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Re: Co-financing for the Global Environment Facility/World Bank Integrated Ecosystem Management Project in the Jordan Rift Valley

Dear Ms. Dahlia,

By this letter, the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature (RSCN) wishes to inform you that efforts have been made to secure co-financing for the GEF/WB Integrated Ecosystem Management Project in the Jordan Rift Valley. The project's goal is to ensure the ecological integrity of the Jordan Rift Valley.

The co-financiers and their contributions amount to US\$ 6.1 million, for the project period, and together with GEF's US\$ 6.5 million, the total financing for the Project is US\$ 12.6 million. Specifically the co-financing contributions include the following:

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Panorama Center (Ministry of	US\$ 0.3 million
Tourism and Antiquities)	
JOHUD (Jordanian Hashemite	US\$ 2.0 million
Funds for Human Development)	
IUCN	US\$ 0.3 million
RSCN	US\$ 2 million
Total co-financing	US\$ 6.1 million
GEF contribution	US\$ 6.5 million
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Individual letters from each co-financier are submitted separately and provide additional information on the nature of the contribution (cash, in-kind services, etc...) and specify which project activities each contribution will finance.

In addition to the co-financing provided for this Project, the RSCN will benefit from parallel funding of approximately US\$ 2.0 million from the UNDP Small Grants Program for project replication to take place at project completion.

Yours Sincerely,

Yehya Khaled Acting Director Cheral

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Dear Mr. Sud,

Please find enclosed a concept note for the proposed project on "Integrated Ecosystem Management in the Jordan Valley" which has been prepared in close cooperation between the Ministry of Planning, Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature and The World Bank.

The project concept is deigned in accordance with national development and environmental priorities relating to the conservation of biodiversity.

I would highly appreciate your assistance in communicating this endorsement letter to GEF for a GEF PDF B grant.

Sincerely yours,

Jawad HadidMinister of Planning

cc. H.E. Secretary General, Jordan Valley Authority.

cc: H.E. Acting General Director, GCEP.

cc: H.E. General Manager, RSCN.

Jamal Salah Secretary General

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