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To, Mr. Mario Boccucci Head . UN-REDD Programme Geneva

Sub: Approval for UN REDD Targeted Support Programme 2015

Dear Mario,

UN-REDD being one of the co-financer for Bhutan's REDD+ Readiness Programme has been supporting the implementation of REDD+ and REDD+ Readiness activities through its annual Targeted Support (TS) Programme since 2010. Some of the achievements so far include development of R-PP (REDD+ Readiness Preparation proposal) document, workshops at national and regional levels.

Under the UN REDD TS Programme 2014, the department has successfully implemented activities supported by FAO and the key achievements include the development of Action Plan for National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS-AP), procurement of drying ovens for carbon estimation and capacity building of forestry staffs. Based on the NFMS-AP document, it was felt that some of the activities need to be carried out immediately to support database development for National Forest Inventory and Forest Monitoring System which are critical for generating information on forest and carbon stocks. These activities were prioritized during FAO mission visit to Bhutan on January 13-15, 2015 for the workshop on validation of Action Plan for National Forest Monitoring System.

In this regard, we would like to submit the proposed list of activities to be supported through UN REDD TS 2015. These activities are in continuation to the activities under TS Programme 2014 and will help in building capacity required for generating information for the National Forest Monitoring System and MRV of REDD+ Program. The detail activities with budget are enclosed for your kind approval.

Thanking You,

Chencho Norbu Director General

Cc:

1. Mr. Ben Vickers, FAO Bangkok for kind information

2. Mr. Chadho Tenzin, Asst. Country Representative, FAO Bhutan for kind information

3. Dr. Pema Wangda, Chief Forestry Officer, Watershed Management Division for follow up