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"Marine Aquarium Market
Transformation Initiative" (MAATI)

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Dear Mr. El-Ashry,

With reference to the letter from Mr. Paul Holthus, President and Executive Director of Marine Aquarium Council (MAC), dated April 18, 2003 regarding the above-mentioned subject, I would like to forward a proposal entitled "Marine Aquarium Market Transformation Initiative" (MAATI) submitted by Marine Aquarium Council (MAC).

There is fervent indication that only about 6% of the Indonesian reef is still in excellent condition, and the rest are in various stages of destruction. The main source of damage to the reefs is human activities, such as destructive fishing techniques, over exploitation and pollution. Based on these facts, I strongly support the project considering that the proposed activities will directly contribute to the Indonesian coastal and marine ecosystem conservation and be benefit of to the community's welfare.

I am also pleased to inform you that we also received positive support from the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, which indicates this project may contribute to the sustainable use of coral reef for marine aquarium trade through standardization towards the certification system.

Taking into account the significance of such activity, in my capacity as the National Focal Point for Global Environment Facility (GEF), I therefore endorse the proposal as submitted.

Looking forward to receiving a positive response, I thank you for your kind attention and continuous support.

Yours sincerely,

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