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Dear Mr. Glemarec,

Subject: Endorsement for Integrated Community-Based Forest and Catchment Management through an Ecosystem Service Approach (CBFCM)

Please refer to our endorsement letters dated 12 October 2007 and dated 8 October 2008 of the projects "Conservation and Sustainable Use of Wetlands Biodiversity in Thailand" and "Community-Based Forest Management for Sustainable Livelihoods" respectively. I would like to endorse the project "Integrated community-based Forest and Catchment Management through an Ecosystem Service Approach (CBFCM)" which merged from the above two projects.

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for Thailand, I confirm that the above project proposal (a) is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitments made by Thailand 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 UNDP. If approved, the proposal will be prepared and implemented by the Regional Environment Offices (REOs) and the Office of Natural Resources and Environmental Policy and Planning (ONEP). Further, it would be highly appreciated if UNDP could provide a copy of the project document for reference and review before it is submitted to the GEF Secretariat for CEO endorsement.

/ I understand...

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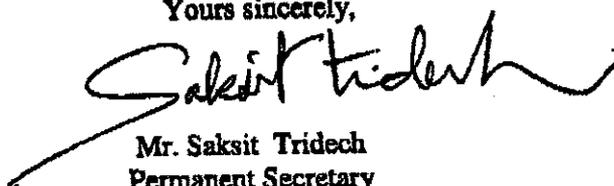
I understand that the total GEF financing being requested for this project is US\$ 2,915,000 which includes agency fee (10%) to UNDP for project cycle management services. It is agreeable that the utilization of the following indicative allocations will be available to Thailand in GEF-4 under the GEF Resource Allocation Framework to cover the GEF project preparation and implementation as well as the associated agency fees for this project.

Biodiversity : US\$ 1,500,000

Climate Change : US\$ 500,000

Please be assured of our ongoing cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. Saksit Tridech
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