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January 2, 2009
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TO: All USAID/West Bank and Gaza Contractors, Grantees and Recipients

Subject: OFAC Special License No. SDGT-597f

Dear Implementing Partners,

Under USAID West Bank and Gaza Notice Numbers 2006-WBG-16, 2006-WBG-19, 2006-WBG-25, 2006-WBG-30, 2007-WBG-01, 2007-WBG-11 and 2008-WBG-02, the Department of Treasury's issuance of OFAC Special License No. SDG-597 and its extensions through December 31, 2008 were published. This License permits specific engagement of U.S persons, as contractors or grantees of USAID, in transactions with Palestinian governmental authorities, necessary for entering into and executing USAID West Bank and Gaza programs.

This Special License has been subsequently amended to extend its expiration through November 30, 2009, per the attached document. The conditions and limitations of the extended License remain unchanged.

Contractors and Grantees are cautioned that they remain responsible for all transactions in which they engage and in complying with all applicable legal restrictions.

Sincerely,

Anthony R. Ranese
Acting Director,
Office of Contracts Management
USAID West Bank & Gaza

Attachment: Special License No. SDGT-597f



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20220
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LICENSE No. SDGT-597f

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To: United States Department of State
United States Agency for International Development
c/o Economics Bureau
Office of Terrorism Finance and Economic Sanctions Policy
US Department of State
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Attn.: Steve Bondy, Director

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OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL

By Clara Y. David
Clara Y. David
Acting Assistant Director for Licensing

12/31/08
Date

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