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Subject:

GEF Project proposal "A Strategy for Increasing the Use of Geothermal

Energy in the Europe and Central Asia Region"

Dear Mr Grawe,

As the designated GEF Focal Point for the Czech Republic, I am pleased to provide the endorsement for the proposed request for PDF B grant funding from the GEF for the project ECA Region – Geothermal Energy Facility ("Geolfund").

The Ministry of the Environment welcomes the possibility to follow in the co-operation with the GEF in the field of climate change. We believe that the project will contribute to a reduction of the greenhouse gases release to the atmosphere and also will contribute to the increase of the share of the renewable energy sources in our country. The Czech republic has ratified the Kyoto Protocol on the  $22^{nd}$  October 2001.

Yours sincerely,

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