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To : **Mr. Lars Vidaeus**  
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Subject: **GEF National Focal Point Endorsement:  
WB-GEF Project Proposal: Vietnam Coastal Cities Environmental Sanitation  
Project**

Dear Mr. Lars Vidaeus,

On behalf of GEF-Vietnam, I am pleased to inform you that we fully support the above project proposal.

The Steering Committee of GEF-Vietnam have reviewed the draft project proposal in detail and concluded that this project, by demonstrating a new waste treatment technology, will facilitate the work of our government in implementing the National Strategy for Environmental Protection until 2010 and vision toward 2020, in which the urban waste treatment was targeted to be improved considerably. The project will also help mitigating the land pollution in coastal cities which are degrading the region's marine ecosystem. It is also agreed that the Project Management Unit (PMU), as proposed in the project proposal, has capacity to execute the project.

After this project proposal is approved by the GEF, GEF-Vietnam will submit the documents to the authorities and promote all required procedure processes.

We therefore strongly recommend GEF to support to this proposal.

Yours sincerely,



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