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May 13, 2010

Mr. Steve Gorman
GEF Executive Coordinator
The World Bank
1818 H St., NW
Room MC 4-111
Washington, DC 20433

Dear Mr. Gorman:

I am pleased to inform you that I am endorsing the project proposal entitled **China: PRC-GEF Partnership: Sustainable Development in Poor Rural Areas under the China: PRC-GEF Partnership on Land Degradation in Dryland Ecosystems Program (PROGRAM)**, for \$4,265,000 in financing from the GEF Trust Fund (GEFTF). I understand that this project proposal will be submitted for approval in accordance with the World Bank procedures. I note that a project preparation grant (PPG) of \$280,000 was previously approved for preparation of this project and that a report on the use of those funds has been submitted to the Secretariat. Taking into account the PPG, the entire GEF grant for the project is \$4,545,000.

I am also endorsing the fee of \$454,500 for project cycle management services.

I am endorsing this project on the understanding that the project will meet the following milestones:

- (i) The GEF Agency approval will be signed no later than May 2010;
- (ii) A report on the status of the project at mid-term will be submitted to the Secretariat no later than June 2013; and
- (iii) The closing date of the project grant will be no later than December 2015 and a terminal evaluation/project completion report will be submitted to the Secretariat within 6 months of such closing date.

You are requested to ensure that the GEF Secretariat is informed when each of these milestones has been met. If any milestone is not or will not be achieved, you are requested to inform me as early as possible. After consultations with your Agency, I may agree to revised milestones or recommend to your Agency the cancellation or suspension of the project, and I will communicate to the beneficiary country and your Agency the basis for such a recommendation.

Please ensure that your grant agreements continue to fully reflect this understanding. A copy of the project tracking and review sheets is attached for your records.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Barbut', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Monique Barbut
Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson
Global Environment Facility

Attachment: GEF Tracking Sheet, GEFSEC Review Sheet

Copy: Country Operational Focal Point, GEF Agencies, STAP, Trustee

China: PRC-GEF Partnership: Sustainable Development in Poor Rural Areas

Authority	GEF Contribution (\$ million)	Total Cost (\$ million)	Requested Action	Signature	Date
PIF					
Program Manager	Recommendation		Recommendation	 Andrea Kuttel	02/05/08
Team leader			Clearance	 Gustavo Fonseca	2/6/08
CEO			Approval	 Monique Barbut	
PPG \$0.280 \$0.680					
Program Manager	Recommendation		Recommendation	 Andrea Kuttel	02/05/08
Team leader			Clearance	 Gustavo Fonseca	2/6/08
CEO			Approval	 Monique Barbut	
Work Program Inclusion					
Program Manager	Recommendation		Recommendation	 Gustavo Fonseca	4/9/10
Team leader			Clearance	 Gustavo Fonseca	4/9/2010
CEO			Approval	 Monique Barbut	
Council Approval					
Need to circulate to Council for			>second review prior to CEO endorsement (4 weeks review period)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
			>CEO endorsement (second review waived)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
Program Manager			Recommendation	 Gustavo Fonseca	
Team leader			Clearance	 Gustavo Fonseca	
Endorsement w/o PPG					
Program Manager	Recommendation		Recommendation	 Gustavo Fonseca	5/13/10
Team leader			Clearance	 Gustavo Fonseca	5/13/2010
CEO			Approval	 Monique Barbut	
Final Approval					
Implementing Agency			Approval		
Cumulative GEF Contribution					