



**GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY**  
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**Naoko Ishii**  
CEO and Chairperson

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Mr. Pradeep Kurukulasuriya  
GEF Executive Coordinator  
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One United Nations Plaza  
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Dear Mr. Kurukulasuriya

I am pleased to inform you that I have endorsed the full-sized project proposal detailed below:

Decision Sought:	CEO Endorsement of Full-sized Project
GEFSEC ID	9565
Agency(ies):	UNDP
Focal Area:	Multi Focal Area
Project Type:	Full-Sized Project
Country(ies):	Guyana
Name of Project:	Strengthening the Enabling Framework for Biodiversity Mainstreaming and Mercury Reduction in Small and Medium-scale Gold Mining Operations
GEF Project Grant:	\$4,543,352
Agency Fee:	\$431,618
Funding Source:	GEF Trust Fund

I am endorsing this project based on the understanding that the project is in conformity with GEF focal areas strategies and in line with GEF policies and procedures.

Sincerely,

Naoko Ishii  
Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson

Cc: Country Operational Focal Point, GEF Agencies, STAP, Trustee