# **BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT AND ENTERPRISE PERFORMANCE SURVEY** The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the World Bank *Core Module (2008)*

A.3a

# A. CONTROL INFORMATION [TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE INTERVIEW]

A.0 Questionnaire a0 Module		
Core	3	
A.1 Country		
al		
A.1a Language of the interview		

a1a

A.3 Size of locality	a3
Capital city	1
City with population over 1 million – other than capital	2
Over 250.000 to 1 million	3
50.000 to 250.000	4
Less than 50.000	5

**Region of the** 

Sampling Region a2
1
2
3
4

1210 4	
	establishment
	(coded ex post)
	a3a
Eastern Macedonia Region	1
North-West & West Macedonia	2
Region	
Skopje Region	3
South Macedonia Region	4

### A.3x City/town/village

a3x

A.4 Indust	ry	Sampling sector a4a	Screener sector a4b
	Food	15	15
	Textiles	17	17
$\circ$	Garments	18	18
n I no	Chemicals	24	24
ctic	Plastics & rubber	25	25
lg :Se	Non metallic mineral products	26	26
iur	Basic metals	27	27
Manufacturing :Section D	Fabricated metal products	28	28
Man	Machinery and equipment	29	29
	Electronics (31 & 32)	31	31
	Other manufacturing	2	2
Service	Retail	52	52
	Wholesale	51	51
	IT	72	72
	Hotel and restaurants: section H	55	55
Other	Services of motor vehicles	50	50
	Construction Section F:	45	45
	Transport Section I: (60-64)	60	60

A.5 Sector match between screener information and sample frame a5

Yes, screener and sample frame info match	1
No, screener and sample frame do not match but establishment does activities which match both screener and sample frame	
No, does not match	3

	Sampling size
A.6a Size	аба
Less than 5 (only panel)	0
Small $\geq 5$ and $\leq 19$	1
Medium >=20 and <=99	2
Large >=100	3

A.6b Size	Screener Size a6b
Less than 5 (only panel)	0
Small $>=5$ and $<=19$	1
Medium >=20 and <=99	2
Large >=100	3

A.7 Establishment is part of a larger firm	a7
Yes	1
No, a firm on its own	2

A.8 Type of establishment	<b>a8</b>
HQ without production and/or sales in this location	1
HQ with production and/or sales in this location	2
Establishment physically separated from HQ and	3
other establishments of the same firm	
Establishment physically separated from HQ but	4
with other establishments of the same firm	
Does not apply	-7

**A.9** Establishment financial statements prepared separately from HQ statements

separately from HQ statements	a9
Yes	1
No	2
Does not apply	-7

A.10 Establishment financial statements prepared separately from other establishments of same firm a10

Yes	1
No	2
Does not apply	-7

A.11 If HQ, financial statements independent from the rest of establishments

a11	
Yes	1
No	2
Does not apply	-7

A.12 Interviewer code

a12

A.13 Supervisor code

a13

A.14a Date face-to-face interview begins:

Day (dd)	Month (mm)	Year (yyyy)
a14d	a14m	a14y

A.14b Time face-to-face interview begins:

Hour (00 to 23)	Minutes (00 to 59)
a14h	a14min

**READ THE FOLLOWING TO THE RESPONDENT BEFORE PROCEEDING.** 

The goal of this survey is to gather information and opinions about the investment climate in this country. Ultimately, the information gathered here will help to develop new policies and programs that enhance employment and economic growth.

The information obtained here will be held in the strictest confidentiality. Neither your name nor the name of your business will be used in any document based on this survey.

#### **B. GENERAL INFORMATION**

**READ OUT THE FOLLOWING INTRODUCTORY SENTENCE ONLY IF A7 = 1 (yes):** The first few questions apply to the firm which your establishment is part of.

**B.1** What is this firm's current legal status? **SHOW CARD 1** 

Shareholding company / shares traded in	1	
the stock market		
Shareholding company / shares traded	2	
privately if at all		
Sole proprietorship	3	SKIP TO B.2
Partnership	4	
Limited partnership	5	
Other (spontaneous - specify)b1x	6	
		b1

#### **B.3** What percent of this firm does the largest owner or owners own?

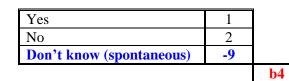
	Percent
Percent held by largest owner or owners	<b>b3</b> %

## **B.2** What percent of this firm is owned by each of the following: **SHOW CARD 2**

	Percent	
Private domestic individuals, companies or organizations	<b>b2a</b> %	
Private foreign individuals, companies or organizations	<b>b2b</b> %	
Government/State	<b>b2c</b> %	IF 100%
		TERMINATE
Other	<b>b2d</b> %	
	100%	

INTERVIEWER: CHECK THAT TOTAL SUMS TO 100%

# **B.4** Amongst the owners of the firm, are there any females?



Q.5	How was this firm established?	SHOW CARD 3	
	Privatization of a state-owned firm	1	
	Originally private, from time of start up	2	
	Private subsidiary of a formerly state-owned firm	3	
	Joint venture with foreign partner(s)	4	
	State-owned firm	5	
	Other (spontaneous - SPECIFY) ECAq5x	6	
		ECAq5	

#### **READ ONLY IF A7=1 (yes)** I want to proceed by asking you about this establishment only.

<b>B.5</b>	In what year did this establishment begin operations?

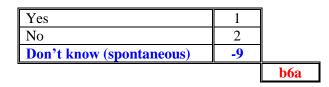
	Year
Year establishment began operations	<b>b5</b>

# **INTERVIEWER: PROVIDE FOUR DIGITS FOR YEAR**

**B.6** How many full-time employees did this establishment employ when it started operations? Please include all employees and managers (Include respondent when appropriate)

	Number
Full-time employees at start-up	<b>b6</b>
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9

### **B.6a** Was this establishment formally registered when it began operations?



### **B.6b** In what year was this establishment formally registered?

	Year
Year establishment formally registered	b6b
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9
Never registered (spontaneous)	-7

## **INTERVIEWER: PROVIDE FOUR DIGITS FOR YEAR.**

### **B.7** How many years of experience working in this sector does the Top Manager have?

	Years
Manager's experience in sector	<b>b7</b>
Less than one year	1
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9

### **B.7a** Is the Top Manager female?

Yes	1	1
No	2	
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9	
		ECAb7a

#### **B.8** Does this establishment have an internationally-recognized quality certification?

INTERVIEWER: If there is need for clarification, some examples are: ISO 9000, 9002 or 14000.

Yes	1	
No	2	
Still in process	-6	
<b>Don't know</b> (spontaneous)	-9	
		<b>b8</b>

## C. INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES

# **READ THE FOLLOWING TO THE RESPONDENT BEFORE PROCEEDING.** Now, we turn to the establishment's operations in fiscal year 2007.

C.3	Over the last two years, did this establishment submit an application to obtain an electrical
	connection?

Yes	1	
No	2	GO TO QUESTION C.6
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9	<b>GO TO QUESTION C.6</b>
		c3

# **C.4** In reference to that application for an electrical connection, approximately how many days did it take to obtain it from the day of the application to the day the service was received?

	Days
Wait for electrical connection	<b>c4</b>
Less than one day	1
Still in process	-6
Application denied	-5
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9

# C.5 In reference to that application for an electrical connection, was an informal gift or payment expected or requested?

Yes	1	
No	2	
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9	
REF (spontaneous)	-8	
		c5

#### **C.6** Over fiscal year 2007, did this establishment experience power outages?

Yes	1	
No	2	GO TO QUESTION C.12
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9	GO TO QUESTION C.12
		сб

C.7	In a typical month, over fiscal year 2007, how many power outages did this establishment
	experience?

	Number	
Average number of power outages per month	c7	IF 0, GO TO QUESTION C.12
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9	

# **C.8** How long did these power outages last on average?

	Hours
Average duration of power outages	c8
Less than one hour	1
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9

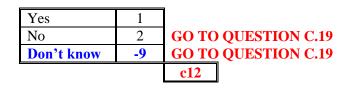
C.9 Please estimate the losses that resulted from power outages either as a percentage of total annual sales or as total annual losses.

	Percent
Loss as percent of total annual sales due to power outages	<mark>c9a</mark> %

# PROVIDE EITHER ONE OR THE OTHER, NOT BOTH

	LCUs
Annual losses due to power outages	c9b
None	0

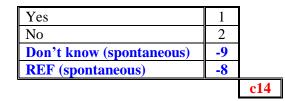
## C.12 Over the last two years, did this establishment submit an application to obtain a water connection?



C.13 In reference to that application for a water connection, approximately how many days did it take to obtain it from the day of the application to the day the service was received?

	Days
Wait for water connection	c13
Less than one day	1
Still in process	-6
Application denied	-5
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9

# **C.14** In reference to that application for a water connection, was an informal gift or payment expected or requested?



C.19 Over the last two years, did this establishment submit an application to obtain a telephone connection?

Yes	1	
No	2	GO TO QUESTION C.22
<b>Don't know</b> (spontaneous)	-9	GO TO QUESTION C.22
		c19

**C.20** In reference to that application for a telephone connection, approximately how many days did it take to obtain it from the day of the application to the day the service was received?

	Days
Wait for telephone connection	<b>c20</b>
Less than one day	1
Still in process	-6

Application denied	-5
<b>Don't know</b> (spontaneous)	-9

**C.21** In reference to that application for a telephone connection, was an informal gift or payment expected or requested?

Yes	1	
No	2	
<b>Don't know</b> (spontaneous)	-9	
<b>REF</b> (spontaneous)	-8	
		c21

**C.22** At the present time, does this establishment use any of the following:.?

	Yes	No	Don't know (spontaneous)
E-mail to communicate with clients or	1	2	-9
suppliers c22a			
Its own website c22b	1	2	-9

# C.30 Is electricity No Obstacle, a Minor Obstacle, a Moderate Obstacle, a Major Obstacle, or a Very Severe Obstacle to the current operations of this establishment? SHOW CARD 4

	No obstacle	Minor obstacle	Moderate obstacle	Major obstacle	Very Severe Obstacle	Don't Know (spontan eous)	Does Not Apply (spontan eous)
Electricity c30a	0	1	2	3	4	-9	-7

## D. SALES AND SUPPLIES

## **READ THE FOLLOWING TO THE RESPONDENT BEFORE PROCEEDING:** The next topic to be covered is how and where this establishment makes its sales.

**D.1a1** In fiscal year 2007, what was this establishment's main product, that is, the product that represented the largest proportion of annual sales (in LCU)?

Description	
d1a1x	

D.1a2	Using this card, ple	se choose the 4-digit code that best applies to the main product of this	
	establishment.	SHOW CARD 5	

	Code
Code of main product	d1a2

	%
Percentage of sales represented by main product	d1a3

**LCUs** 

**d2** 

**D.2** In fiscal year 2007, what were this establishment's total annual sales?

Last complete fiscal year's total sales

**D.3** In fiscal year 2007, what percent of this establishment's sales were: **SHOW CARD 6** 

# INTERVIEWER: THESE MUST BE ASKED IN THE ORDER THEY APPEAR ON THE TABLE

	Percent	]
National sales	<b>d3a</b> %	IF 100, GO TO QUESTION D.30
Indirect exports (sold domestically to third party that exports products)	<b>d3b</b> %	IF 100, GO TO QUESTION D.8
Direct exports	<b>d3c</b> %	IF 0, GO TO QUESTION D.8
	100%	

INTERVIEWER: CHECK THAT TOTAL SUMS TO 100%

D.4 In fiscal year 2007, when this establishment exported goods directly, how many days did it take on average from the time this establishment's goods arrived at their main point of exit (e.g., port, airport) until the time these goods cleared customs?
 (INTERVIEWER: for European Union countries ask for goods exported directly outside the EU)

	Days
Average number of days to clear customs	d4
Less than one day	1
Does not apply (exports only within EU)	-7
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9

**D.6a** In fiscal year **2007**, what percentage of the consignment value of the products exported directly was lost while in transit because of theft, breakage or spoilage?

	Percent
Losses due to theft, breakage or spoilage as percent of	d6a %
consignment value	
No losses	0
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9

**D.8** In which year did this establishment first export directly or indirectly?

	Year
Began exporting directly or indirectly	<b>d8</b>
<b>Don't know</b> (spontaneous)	-9

**D.8a** In fiscal year 2007, what was the total value of exports of this establishment?

	LCUs
Total exports last fiscal year	ECAd8a
<b>Don't know</b> (spontaneous)	-9

# D.30 Is transport No Obstacle, a Minor Obstacle, a Moderate Obstacle, a Major Obstacle, or a Very Severe Obstacle to the current operations of this establishment? Are customs and trade regulations No Obstacle a Minor Obstacle a Moderate obstacle a Major

Are **customs and trade regulations** No Obstacle, a Minor Obstacle, a Moderate obstacle, a Major Obstacle, or a Very Severe Obstacle to the current operations of this establishment? **SHOW CARD 8** 

	No obstacle	Minor obstacle	Moderate obstacle	Major obstacle	Very Severe Obstacle	Don't Know (spont aneou s)	Does Not Apply (sponta neous)
Transport d30a	0	1	2	3	4	-9	-7
Customs and trade regulations <b>d30b</b>	0	1	2	3	4	-9	-7

### E. DEGREE OF COMPETITION

#### **E.11** Does this establishment compete against unregistered or informal firms?

Yes	1	
No	2	
<b>Don't know</b> (spontaneous)	-9	
		e11

Q.63 How important are each of the following factors in affecting decisions to develop new products or services and markets: SHOW CARD 9

	Not at all	Slightly	Fairly	Very	Don't	
	important	important	important	important	Know	
					(sponta	
					neous)	
Pressure from domestic competitors	1	2	3	4	-9	ECAq63a
Pressure from foreign competitors	1	2	3	4	-9	ECAq63b
Pressure from customers	1	2	3	4	-9	ECAq63c

Q.64 How important are each of the following factors in affecting decisions with respect to reducing the production costs of existing products or services: SHOW CARD 9

	Not at all	Slightly	Fairly	Very	Don't	
	important	important	important	important	Know	
					(sponta	
					neous)	
Pressure from domestic competitors	1	2	3	4	-9	ECAq64a
Pressure from foreign competitors	1	2	3	4	-9	ECAq64b
Pressure from customers	1	2	3	4	-9	ECAq64c

**Q.53** Over the last three years has this establishment received any subsidies from the national, regional or local governments or European Union sources?

Yes	1	1
No	2	
<b>Don't know</b> (spontaneous)	-9	
		ECAq53

E.30 Are practices of competitors in the informal sector No Obstacle, a Minor Obstacle, a Moderate Obstacle, Major Obstacle, or a Very Severe Obstacle to the current operations of this establishment? Are practices of formal competitors No Obstacle, a Minor Obstacle, a Moderate Obstacle, a Major Obstacle, or a Very Severe Obstacle to the current operations of this establishment?
 SHOW CARD 10

	No obstacle	Minor obstacle	Moderate obstacle	Major obstacle	Very Severe Obstacle	Do Not Know (spont aneous )	Does Not Apply (spon taneo us)
Practices of competitors in the informal sector e30	0	1	2	3	4	-9	-7
Practices of formal competitors ECAe30	0	1	2	3	4	-9	-7

# O. INNOVATION

Yes		
No	1	
	2	GO TO QUESTION 0.3
<b>Don't know</b> (spontaneous) -	-9	GO TO QUESTION 0.3

**O.2** In fiscal year **2007**, what percent of this establishment's annual sales was accounted for by products or services that were introduced in the last three years?

	Percent
Percent of annual sales accounted for by new products or services	<b>ECAo2</b> %
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9

**O.3** In fiscal year **2007**, did this establishment spend on research and development activities, either inhouse or contracted with other companies (outsourced)?

Yes	1	]
No	2	
<b>Don't know</b> (spontaneous)	-9	
		ECA03

**0.12** In the last three years, has this establishment discontinued at least one product line or service?

Yes	1	
No	2	
<b>Don't know</b> (spontaneous)	-9	
		ECAo12

**0.13** In the last three years, has this establishment upgraded an existing product line or service?

Yes	1	
No	2	
<b>Don't know</b> (spontaneous)	-9	
		ECA013

# W. INSPECTIONS

## **READ THE FOLLOWING TO THE RESPONDENT BEFORE PROCEEDING:** Now let's turn to inspections by public officials.

## W.1 In fiscal year 2007, ow many inspections took place at this establishment?

	Number	
Total number of inspections	ECAw1	IF O GO TO W.30
<b>Don't know</b> (spontaneous)	-9	

# W.2 In fiscal year 2007, how much did all the inspections that took place at this establishment cost, including official fines and any unofficial payments?

	LCU
Total cost of inspections	ECAw2
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9
Refusal (spontaneous)	-8

# **W.3** In fiscal year **2007**, how many *working days* were spent by all staff members dealing with all the procedures related to these inspections?

	Days
Number of working days spent by all staff members in	ECAw3
dealing with inspections	
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9

# W.30 Are business inspections No Obstacle, a Minor Obstacle, a Moderate Obstacle, a Major Obstacle, or a Very Severe Obstacle to the current operations of this establishment. SHOW CARD 13

		No obstacle	Minor obstacle	Moderate obstacle	Major obstacle	Very Severe Obstacle	Do Not Know	Does Not Apply
Business inspections <b>EC</b>	CAw30	0	1	2	3	4	-9	-7

**GO TO QUESTION P.30** 

ECAp1

## **P. CERTIFICATES**

P.1	P.1 In fiscal year 2007, was it compulsory for this establishment to have a certificate to produce or sell			
	any of its products or services?			
	Yes	1		
	No	2	GO TO QUESTION P.30	

-9

**P.2** In fiscal year 2007, what percent of this establishment's sales were from products or services subject to compulsory certificates?

	Percent	
Percent of sales subject to compulsory certificates	ECAp2 %	IF 0, GO TO QUESTION P.30
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9	

**P.3** In fiscal year 2007 how many compulsory certificates did this establishment obtain?

**Don't know** (spontaneous)

	Number	
Compulsory certificates obtained	ECAp3	IF 0, GO TO QUESTION P.30
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9	

**P.4** In fiscal year 2007, how many *working days* were spent by all staff members when obtaining compulsory certificates?

	Days
Number of working days spent by all staff members	ECAp4
when obtaining compulsory certificates	
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9

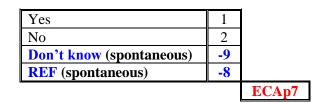
**P.5** Considering all compulsory certificates applied for in fiscal year 2007, how many days did it take on average to obtain them from the day of the application to the day the certificates were granted?

	Days
Wait to obtain compulsory certificates	ECAp5
Application denied	-7
Still in process	-6
Less than one day	1
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9

**P.6** In fiscal year 2007, approximately how much did this establishment spend on obtaining compulsory certificates, including all official and unofficial costs?

	LCUs
Money spent on obtaining compulsory certificates	ECAp6
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9
Does not apply	-7
REF (spontaneous)	-8

# **P.7** In order to obtain any of the compulsory certificates was a gift or informal payment expected or requested?



# P.30Are compulsory certification procedures No Obstacle, a Minor Obstacle, a Moderate obstacle, a<br/>Major Obstacle, or a Very Severe Obstacle to the current operations of this establishment?<br/>SHOW CARD 13

	No obstacle	Minor obstacle	Moderate obstacle	Major obstacle	Very Severe Obstacle	Don't Know (spon taneo us)	Does Not Apply (spont aneous )
Compulsory certification procedures ECAp30	0	1	2	3	4	-9	-7

## G. LAND AND PERMITS

**G.9** How many permits did this establishment obtain in the last two years?

	Number	]
Number of permits obtained in last two years	ECAg9	IF 0 GO TO G.2
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9	-

**G.10** What was the average validity, in months, of the permits obtained in the last two years?

	Months
Average validity	ECAg10
Less than 1 month	1
Term less	-5
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9

**G.11** How many working days were spent by all staff members on the procedures related to obtaining the permits applied for over the last two years?

	Days
	ECAg11
in obtaining all permits	
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9

# **G.12** How much was spent on average to obtain a permit applied for over the last two years, including formal and informal payments?

	LCU
Average cost of obtaining a permit	ECAg12
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9
<b>Refusal</b> (spontaneous)	-8

**G.13** How many days did it take on average to obtain a permit applied for over the last two years, from the day of the application to the day it was granted?

	Days
Wait to obtain a permit	ECAg13
Less than one day	1
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9

# **G.14** In reference to any of those applications for permits, was an informal gift or payment expected or requested?

Yes	1	
No	2	
<b>Don't know</b> (spontaneous)	-9	
<b>Refusal</b> (spontaneous)	<b>-8</b>	
		ECAg14

# G.2 More specifically, over the last two years, did this establishment submit an application to obtain a construction-related permit?

Yes	1	]
No	2	GO TO QUESTION G.30a
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9	GO TO QUESTION G.30a
		g2

**G.3** In reference to that application for a construction-related permit, approximately how many days did it take to obtain it from the day of the application to the day the permit was granted?

	Days
Wait for a construction-related permit	<b>g3</b>
Less than one day	1
Still in process	-6
Application denied	-5
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9

# **G.4** In reference to that application for a construction-related permit, was an informal gift or payment expected or requested?

Yes	1	
No	2	
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9	
<b>REF</b> (spontaneous)	-8	
		g

# G.30Is access to land No Obstacle, a Minor Obstacle, a Moderate Obstacle, a Major Obstacle, or a Very<br/>Severe Obstacle to the current operations of this establishment?SHOW CARD 15

	No obstacle	Minor obstacle	Moderate obstacle	Major obstacle	Very Severe Obstacle	Do Not Know (sponta neous)	Does Not Apply (sponta neous)
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				SERIAL NUMBER				
Access to land	g30a	0	1	2	3	4	-9	-7

# I. CRIME

## **READ THE FOLLOWING TO THE RESPONDENT BEFORE PROCEEDING:** We now turn to another topic.

**I.1** In fiscal year 2007, did this establishment pay for security, for example equipment, personnel, or professional security services?

Yes	1		
No	2	GO TO	<b>QUESTION I.3</b>
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9	GO TO	<b>QUESTION I.3</b>
		i1	

**I.2** In fiscal year 2007, what percent of this establishment's total annual sales was paid for security, or what was the total annual cost of security?

	Percent
Percent of total annual sales for security	i2a %
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9

# **PROVIDE EITHER ONE OR THE OTHER, NOT BOTH**

	LCUs
Total annual cost of security	i2b
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9

**I.3** In fiscal year 2007, did this establishment experience losses as a result of theft, robbery, vandalism or arson?

Yes	1	
No	2	GO TO QUESTION I.30
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9	GO TO QUESTION I.30
		i3

**I.4** In fiscal year 2007, what were the estimated losses as a result of theft, robbery, vandalism or arson that occurred on this establishment's premises either as a percentage of total annual sales or as total annual losses?

	Percent
Losses as percent of total annual sales	i4a %
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9

## **PROVIDE EITHER ONE OR THE OTHER, NOT BOTH**

	LCUs
Total annual value of losses	i4b
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9

# I.30Are crime, theft and disorder No Obstacle, a Minor Obstacle, a Moderate Obstacle, a Major<br/>Obstacle, or a Very Severe Obstacle to the current operations of this establishment? SHOW CARD<br/>15

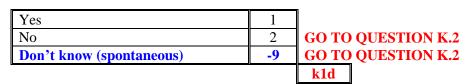
	No obstacle	Minor obstacle	Moderate obstacle	Major Obstacl e	Very Severe Obstacle	Do Not Know (spont aneou s)	Does Not Apply (sponta neous)
Crime, theft and disorder <b>i30</b>	0	1	2	3	4	-9	-7

## **K. FINANCE**

# **READ THE FOLLOWING TO THE RESPONDENT BEFORE PROCEEDING:**

### I would like to ask you a few questions about how you finance the operations of this establishment.

**K.1d** In fiscal year 2007, did this establishment purchase any material inputs or services and pay for them after delivery (on credit)?



**K.1e** In fiscal year 2007, what percent of this establishment's purchases of material inputs and services were paid after delivery (on credit)?

	%
Percent of purchases of material inputs and services	
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9
	k1e

K.2 In fiscal year 2007, what percent of this establishment's total annual sales of its goods or services were: SHOW CARD 16

	Percent	Don't know (spontaneous)
Paid for before the delivery?	k2a %	-9
Paid for on delivery?	<b>k2b</b> %	-9
Paid for after delivery?	<b>k2c</b> %	-9
	100 %	

INTERVIEWER: CHECK THAT TOTAL SUMS TO 100%

**K.4** In fiscal year 2007, did this establishment purchase any fixed assets, such as machinery, vehicles, equipment, land or buildings?

Yes	1	
No	2	<b>GO TO QUESTION K.6</b>
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9	GO TO QUESTION K.6
		k4

## **N.5** In fiscal year 2007, how much did this establishment spend on purchases of:

	LCUs
Machinery, vehicles, and equipment (new or used)	n5a
Land and buildings	n5b

# K.5 Over fiscal year 2007, please estimate the proportion of this establishment's total purchase of fixed assets that was financed from each of the following sources? SHOW CARD 17

	Percent
Internal funds or retained earnings	k5a%
Owners' contribution or issued new equity shares	<b>k5i</b> %
Borrowed from private banks	ECAk5b%
Borrowed from state-owned banks	ECAk5c%
Purchases on credit from suppliers and advances from customers	<b>k5f</b> %
Other (moneylenders, friends, relatives, non-banking financial institutions etc)	<mark>k5hdej</mark> %
	100%

# INTERVIEWER: CHECK THAT TOTAL SUMS TO 100%

# **K.6** Now let's talk about the establishment's current situation. At this time, does this establishment have a checking or savings account?

Yes	1	
No	2	
<b>Don't know</b> (spontaneous)	-9	
		k6

## **K.7** At this time, does this establishment have an overdraft facility?

Yes	1	
No	2	
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9	
		k7

## **K.8** At this time, does this establishment have a line of credit or a loan from a financial institution?

Yes	1	
No	2	GO TO QUESTION K.16
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9	GO TO QUESTION K.16
		k8

**K.9** Referring to the most recent line of credit or loan, what type of financial institution granted this loan? **SHOW CARD 18** 

Private commercial banks	1	
State-owned banks or government agency	2	
Non-bank financial institutions which include microfinance institutions, credit cooperatives, credit unions, or finance companies	3	
Other	4	
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**K.11** Referring only to this most recent loan or line of credit, what was its value at the time of approval?

	LCUs
Size of most recent loan/line of credit approved	k11
Refuses to respond	-8

## **K.13** Referring only to this most recent loan or line of credit, did the financing require collateral?

Yes	1	
No	2	GO TO QUESTION K.16
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9	GO TO QUESTION K.16
		k13

K.14Referring only to this most recent loan or line of credit, what type of collateral was required?INTERVIEWER: READ OUT

Collateral		Yes	No	Do Not Know (spontaneous)
Land, buildings under ownership of the establishment	k14a	1	2	-9
Machinery and equipment including movables	k14b	1	2	-9
Accounts receivable and inventories	k14c	1	2	-9
Personal assets of owner (house, etc.)	k14d	1	2	-9
Other forms of collateral not included in the categories above	k14e	1	2	-9

**K.15** Referring only to this most recent line of credit or loan, what was the approximate value of the collateral required as a percentage of the value of the loan or line of credit?

	Percent
Value of collateral as percent of loan/line of credit value	<b>k15</b> %
<b>INTERVIEWER: THE ANSWER COULD BE GREA</b>	<b>TER THAN 100%</b>

K.16	Referring again to the last fiscal year 2007, did this establishment apply for any loans or lines of credit?			
	Yes1GO TO (No2Don't know (spontaneous)-9k16	<b>JUESTI</b> (	ON K.18a	
K.17	What was the main reason why this establishment did nofiscal year 2007?SHOW CARD 18.1	ot apply	for any line of credit or loan in	
No n	eed for a loan - establishment has sufficient capital	1	GO TO QUESTION K.21	
	ication procedures for loans or lines of credit are complex	2	GO TO QUESTION K.21	
	est rates are not favorable	3	GO TO QUESTION K.21	
Colla	ateral requirements are too high	4	GO TO QUESTION K.21	
Size	of loan and maturity are insufficient	5	GO TO QUESTION K.21	
It is a	necessary to make informal payments to get bank loans	6	GO TO QUESTION K.21	
Did	not think it would be approved	7	GO TO QUESTION K.21	
Othe	r	8	GO TO QUESTION K.21 k17	

**K.18a** In fiscal year 2007, did this establishment apply for any new loans or new lines of credit that were rejected?

Yes	1	]
No	2	
<b>Don't know</b> (spontaneous)	-9	
		k18a

**K.21** In fiscal year 2007, did this establishment have its annual financial statements checked and certified by an external auditor?

Yes	1	
No	2	
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9	
		k21

K.30Is access to finance, which includes availability and cost, interest rates, fees and collateral<br/>requirements, No Obstacle, a Minor Obstacle, a Moderate Obstacle, a Major Obstacle, or a Very<br/>Severe Obstacle to the current operations of this establishment? SHOW CARD 19

	No obstacle	Minor obstacle	Moderate obstacle	Major obstacle	Very Severe Obstacle	Do Not Know (sponta neous)	Does Not Apply (sponta neous)
Access to finance k30	0	1	2	3	4	-9	-7

## J. BUSINESS-GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

## **READ THE FOLLOWING TO THE RESPONDENT BEFORE PROCEEDING:**

The following questions assess how establishments, such as this one, deal with government officials and their agencies.

Q.31e Has this establishment been to court as a **plaintiff or as a defendant** in the last three years?

Yes	1	
No	2	
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9	
		ECAq31e

J.1 I am going to read some statements that describe the courts system and how it could affect business. For each statement, please tell me if you Strongly disagree, Tend to disagree, Tend to agree, or Strongly agree. SHOW CARD 20

		Strongly disagree	Tend to disagree	Tend to agree	Strongly agree	Don't know (spontan eous)
"The court system is fair, impartial and uncorrupted."	h7a	1	2	3	4	-9
"The court system is quick."	ECAj1b	1	2	3	4	-9
"The court system is able to enforce its decisions."	ECAj1c	1	2	3	4	-9

J.2 In a typical week over the last year, what percentage of total senior management's time was spent on dealing with requirements imposed by government regulations? [By senior management I mean managers, directors, and officers above direct supervisors of production/sales workers. Some examples of government regulations are taxes, customs, labor regulations, licensing and registration, including dealings with officials and completing forms]

	Percent
Senior management's time spent on dealing with regulations	<b>j2</b> %
No time was spent	0
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9

#### **J.3** Over the last year, was this establishment visited or inspected by tax officials?

Yes	1	]
No	2	GO TO QUESTION J.5
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9	GO TO QUESTION J.5
		j3

# **J.4** Over the last year, how many times was this establishment either inspected by tax officials or required to meet with them?

	Number
Times inspected or met with tax officials	j4
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9

## **J.5** In any of these inspections or meetings was a gift or informal payment expected or requested?

Yes	1	
No	2	
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9	
<b>REF</b> (spontaneous)	-8	
		j5

# **J.5a** Over the last year, considering the overall process of filing and paying taxes, how many *working days* were spent by all staff members involved in the process?

	Days
Number of working days spent by all staff members on	ECAj5a
filing and paying taxes	
Don't know	-9

#### **J.6a** Over the last year, has this establishment secured or attempted to secure a government contract?

Yes	1	]
No	2	GO TO QUESTION J.7
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9	GO TO QUESTION J.7
		j6a

# **J.6** When establishments like this one do business with the government, what percent of the contract value would be typically paid in informal payments or gifts to secure the contract?

	Percent
Percent of the contract value paid as informal payments or gifts	<b>j6</b> %
No payments/gifts are paid	0
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9
Refusal (spontaneous)	-8

J.7 It is said that establishments are sometimes required to make gifts or informal payments to public officials to "get things done" with regard to customs, taxes, licenses, regulations, services etc. On average, what percent of total annual sales, or estimated total annual value, do establishments like this one pay in informal payments or gifts to public officials for this purpose?

	Percent
Percent of total annual sales paid as informal payment	j7a %
No payments/gifts are paid	0
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9
Refusal (spontaneous)	-8

## **PROVIDE EITHER ONE OR THE OTHER, NOT BOTH**

	LCUs
Total annual informal payment	j7b
No payments/gifts are paid	0
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9
Refusal (spontaneous)	-8

**J.10** Over the last two years, did this establishment submit an application to obtain an import license?

Yes	1	1
No	2	GO TO QUESTION J.13
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9	GO TO QUESTION J.13
		j10

**J.11** Approximately how many days did it take to obtain this import license from the day of the application to the day it was granted?

	Days
Wait for import license	j11
Less than one day	1
Still in process	-6
Application denied	-5
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9

# **J.12** In reference to that application for an import license, was an informal gift or payment expected or requested?

Yes	1	1
No	2	
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9	
<b>REF</b> (spontaneous)	-8	
		j12

#### **J.13** Over the last two years, did this establishment submit an application to obtain an operating license?

Yes	1	]
No	2	GO TO QUESTION J.30
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9	GO TO QUESTION J.30
		j13

# **J.14** Approximately how many days did it take to obtain this operating license from the day of the application to the day it was granted?

	Days
Wait for operating license	j14
Less than one day	1
Still in process	-6
Application denied	-5
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9

# **J.15** In reference to that application for an operating license, was an informal gift or payment expected or requested?

Yes	1	
No	2	
<b>Don't know</b> (spontaneous)	-9	
<b>Refusal</b> (spontaneous)	-8	
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# **J.14a** Considering all operating licenses applied for in the last two years how much was spent, to obtain them, including formal and informal payments?

	LCU
Amount spent to obtain all operating licenses	ECAj14a
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9
Refusal (spontaneous)	-8

J.30 As I list some factors that can affect the current operations of a business, please look at this card and tell me if you think that each factor is No Obstacle, a Minor Obstacle, a Moderate Obstacle, a Major Obstacle, or a Very Severe Obstacle to the current operations of this establishment. SHOW CARD 21

<b>ROTATE OPTIONS</b>	No obstacle	Minor obstacle	Moderate obstacle	Major obstacle	Very Severe Obstacle	Do Not Know (spon taneo us)	Does Not Apply (spont aneous )
Tax rates <b>j30a</b>	0	1	2	3	4	-9	-7
Tax administrationj30b	0	1	2	3	4	-9	-7
Business licensing and permits <b>j30c</b>	0	1	2	3	4	-9	-7
Political instability <b>j30e</b>	0	1	2	3	4	-9	-7
Corruption <b>j30f</b>	0	1	2	3	4	-9	-7
Courts h30	0	1	2	3	4	-9	-7

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# **READ THE FOLLOWING TO THE RESPONDENT BEFORE PROCEEDING:**

To conclude the topic on regulations

 Q.39
 Thinking about officials, would you say the following statement is always, usually, frequently, sometimes, seldom or never true?

 SHOW CARD 21.1

	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Frequently	Usually	Always	Don't know (sponta neous)
It is common for firms in my line of business to have to pay some irregular "additional payments or gifts" to get things done with regard to customs, taxes, licenses, regulations, services etc <b>ECAq39</b>		2	3	4	5	6	-9

Q.41 Thinking now of unofficial payments/gifts that establishments like this one would make in a given year, please tell me how often would they make payments/gifts for the following purposes: SHOW CARD 21.2

	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Frequently	Usually		Don't know (spont aneous )
To deal with customs/imports ECAq41a	1	2	3	4	5	6	-9
To deal with courts <b>ECAq41b</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	-9
To deal with taxes and tax collection ECAq41c	1	2	3	4	5	6	-9

# L. LABOR

#### **READ THE FOLLOWING TO THE RESPONDENT BEFORE PROCEEDING:** Now I would like to ask you a few questions about this establishment's labour force.

L.1 At the end of fiscal year 2007, how many permanent, full-time employees did this establishment employ? Please include all employees and managers (INTERVIEWER: include interviewee if applicable).

**INTERVIEWER:** Permanent, full-time employees are defined as all paid employees that are contracted for a term of one or more fiscal years and/or have a guaranteed renewal of their employment contract and that work 8 or more hours per day.

	Number
Permanent, full-time employees end of last fiscal year	l1
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9

L.2 Three fiscal years ago, at the end of fiscal year 2004, how many permanent, full-time employees did this establishment employ? Please include all employees and managers (INTERVIEWER: include interviewee if applicable).

	Number
Permanent, full-time employees three fiscal years ago	12
If establishment was not in business three years ago	-7
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9

L.5	At the end of fiscal year 2007, how many permanent
	full-time employees of this establishment were female?

	Number	Don't know (spontaneous)
Female permanent full-time employees	15	-9

**L.6** How many full-time temporary employees did this establishment employ in fiscal year 2007?

INTERVIEWER: Full-time, temporary workers are all paid short-term (i.e. for less than a fiscal year) employees with no guarantee of renewal of contract employment and work 8 or more hours per day.

	Number	
Full-time seasonal/temporary workers employed last	<b>l6</b>	IF 0, GO TO QUESTION Q.69
fiscal year		

-9

Don't know (spontaneous)

**L.8** What was the average length of employment of all full-time temporary employees in fiscal year 2007?

	Months
Average length full-time seasonal/temporary employment last fiscal year	18
Less than one month	1
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9

**Q.69** What percent of this establishment's labor force employed at the end of fiscal year 2007 had a university degree?

	Percent
Labor force with a university degree	ECAq69 %
No one have university degree	0
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9

# L.30 Are labor regulations No Obstacle, a Minor Obstacle, a Moderate Obstacle, a Major Obstacle, or a Very Severe Obstacle to the current operations of this establishment? Is an inadequately educated workforce No Obstacle, a Minor Obstacle, a Moderate Obstacle, a

Is an **inadequately educated workforce** No Obstacle, a Minor Obstacle, a Moderate Obstacle, a Major Obstacle, or a Very Severe Obstacle to the current operations of this establishment? **INTERVIEWER: SHOW CARD 22** 

	No obstacle	Minor obstacle	Moderate obstacle	Major obstacle	Very Severe Obstacle	Do Not Know (sponta neous)	Does Not Apply (sponta neous)
Labor regulations 130a	0	1	2	3	4	-9	-7
Inadequately educated workforce 130b	0	1	2	3	4	-9	-7

## M. BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT

**READ THE FOLLOWING TO THE RESPONDENT BEFORE PROCEEDING:** 

The next set of questions is designed to get a general picture of your opinion about the business environment that affects your operations.

M.1Which of the following elements of the business environment, if any, currently represents the<br/>biggest obstacle faced by this establishment.SHOW CARD 23 (DO NOT READ OUT)

1-Access to finance
2-Access to land
<b>3-Business licensing and permits</b>
4-Corruption
5-Courts
6-Crime, theft and disorder
7-Customs and trade regulations
8-Electricity
9-Inadequately educated workforce
10-Labor regulations
11-Political instability
12-Practices of competitors in the informal sector
13-Tax administration
14-Tax rates
15-Transport

Biggest obstacle	m1a
Don't know (spontaneous)	-9
<b>Does not apply (spontaneous)</b>	-7

#### N. PERFORMANCE

#### **READ THE FOLLOWING TO THE RESPONDENT BEFORE PROCEEDING:**

The purpose of the following questions is to allow us to estimate the productivity of establishments like this one. Estimates are made at the aggregate level so the information you provide below will be compiled with the information from other establishments. It is important that this information be as accurate as possible. The individual data are treated as confidential – the identity of your establishment will not be revealed at any point. Please provide the following information from the financial statements of this establishment.

N.2 For fiscal year 2007, please provide the following information about this establishment: SHOW CARD 24

#### **READ OUT**

Total annual cost of labor (including wages, salaries, bonuses, social payments)

LCUs n2a

**N.3** In fiscal year [insert three complete fiscal years ago], three fiscal years ago, what were total annual sales for this establishment?

	LCUs
Total annual sales three years ago	n3
If establishment was not in business	7
three years ago	-7

# **Q.52** Does this establishment currently have any payments overdue by more than 90 days with each of the following:

	Yes	No	Don't know ( <b>spontaneous</b> )	
Utilities	1	2	-9	ECAq52a
Taxes	1	2	-9	ECAq52b

<b>B.20</b>	The World Bank might be interested in getting in touch with you to follow up on
	some aspects of this interview. Would you have any objection if we provide them
	with your contact information?

Yes	1
No	2

A.15 Time face-to-face interview ends:

Date (mm/dd)	Hour	Minutes	AM/PM
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#### A.15a Please complete the following information about the interviewee(s)

	Position in the firm	Years with the firm	Gender
Main respondent	a15a1a	a15a2a	a15a3a
Second respondent	a15a1b	a15a2b	a15a3b

### THE SURVEY ENDS HERE THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

#### **INTERVIEWERS PLEASE ANSWER AT END OF THE INTERVIEW:**

A.16 It is my perception that the responses to the questions regarding opinions and perceptions:

Truthful	1	
Somewhat truthful	2	
Not truthful	3	
		a16

A.17 The responses to the questions regarding figures (productivity and employment numbers):

Are taken directly from establishment records	1	
Are estimates computed with some precision	2	
Are arbitrary and unreliable numbers	3	
		a17

**INTERVIEWER COMMENTS:** 

(Problems occurred/extraordinary circumstances which could influence results)

#### **SUPERVISORS PLEASE ANSWER:**

One visit in face-to-face interview with one person

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One visit in face-to-face interview with different managers/staff	2	
Several visits	3	

A.19 If option 2 or 3 in A.18, estimate duration of the whole interview

Hour	Minutes	
		a19

SERIAL NUMBER INTERVIEW PROTOCOL **P.3** Number of minutes the interview lasted Minutes **p3 P.4** Number of persons present during the interview, including interviewer Two (interviewer and respondent) 1 Three 2 Four 3 Five or more 4 **p4 P.5** Respondent cooperation Excellent 1 2 Fair Average 3 4 Bad **p5 P.6** Size of locality **Local codes p6** Region **P.7** Local codes **p7 P.8** Postal code **Postal code p8 P.9** Sample point number

