VIET NAM – SCHEDULE OF SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS

For the 9th Package of Commitments under ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services

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I. HORIZONTAL COMMITMENTS			
ALL SECTORS INCLUDED IN THIS SCHEDULE	(3) None, except: Unless otherwise specified in each specific sector or sub-sector of this Schedule, foreign enterprises are allowed to establish commercial presence in Viet Nam in the form of business co-operation contract[1], joint venture enterprise, 100% foreign-invested enterprise. Representative offices of foreign service suppliers are permitted to be established in Viet Nam, but they shall not engage in any direct profit-making activities[2]. Unless otherwise indicated in each specific sector or sub-sector of this Schedule, the establishment of branches is unbound.	(3) None, except: Eligibility for subsidies may be limited to Vietnamese service suppliers, i.e. to juridical persons established within the territory of Viet Nam, or a part thereof. The granting of one-time subsidisation to promote and facilitate the process of equitisation is not in breach of this commitment. Unbound for subsidies for Research and Development. Unbound for subsidies in the Health, Education and Audio-visual sectors. Unbound for subsidies aimed at promoting the welfare and employment of ethnic minorities.	

[1] Business co-operation contract is a document which is signed by two or more parties (of which at least one party must be Vietnamese legal entity and one party must be foreign legal entity) and which stipulates the responsibilities of, and the sharing of business results between, the parties for the purpose of conducting investment and business in Viet Nam without creating a legal entity.

[2] Representative office is a subordinate unit of foreign enterprises, established under the Vietnamese law in order to seek, promote trade and tourism opportunities but is not allowed to engage in any direct profit-making activities.

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	The conditions of ownership, operation and juridical form and scope of activities as set out in the respective licenses or other form of approval establishing or authorising the operation or supply of services by an existing foreign service supplier shall not be made more restrictive than they exist. Foreign-invested enterprises shall be permitted by competent authorities of Viet Nam to lease the land to carry out their investment projects. The land leasing period shall correspond to the time of operation of those enterprises and shall be stipulated in their investment licenses and shall be extended whenever the time of operation of those enterprises is extended by competent authorities. Foreign service suppliers are permitted to make capital contribution in the form of buying shares of Viet Nam's enterprises. In this case, the total equity held by foreign investors in each enterprise may not exceed 30% of the enterprise's chartered capital unless otherwise provided by Viet Nam's laws or authorised by Viet Nam's competent authority.		

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	After 2007, the 30% foreign equity limitation for acquisition of Vietnamese enterprises shall be eliminated, except for capital contribution in the form of buying shares of joint-stock commercial banks, and except for the sectors not committed in this Schedule. For the other sectors and sub-sectors committed in this Schedule, the level of equity held by foreign investors in acquisition of Vietnamese enterprises shall be corresponding to the limitations on foreign capital participation set forth therein, if any, including the limitations in the form of transitional periods, where applicable.		