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| Subject: | Submission of the Technology Transfer Networks project for final CEO endorsement | | |

Pursuant to the GEF Council meeting May 2001 and having received no further comments we are pleased to present the Technology Transfer Networks Project Document for your consideration and endorsement.

The document contains SANET's business and operations plan. Principal executing partners will be UNOPS for SANET's decision support facility (component II), and GRID Arendal for SANET's on-line decision support system (component I), incl. regional client support centers and related expert networks. As SANET enters specific sectors and markets there will be a growing number of delivery partners for key areas of GEF concern. Organizations who have confirmed interest to become SANET delivery partners in specific sectors are listed in the document. Ongoing development of partner relations will be administered through UNOPS and GRID. These principal executing partners will be responsible for the implementation of SANET's operational principles, in particular verification of impact on decision making and assurance of majority co-financing by SANET's delivery agents and individual clients.

A comprehensive analysis of readiness and demand has been undertaken and is available on www.SustainableAlternatives.net. Current private sector requests for decision support significantly exceed SANET's delivery capacity. Expedient processing of pending requests and timely replenishment of SANET's decision support facility in year two will be essential to assure credibility and impact of SANET's decision support services. .

SANET's operational approach is building on a network of partners of excellence, which have been identified during project preparation. Temporary support will be provided to direct their existing information and advisory services towards markets of particular GEF concern and to link them to the SANET portal. As SANET's efforts will be focussing on the alignment of well-established services towards GEF goals and their integration into the decision support system, there will be a very high likelihood of sustainability. SANET partners are committed to continue delivery of their services once GEF co-financed upgrades have

been implemented. Further co-financing will be committed according to SANET's budget and financing plan as partnership agreements are being executed by GRID and UNOPS. SANET builds on UNEP's principal assessment portal www.UNEP.net, and key components of UNEP's energy, cleaner production, trade and financial sector programs. UNEP's baseline budgets for these activities will exceed \$ 5 Million over the duration of the project.

Regards.



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