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CEO and Chairperson

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Dear Council Member:

UNEP as the Implementing Agency for the project entitled: ***Regional (Burundi, Central African Republic, Republic of Congo, Kenya, Swaziland, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe): Regional Project on the Development of National Action Plans for the Artisanal and Small Scale Gold Mining in Africa – PMIS ID 9276***, has submitted the attached proposal project document for CEO endorsement of a major amendment prior to final approval of the project document in accordance with UNEP procedure.

The Secretariat has review the project document. It is consistent with the objectives of the project approved by the Council in April 2016. The major amendment involves re-allocation of GEF financing among the Component 3 and 4 according to the comments from the Council. In addition, Cameroon formally withdrawn from and Burundi will join the project. The document, which continues to use PIF template for this non-expedited Enabling Activity, also strengthens its knowledge management and collaboration with the Interim Secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury.

We have today posted the proposed project document on the GEF website at www.TheGEF.org for your information. We would welcome any comments you may wish to provide by September 03, 2016 before I endorse the project. You may send your comments to gcoordination@TheGEF.org.

If you do not have access to the Web, you may request the local field office of UNDP or the World Bank to download the document for you. Alternatively, you may request a copy of the document from the Secretariat. If you make such a request, please confirm for us your current mailing address.

Sincerely,

Naoko Ishii
Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson

Attachment: Project document

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