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**Subject: Endorsement for GEF Work Programme Entry: Strengthening the  
Protected Area Network (SPAN) Project Namibia**

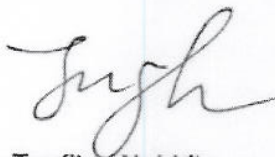
Dear Mr. Good,

- 1) As GEF Focal Point in Namibia, I hereby wish to inform you that the aims and objectives of the abovementioned GEF project meet the priorities and requirements of the Namibian Government in terms of biodiversity conservation and economic potential of protected areas. The Government is therefore committed to the implementation of the proposed project.
- 2) Effective management of Namibia's network of national protected areas (PA) is a high priority for the Government of the Republic of Namibia, as this will enhance the role played by the State PAs in national, regional and international biodiversity conservation.
- 3) PAs currently make a significant contribution to national economic development and this project will have a positive effect in this area.
- 4) Strengthening the PA system is also a core activity in the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan and the national Millennium Development targets for the expansion of the PA network. The project will assist the Government to dramatically improve systemic and institutional capacity for PA management for enhanced biodiversity conservation, while maximising the economic potential of the PAs.

- 5) The project will also assist the Ministry of Environment and Tourism (MET) in formulating its decentralisation plan, in line with Government policy on decentralisation.
- 6) In my capacity as the GEF Operational Focal Point in Namibia, I fully endorse this proposal, which has been developed within MET with a significant amount of stakeholder input at both local and national levels. During the PDF-B process, the MET embarked upon an active partnership building and resource mobilization drive. As a result, the MET has successfully secured a considerable amount of co-financing totaling US\$ 33,677,000 for the project's first phase duration of 6 years, including the government co-financing of US\$ 26,802,000. Other co-financiers are: KfW/GTZ (US\$ 3,600,000 for their support for the Bwabwata-Mamili-Mudumu Complex and support for management planning of the new Sperrgebiet National Park), UNDP (US\$ 300,000 for the HIV/AIDS component), USAID (US\$ 175,000 for park-neighbour relationship and partnership building component), international NGOs (US\$ 2,400,000 for support for the Sperrgebiet and neighbouring conservancies in Kunene and Caprivi regions), and the private sector (US\$ 400,000 for investment in demonstration PAs).

I sincerely hope that you will consider this proposal favourably.

Yours faithfully,



Mr. Teofilus Nghitila  
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GEF Operational Focal Point: NAMIBIA



cc. Mr. Simon R Nhongo, Resident Representative, UNDP Namibia

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31 August 2005

Dear Dr. Lindeque,

Re: Your Letter from July 12, 2005.

- Confirmation of GTZ co-financing for the SPAN-Project

Firstly, we would like to apologize the rather late response to your a.m. letter. This is to confirm that the Federal German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) through GTZ is supporting the MET-Project Strengthening the Capacity of the Ministry of Environment and Tourism in the field of sustainable Natural Resource Management, with a total funding of up to EUR 1,500,00 (approx. (2004-2007)). The project has three main components, namely sustainable land management, ecological restoration and biotrade.

The planned activities, such as land use planning (including support for the Sperrgebiet National Park) and biosystematics information are complementary to the GEF-funded SPAN Project. We therefore confirm that USD 100.000 allocated in the planning process for these activities can be considered as co-financing for the SPAN Project. The BMZ/GTZ supported project will implement support on the basis of the respective Namibian-German agreements and the joint planning documents from March 17-18, 2005 (Midgard) and May 18, 2005 (Thüringer Hof). Implementation and funding will be managed separate from the SPAN Project, although in very close cooperation.

There has already been a good collaboration between the SPAN Project and joint MET /GTZ Project which we support and we look forward to an even closer cooperation once the implementation of SPAN will start in 2006.

Yours sincerely

Ms. Christiane Kalle  
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cc:  
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Thursday 28 July 2005

Dear Dr Lindeque

I have great pleasure in confirming that WWF-UK is firmly committed to supporting the environmental sector in Namibia. This commitment is evidenced through our long-term financial support of work undertaken by Integrated Rural Development and Nature Conservation in Kunene and Caprivi. We have recently completed the preparation of a new 5-year phase and the agreed funding for this, from WWF-UK, will be as follows for the first year:

July 2005 – June 2006                      £900,000

Contracts are still to be signed but the likely funding for the subsequent 2 years will be set at:

July 2006 – June 2007                      £900,000

July 2007 – June 2008                      £800,000

I have seen the GEF Strengthening the Protected Area Network (SPAN) proposal and believe it offers exciting possibilities for future continued close engagement between all the interested parties.

I wish you every success in its implementation.

Warm regards

Dr Mark Wright  
Conservation Science Adviser  
WWF-UK



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August 10, 2005

Dear Mr Nhongo,

**RE: Confirmation Letter of the Ministry of Environment and Tourism for the Strengthening the Protected Area Network (SPAN) Project**

This is our pleasure to confirm that the Ministry of Environment and Tourism (MET), as the national executing agency of the SPAN Project, is allocating US\$ 26,802,000 for the next 6 years as co-financing to the project. This includes funds allocated for some key personnel, planning, research and monitoring, improving infrastructure and logistical support, generation of new sources of revenues, and harmonizing the management of adjacent land units to improve the effectiveness of the PA network.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the UNDP and GEF for supporting this initiative, both financially and technically. We look forward to further collaboration with UNDP in the implementation phase of the project.

Yours sincerely,

  
Malan Lindeque  
Permanent Secretary



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May 21, 2005

Dear Mr Liché,

**Re: Request for a confirmation letter of KfW funding for submission to the GEF**

As you know, the Ministry of Environment and Tourism is in the process of developing a 6-year project to strengthen the protected area network. The Strengthening the Protected Area Network (SPAN) Project is envisaged to start in 2006 and will address all aspects of Namibia's park system from on-the-ground park management to MET capacity enhancement. We also have selected 4 field demonstration sites where targeted interventions will be emphasized, and one of them is the Bwabwata-Mudumu-Mamili (BMM) Complex. As KfW has committed substantial funding to this area, MET felt that it was sensible to further target the complex in order to complement the KfW project, and to ensure tangible improvement in the region in terms of national park management and neighbour/resident issues.

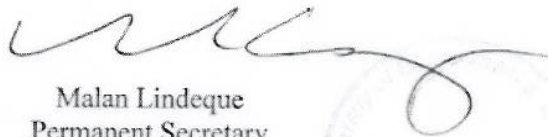
We are envisaging the GEF Council to approve the US\$ 8.2 million for the SPAN project around September and for it to give its final confirmation of the funding, we are requested to submit a letter from each co-financier to the project, confirming their funding. As the KfW supported project is highly complementary to the SPAN Project, we would like to count the KfW funding to the MET as co-financing. In the definition by the GEF/UNDP, co-financing includes parallel financing trying to achieve same objectives. In other words, the KfW supported project will proceed as planned and its funding will be managed totally separately from the SPAN Project. I would be most grateful if you could provide us with a short confirmation letter of the KfW

funding for the BMM Complex. Please specify the funding amount in Euro and purpose of the funding in your letter.

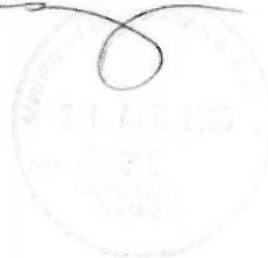
Lastly, I should stress that the KfW commitment and interest in the BMM is sincerely appreciated and greatly valued by the MET and that we are confident that with your continued cooperation, we will be able to move things forward quickly and to useful effect.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. I look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Malan Lindeque  
Permanent Secretary





August 16, 2005

File No. ENV 2005- 20

Dear Nik,

**Support to energy and environment for sustainable development programme- UNDP core resources**

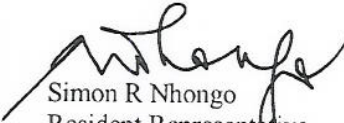
In line with the GRN/UNDP Country Programme Document (CPD) 2006-2010, we would like to confirm that the following projects will be supported with core resources:

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| 1. Country Pilot Partnership for sustainable land management (CPP) | USD 40,000 p/a |
| 2. National Capacity Self Assessment implementation (NCSA)         | USD 5,000 p/a  |
| 3. Public Private Partnership for the Urban Environment (PPPUE)    | USD 10,000 p/a |
| 4. Small Grants Programme (SGP)                                    | USD 5, 000 p/a |
| 5. Strengthening the Protected Areas Network (SPAN)                | USD 40,000 p/a |

The GRN/UNDP programme for Namibia is implemented under the National Execution (NEX) modality; as such, this letter confirms our intention, and is subject to formal approval of the CPD by the Executive Board. In addition, the utilization of these resources shall be in accordance with the annual work plans (AWPs) and will be authorized by NPCCS and UNDP.

I hope this letter meets the minimum requirements on the above subject.

Yours sincerely,

  
Simon R Nhongo  
Resident Representative

Nik Sekhran  
Regional Coordinator: International Water and Biodiversity





## CONSERVATION INTERNATIONAL

30 May, 2005

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Dear Dr Lindeque,

**Re: Match funding for the Strengthening the National Protected Area Network (SPAN) project**

This letter is to confirm funding from Conservation International (mobilised through donor funding from various sources) for two Transfrontier Conservation Area (TFCA) programmes involving Namibia – The Three Nations Namib Desert TFCA and the Kavango-Zambezi TFCA. Both programmes will be highly complementary to the UNDP/GEF project 'Strengthening the Protected Area Network', as the areas worked in by CI include a number of the field demonstration sites of the SPAN (e.g. |Ai-|Ais Hot Springs, the proposed Sperrgebiet National Park, the proposed Bwabwata National Park, Mudumu and Mamili National Parks).

Both projects can be considered match funding (all amounts mentioned in this letter contractually committed), and are outlined briefly below:

(a) **The Three Nations Namib Desert TFCA – SA Rand 3.75million (May 2005–May 2008).** In this programme, Conservation International will work with governments and communities to establish a viable and sustainable Three Nations Namib Desert TFCA, the purpose of which is to enable holistic, landscape-level land use planning to improve biodiversity conservation, and to contribute to local economic development by providing opportunities for well-planned natural resource based enterprises (including tourism) amongst TFCA residents. The programme will aim to develop collaborations between the different layers of society (government, private sector and civil society). To achieve this overall goal the programme has been divided into three components, which will work together in a coordinated manner – 1) to facilitate the establishment of the Three Nations Namib Desert TFCA; 2) to provide capacity building, technical assistance and strengthening of community structures in the Richtersveld and Greater |Gariap TFCA (the southern-most portion of the Three Nations Namib Desert TFCA, shared between Namibia and South Africa centred around the |Ai-|Ais/Richtersveld Transfrontier Park); and 3) to conduct research on the impacts of TFCAs on local and regional economies, disseminate and share findings with interested parties.

(b) **Kavango-Zambezi TFCA** – An initial amount of SA Rand 2,2 million over a one-year period (January – December 2005) but with additional amounts to become available from January 2006. This is also a broad-based programme of activities aimed at facilitating the partner governments to achieve the establishment and objectives of the proposed Kaza TFCA, and include community assistance in establishing conservancies and revenue-generating opportunities, biodiversity conservation by way of various projects including elephant research and monitoring, removal of landmines from areas targeted for conservation and ecotourism development, capacity building, and also socio-economic surveys to test assumptions regarding the benefits of TFCAs. All these activities are conducted within a transboundary framework to promote conservation linkages and benefit flows across international political boundaries, and Namibian protected areas form critical components of our approach and work.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you require any further information about Conservation International's planned activities in the region.

Yours sincerely



Dr Leo Braack  
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14 October 2005

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Dear Dr Lindeque

**NAMDEB'S COMMITMENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT IN THE SPERRGEBIET**

In response to your letter of 22 August 2005, Namdeb is pleased to confirm the following in support of your planned submission to the Global Environmental Facility.

Namdeb Diamond Corporation (Pty) Limited is committed to sound environmental management by designating the environment as a high corporate and operational priority. All of Namdeb's current land-based operations are located within the proposed Sperrgebiet National Park and therefore Namdeb sees its expenditure on environmental management as complementing the objectives of MET's Strengthening the Protected Areas Network (SPAN) Project. Principal among these is to improve management effectiveness of national protected areas.

The current budget (2006) for Namdeb environmental management is as follows:

Environmental Working Costs: N\$ 2 200 000  
Environmental Sponsorship: N\$ 100 000

Based on this annual budget, Namdeb estimates that approximately N\$13.8 million will be spent directly on environmental management over the SPAN projects six year period. In addition, our preliminary estimate of closure costs is approximately N\$136 million.

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Of these estimated amounts, I would like to inform you that US\$400,000 equivalent is considered as co-funding to the SPAN project and represents part of Namdeb's planned expenditure for mine closure and rehabilitation work, as well as biodiversity conservation related research and experimentation activities in the Sperrgebiet.

I understand that the SPAN Project has selected the Sperrgebiet as a field demonstration site. In particular, it seems to me that the creation and effective management of a protected area through a multi-sectoral management system involving mining companies, Ministry of Mines and Energy and other stakeholders provides opportunities for fruitful cooperation.

I further understand that one of the major initiatives of the proposed GEF funding is the establishment of a multi-sectoral body for the Sperrgebiet. Namdeb looks forward to being part of this initiative.

In order to engage effectively, we would welcome information on MET's proposals for this multi-sectoral body, as well as the planned management zoning. This will influence, *inter alia*, the standards that will need to be set in terms of rehabilitation. Namdeb believes that the pending cabinet submission for the proclamation of the Sperrgebiet contains provisions on these aspects. Namdeb would therefore be grateful to receive a copy of the Cabinet submission on the proclamation of the Sperrgebiet.

Yours faithfully

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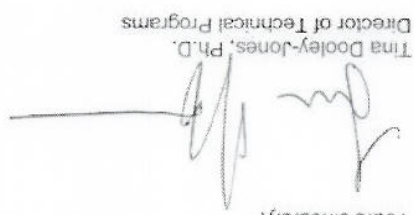
Dear Dr. Lindeque,

**Confirmation of USAID funding to the Strengthening the Protected Area Network (SPAN) Program**

This letter is to confirm that USAID Namibia is contributing US\$175,000 to the SPAN Program through a Grant Agreement with United Nations Development Program No. 690-A-00-04-00274-00. The Grant Agreement started in September 28, 2004 and the estimated completion date is September 27, 2007.

USAID has undertaken to support SPAN Program activities that link protected areas with local communities economically and improve relationships between parks and local communities. The USAID-funded activities will support the efforts of the Ministry of Environment and Tourism to a) improve its own capacity and that of the conservancies to deal with problem animals on the borders of Etosha National Park; b) develop frameworks and identify options for creating partnerships between government, local communities and the private sector for the establishment of tourism joint ventures and concessions; c) support economic analysis of the potential for Etosha National Park to contribute to the local economy; and, d) provide limited support for project management. USAID is committed to the SPAN Program and we look forward to our continued good working relationship.

Yours sincerely,

  
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