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Dear Mr. El-Ashry,

In my capacity as GEF Political Focal Point I would like to endorse project proposal entitled „Poland - Geothermal and Environment Project (Podhale)”. The project will reduce air pollution caused by local coal - fired boilers, including carbon dioxide emissions. Thus the project will contribute to meeting the commitments of Poland under the Convention on Climate Change. Reducing other than carbon dioxide pollution will help to protect the fragile mountain ecosystem contributing also to the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity. Reduction of greenhouse gases emission and nature protection are among the priorities of Poland's environmental policy. Therefore, the project enjoys full support from the Polish authorities.

Yours sincerely,

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