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Dear Sir or Madam,

Subject: Invitation to the Inception Workshop of the UN Joint Programme on Reducing Emission from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (UN-REDD) in Vietnam and Launching of the National REDD Network, Hanoi, 17th September 2009

The UN-REDD programme was approved by the Prime Minister on July 20, 2009. The programme is funded by the Government of Norway with the total budget of 4.38 million USD for 20 months. This is a joint programme of the three UN agencies: UNDP, FAO and UNEP. Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development is the executing agency.

The UN-REDD programme for Viet Nam seeks to address deforestation and forest degradation through capacity building at national and local levels. The Objective of the UN-REDD Viet Nam Programme is "To assist the Government of Viet Nam in developing an effective REDD regime in Viet Nam and to contribute to reduction of regional displacement of emissions." Lam Dong province has been selected as the programme pilot site.

To ensure effective implementation of the UN-REDD programme and promote wide participation from relevant stakeholders in REDD, as agreed by the Leader of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, we would like to invite you to a one-day UN-REDD Inception Workshop as well as the Launching Event of National REDD Network. Please see the attached agenda.

Time: 17th September 2009

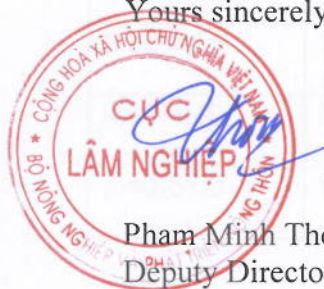
Venue: Sofitel Plaza Hotel, Number 1, Thanh Nien Road.

Co-chairs: MARD Vice Minister and UN Representatives

We look forward to your participation.

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Yours sincerely,



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