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**Re.: Country validation of Joint Program Document - UN REDD Program Indonesia (JPD)**

Dear Mr. Benlamlah,

We would like to extend our appreciation for your kind facilitation during the process of programming and preparation of the Joint Program Document for the UN REDD Program in Indonesia (JPD).

We were also pleased with the thorough stakeholder consultation process conducted in preparation towards the present JPD by both the UN scoping team in November 2008, as well as the formulation mission recently in February 2009. The gaps analysis conducted over the past two months has additionally provided insight in key areas for inclusion in the UN supported program as well as provided for incorporation of key concerns received from the Indonesian government and related partners.

The UN team has presented and discussed the draft JPD in its various stages of development to key government agencies and civil society partners in Jakarta in February 2009. Subsequently a validation meeting was conducted on 19 February by the Indonesian government to review and eventually approve the final draft JPD. The minutes of the meeting are attached to this letter.

I would be pleased if you could lend your support to forward the JPD to the UN REDD Board through the Technical Review Committee of the program for their review and approval during the upcoming board meeting on 9 March, 2009 in Panama.

I thank you for your kind consideration and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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