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MR. TERENCE JONES
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Dear Mr. Jones:

We would like to reiterate our endorsement of the proposed "*National Capacity Needs Self-Assessment for Global Environmental Management in the Philippines (NCSA) Project*" for GEF assistance.

The cross-cutting nature of the NCSA will balance and support the government's initiatives to provide and/or enhance capacity - building development as articulated in the Philippine Agenda 21 and the Medium-Term Philippine Development Plan.

We hope that the project will be considered favorably.

Best regards.

Very truly yours,


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