中华人民共和国财政部 Ministry of Finance, People's Republic of China

Mr. Robin Broadfield GEF Coodinator East Asia and Pacific Region September 27, 2004

China: Endorsement Letter for GEF Project

Guangxi Integrated Forestry Development and Conservation Project

Dear Mr. Robin Broadfield:

This is to advise you that the Ministry of Finance, as the GEF focal point for China, would like to endorse the captioned project concept and PDF-B to be submitted by World Bank for GEF support.

The Project will address the threats to Guangxi's natural forests, watersheds and biodiversity through an integrated approach to managing all these resources at the landscape level. It's overall development objective is to improve the management, sustainability, and environmental condition of the forest resources in Guangxi Autonomous Region and to conserve its globally significant biodiversity by supporting the nature reserve management, plantation establishment, watershed management, as well as a carbon sequestration and trade pilot program.

The focal point and the Implementing Agency have satisfied themselves that the relevant ministries, local governments, international organizations, bilateral agencies, NGOs, local communities have been fully consulted during the development of the project concept.

We are looking forward to a close cooperation with World Bank and a successful implementation of the project.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

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