Bolivia's railway systems will be improved with a WORLD BANK loan of $35 million for financing procurement of equipment and tools for track rehabilitation freight cars, and workshop equipment, of the Bolivian National Railways (Empresa Nacional de Ferrocarriles -- ENFE). Technical assistance to ENFE includes experts to train personnel in modern operational and administrative procedures. Also, consultant services will be provided to the Government for updating the National Transport Survey and its implementation, and for urgently needed training in highway maintenance. The United Virginia Bank, Richmond, Virginia, is participating in this loan. (Refer to WORLD BANK News Release No. 77/102)

Among those present at the signing of the loan documents on June 6, 1977, were, seated from left to right: Mr. Julio C. Gutierrez, Executive Director of WORLD BANK for Bolivia; His Excellency Alberto Crespo Gutierrez, Ambassador of Bolivia to the United States; Mr. Enrique Lerdau, Acting Vice President, Latin America & Caribbean Region; and Ing. Gustavo Mendez, General Manager, ENFE.

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