Naoko Ishii CEO and Chairperson

January 13, 2015

Dear Council Member,

The World Bank as the Implementing Agency for the project entitled: *India: Integrated SLEM Approaches for Reducing Land Degradation and Desertification*, has submitted the attached proposed project document for CEO endorsement prior to final Agency approval of the project document in accordance with the World Bank procedures.

The Secretariat has reviewed the project document. It is consistent with the project concept approved by the Council in November 2013 and the proposed project remains consistent with the Instrument and GEF policies and procedures. The attached explanation prepared by the World Bank satisfactorily details how Council's comments and those of the STAP have been addressed.

We have today posted the proposed project document on the GEF website at <a href="https://www.TheGEF.org">www.TheGEF.org</a> for your information. We would welcome any comments you may wish to provide by February 10, 2015 before I endorse the project. You may send your comments to goodination@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.

Naoko Ishii

Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson

Attachment:

**GEFSEC Project Review Document** 

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