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CEO and Chairperson

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Dear Council Member,

**Subject: Major Amendment Request for Council's Review**

The World Bank, as the Implementing Agency for the project entitled: **China: Developing Market-based Energy Efficiency Program in China (GEF PMIS ID: 4947) (PIF title: Establish Measurement and Verification System for Energy Efficiency in China)**, has submitted the attached proposed project document for CEO endorsement of a project major amendment in accordance with the World Bank and GEF procedures.

The Secretariat has reviewed the project major amendment which involves changes of project title, objective, design, and outputs. These changes were due to the government structural change and reform of China during 2012 and 2013. The objective, design and outputs of the project at the PIF stage are no longer appropriate for the existing Chinese energy and environment situation. For example, the design of energy consumption caps for cities and provinces and a schedule for pilot Energy Saving Certificates Trading were not discussed by the government in 2012, but now they are under consideration by the highest level of decision makers in China. Consequently, the government requested to shift the project focus to developing and implementing priority energy efficiency programs and fiscal incentives in support of its 13<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan. As such, the World Bank proposed to amend the project title, objective, design and outputs.

We consider these changes to be major amendments to the original project document approved in June 2012. although the overall project budget has not been changed. In keeping with GEF procedures, the Secretariat has reviewed the proposed changes and has ascertained their appropriateness in light of the project's objectives.

We have today posted the proposed project major amendment document on the GEF website at [www.TheGEF.org](http://www.TheGEF.org) for your information. We would welcome any comments you may wish to provide by March 9, 2015 before I endorse the project. You may send your comments to [gcoordination@TheGEF.org](mailto: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,

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Attachment: GEFSEC Project Review Document, World Bank Project Document  
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