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Dear Mr. Ciyong Zou,

**Subject: Request for a project's extension and expansion of targeted industrial sectors,
"Greening Industry through Low Carbon Technology Application for SMEs"
(GEF-ID 5725, UNIDO ID 130279) funded by the Global Environmental Facility (GEF)**

Regarding the project "Greening Industry through Low Carbon Technology Application for SMEs" (GEF-ID 5725, UNIDO ID 130279) funded by the Global Environmental Facility (GEF), of which the expected completion date on 30 June 2023, the Ministry of Industry would like to ask for the extension of the project completion date.

The Ministry and the project steering committee members are strongly committed to achieving the project's expected goals. Nonetheless, we foresee possible delays in the project implementation due to various reasons such as the COVID-19 situation. The recent Project Steering Committee meeting concluded that there is an urgent need to request the project extension and expand the targeted industrial sectors from food and beverage, automotive, and ceramics to any SMEs impacted by the pandemic in order to meet the expected goals committed to the GEF as well as support Thai SMEs affected by the COVID-19 pandemic – leading to low carbon recovery of the SMEs.

The Ministry of Industry on behalf of the project steering committee hereby would request your kind consideration, as our GEF Implementing Agency of this project, to grant an 18-month extension of the project completion date to 31 December 2024. I therefore shall look forward to receiving the official response from your side accordingly.

In addition...

In addition, I would like to request UNIDO to communicate to the GEF secretariat regarding this extension and expansion. Should you have any inquiries please do not hesitate to contact my colleague Ms. Niranad Chaisiri email: niranad.c@diw.mail.go.th

Thank you for your kind collaboration and please be assured of our continued collaboration.

Yours sincerely,



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