plants, stone crushers, asphalt mixers, concrete mixers and vibrators.

58. Ships, boats, trawlers, steamers, launches, barges.
59. Solvent extraction machinery
60. Spraying equipment
61. Steam, diesel and petrol engines
62. Steel fabrication for bridges, factories etc.
63. Steel rails and railway track equipment including sleepers, fishplates, points and crossings.
64. Steel shuttering and scaffolding materials
65. Steel tanks
66. Sugar (including Khandsari) machinery
67. Tele-communication and signalling equipment
68. Textile machinery
69. Tractors and Trailers
70. Vending machines
71. Water supply equipment including pumping plant, large diameter fabricated steel pipes, C.I. spun pipes and storage tanks, water treatment and sewage treatment plant.
72. Weigh bridges
73. Welding machinery
74. Wood working machinery

PART 'B'

1. Agricultural implements.
2. Auto parts
3. Bicycles, motorcycles, scooters, mopeds and parts
4. Construction materials including sanitary ware, tiles and precast cement products, false ceiling, flooring materials, pipes, decorative laminates, fittings, electricals and steel/aluminium doors and windows, provided they are exported as separate items and not as items forming part of civil construction/turnkey projects.
5. Agricultural chemicals and industrial chemicals.
6. Pressure cookers, watches and clocks, knitting/sewing machines, vacuum flasks, cutlery, plastic moulded luggage.
7. Domestic electric appliances
8. Drugs and pharmaceuticals
9. Electrical equipment including low tension insulators, batteries and accumulators, parts of electrical machinery and lamps, fuses and electrodes for industrial application.
10. Electronic components.

11. Electronic goods including radios, TV, public address systems, record players, tape recorders.
12. Fibreglass, PVC and plastics based products including pipes and tubes, tyre cord.
13. Ferrous/non-ferrous castings, forgings, stampings, extrusions and rolled products.
14. Ferrous/non-ferrous pipes, tubes, sheets, strips, foils, rods, wires, wire ropes
15. Heating and cooling equipment including air conditioners, refrigerators, water coolers.
16. Industrial rubber products including tyres and tubes, cots and aprons, conveyor belts, rubber rollers, hose pipes.
17. Instruments for measurement, scientific survey and for surgical applications.
18. Industrial fasteners, bearings, valves, gears and gaskets.
19. X-ray and other electro-medical and other hospital equipments
20. Office equipments including typewriters, calculators, duplicators, teleprinters.
21. Metal and plastic furniture
22. Hand tools, cutting tools, grinding wheels, moulds dies.
23. Gas cylinders, fire fighting equipment, photographic equipment, helmets, including fibreglass helmets.
24. Any item not included in Part 'B' above that might be agreed to be financed by Exim Bank at the request of the Borrower.