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Dear Mr. Briggs,

Re: UNDP/GEF project proposal: Public Sector Energy Efficiency Programme

The First Country Cooperation Framework for Hungary adopted by the Government of Hungary and the United Nations Development Programme highlighted the environment as a priority area. Accordingly, the cooperation has started by a preparatory assistance project HUN/97/004 entitled: "Preparatory Assistance for Building National Capacities in Sustainable Development: Energy/Environment Survey". The completed project produced a major output entitled "Energy-Environment Survey and Forecast in Hungary". This is being followed by a second PA project HUN/99/002 initiated last year to help Hungary in renewing its energy efficiency institutional system and in preparing the subject project document

The subject project proposal is the full-fledged energy/environment related UNDP project already envisaged by the above projects. It was formulated in such a way to comply with the priority areas for Global Environmental Facility (GEF) in view of obtaining its financial support.

With the recent adoption by the Hungarian Government of the new "Energy Saving and Increase of Energy Efficiency Strategy till 2010", project in reference became even more important for us. In function of the availability of budgetary instruments, its leverage effect may be greatly increased benefiting both the Hungarian economy and the local and global environment.

As the GEF Focal Point of Hungary, it is my pleasure to forward to you our full endorsement for the project. It is obvious however, that in the final Project Document we might execute appropriate modifications to suit the than actual budgetary, technical and institutional conditions.


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