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Dear Mr. Good,

I have reviewed the final version of the Operation Wallacea proposal for the Lambusango-Kakenauwe forests on Buton, Sulawesi Tenggara. The main objective of the proposal is to demonstrate that District forests and protected area can be managed jointly to ensure both increased income to surrounding villages and enhanced protection of their biodiversity. The latter part of the GEF project concentrates on applying this model to three other Districts and then promoting the benefits as options to be considered by the remaining 350 Districts.

In my capacity as the GEF National/Operational Focal Point, I have the pleasure in endorsing the proposal as submitted to the GEF Secretariat.

This endorsement has also substituted my previous letter Ref. B-58E/EAS/04/2003 dated April 7, 2003 addressed to Mr. Thomas Walton, Environment Programme Coordinator of the World Bank, Jakarta Office.

Thank you for your kind cooperation and I look forward to a positive response from the GEF.

Yours sincerely,

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