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Dear Mr. Crepin,

Re: MET budget provisions for CBNRM and the ICEMA project

The community-based natural resource management and tourism programme has been identified as one of six priority programmes for the Ministry within the current budget framework. The Ministry of Environment and Tourism, like all other Government agencies, uses a three-year rolling budget system, referred to a Medium Term Plan (MTP). This plan includes allocations of N\$7 million and N\$8 million for MET's community-based natural resource management and tourism programme for the financial years 2004-05 and 2005-06 respectively, within the predetermined budget ceilings for this Ministry. A new ceiling has been proposed for 2006-07, with a proposed allocation of N\$51 million for this programme in 2006-07. These allocations are subject to approval by Parliament. These projected costs of and investments into this programme should be considered as conservative estimates, since other programmes and their budget provisions also have impacts on the CBNRM programme.

The MTP submitted in this year also contained an additional request of N\$4 million over three years (revised to N\$4.8 million after our collective meeting with the Permanent Secretary of Finance on 27 November 2003) for MET counterpart funding to the ICEMA project, specifically to fund projected N\$1.6 million VAT costs per year over the first three year period of the ICEMA project).

Within the three-year rolling budget system, additional requests will be made at the appropriate time for both the CBNRM programme as well as VAT costs for the remaining years of the ICEMA project beyond the current term of the MTP (2006-07).

In addition, as advised by the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Finance, permission will be sought by our Ministry to transfer the balance of Government counterpart funding for this project, projected to be N\$0.4 million per year, from appropriate budget lines to the Government counterpart account.

If you require additional information or clarification please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

M. Lindeque
Permanent Secretary

