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Dear Mr El-Ashry

**ENDORSEMENT OF THE GEF MSP RICHTERSVELD COMMUNITY BIODIVERSITY
CONSERVATION PROJECT**

I hereby wish to inform you that the GEF MSP Richtersveld Community Biodiversity Conservation project has been channelled through the various mechanisms we have established in order to evaluate GEF projects:

It is clear from the recommendations that these projects have a broad based support and meets South Africa's national priorities in terms of the conservation and sustainable use of our biological diversity.

Given these recommendations I therefore grant my endorsement for these projects and would appreciate it if you could facilitate the approval of funding for them.

Yours sincerely


DIRECTOR-GENERAL
and GEF FOCAL POINT
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