

9<sup>th</sup> February, 2009

To: Dmitri Piskounov

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Subject: Endorsement for Promoting Mini Grids Based on Small Hydropower for Productive Uses in Sierra Leone

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for Sierra Leone, I confirm that the above project proposal (a) is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitments made by Sierra Leone under the relevant global environmental conventions and (b) has been discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the global environmental convention focal points, in accordance with GEF's policy on public involvement.

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the preparation of the above project proposal with the support of UNIDO. If approved, the proposal will be prepared and implemented by the Ministry of Energy and Power and the Sierra Leone Environment Protection Agency. Further, I request UNIDO to provide a copy of the project document for validation before it is submitted to the GEF Secretariat for CEO endorsement.

I understand that the total GEF financing being requested for this project is \$2,000,000, inclusive of project preparation grant (PPG), if any, and a 10% Agency fee to UNIDO for project cycle management services associated with this project.

I consent to the utilization of the following indicative allocations available to Sierra Leone in GEF-4 under the GEF Resource Allocation Framework to cover the GEF project preparation and implementation as well as the associated Agency fees for this project.

Climate Change: \$3,100,000

Sincerely,

Stephen Syril James Jusu Director of Environment

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