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Dear Mr El-Ashry

**GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITY (GEF) : MALOTI-DRAKENSBERG TRANSFRONTIER
CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

At the request of the GEF Secretariat, we hereby re-confirm our endorsement for the Maloti-Drakensberg Transfrontier Conservation and Development Project, and in particular the Project Concept Document that was submitted to GEF by the World Bank on January 28, 2000.

With respect to implementing arrangements, the DEAT will take the lead in collaboration with the KwaZulu-Natal NCS, the DEAT in the Free State and Eastern Cape Provinces respectively, and SANP. The details of these arrangements are currently being worked out on the basis of a draft MoU between RSA and Lesotho, and draft TOR for the Project Coordination Committee in RSA. While the details of these arrangements are resolved, we urge GEF to proceed with the processing of this project as submitted.

Yours sincerely


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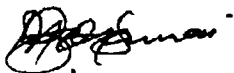
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Subject: Re-endorsement of Maloti-Drakensberg Transfrontier Conservation and Development Project

At your request, this is to re-endorse the preparation of the Maloti-Drakensberg Transfrontier Conservation and Development Project, and in particular the submission of the PCD by the Task Team on January 27 - 28, 2000. We do consider it to be ready for consideration by the GEF Council.

As for the implementation arrangements, these are now subject to detailed discussions on the basis of a draft memorandum of Understanding between Lesotho and South Africa, and the draft TORs for the Project Coordination Committee in Lesotho. While the details of these arrangements are settled, we urge you to start with the processing of this proposal so that effectiveness is not delayed.

Thank you for assistance.



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