



Botswana

10<sup>th</sup> February 2012

Dear Mr. Black,

**RE: REQUEST FOR NO COST EXTENSION OF THE ENERGY-BASED RURAL  
ELECTRIFICATION PROGRAMME FOR BOTSWANA 0 PIMS 1771, ATLAS  
PROJECT NO. 000039468**

Further to the evaluation of the above project last year and the consideration of the attached evaluation report which was approved by the Steering Committee meeting, during which it was approved that the project be extended for two years with no additional costs. We are pleased to request for your consideration and approval to extend the project up to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013.

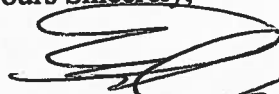
The project is extended because it has not been able to achieve the set objectives owing to a late start and inadequate project management including project oversight by UNDP. The Government of Botswana, the Botswana Power Corporation and UNDP have recommitted themselves during the Steering Committee meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> June 2011 to rededicate their efforts in ensuring successful implementation of the project.

Attached are copies of the management responses from UNDP to the recommendations of the Evaluation Report. May I please reiterate that the Government of Botswana considers this project relevant and the country office has reaffirmed its commitment to exercise the appropriate oversight of this project.

Mr. Lucas Black  
Regional Technical Advisor  
Energy, Infrastructure, Transport and Technology (EITT)  
UNDP Environment and Energy Group (EEG)  
Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Office  
Metro Park Building, 351 Schoeman Street - P O Box 13196  
Pretoria 0002, South Africa

Kindly accept our belated action, which was due to the work on the ROAR and Integrated Work Plan (IWP) for 2012. We had to take all projects we will be implementing in 2012 into account in the IWP.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Lare Sisay', written over a horizontal line.

Lare Sisay  
Resident Representative, a.i.

# Management Response

UNDP Management Response Template  
 Terminal Evaluation of the Energy-Based Rural Electrification Programme for Botswana 0 PIMS 1771, ATLAS Project No. 000039468] Date: 8<sup>th</sup> February 2012

Prepared by: Rebonye batho Bonang Moaneng      Position: Assistant Resident Representative      Unit/Bureau: UNDP, Botswana  
 Cleared by: Lare Sisay      Position: Resident Representative, a.i.      Unit/Bureau: UNDP, Botswana  
 Input into and update in ERC:      Position:      Unit/Bureau:

**Evaluation Recommendation or Issue 1:** UNDP to consider approving Botswana Power Corporation's (BPC) December 2010 request for a project extension by two years subject to the project accepting the above recommendations

**Management Response:** UNDP-Botswana notes the findings of the Evaluation Report and the conditions needed to make the project more effective, and therefore recommends to that the project is extended by additional 2 years, up to 31 December 2013 with a revised Log-Frame.

Key Action(s)	Time Frame	Responsible Unit(s)	Tracking*	
			Comments	Status
1.1 Submit letter of request for no-cost extension to GEF	29 <sup>th</sup> February 2012	Rebonye batho Bonang Moaneng	Letter dispatched to GEF 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2012	Implemented

**Evaluation Recommendation or Issue 2:** UNDP to play a more active role in its oversight role of the project and provide to the portfolio manager by assigning an experienced JPO or other means.

**Management Response:** UNDP accepts the recommendation and will rearrange internally to perform more active oversight role of the project

Key Action(s)	Time Frame	Responsible Unit(s)	Tracking	
			Comments	Status
2.1. The Deputy Resident Representative directly supervise the environment and climate change portfolio in UNDP	Effective 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2012	Lare Sisay	Deputy Resident Representative assumed full supervision of the environment and climate change portfolio in UNDP as of 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2012	Implemented
2.2. The Assistant Resident Representative (Programme)	Effective 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2012	Rebonye batho Bonang	ARRP and PA-	Implemented

(ARRP) and the Programme Analyst (Energy and Environment) (PA-EC) will provide oversight under the strategic guidance and supervision of the Deputy Resident Representative		Moaneng and Phemo Karen Kgomo	EC assumed responsibility as of 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2012)	Implemented
2.3 A 3-person Programme Management Support Unit (PMSU) in UNDP under the direct supervision of the UNDP Deputy Resident Representative to provide support on budget management, audit, monitoring visits and reporting for all programme focus areas including Energy and Environment	Established in 2011	Lare Sisay	PMSU fully functional	
<b>Evaluation Recommendation or Issue 3: UNDP to agree on an arrangement with Government of Botswana (GOB) to revise the work plan and associated budget to grant a two-year extension to the Project.</b>				
<b>Management Response: The recommendation accepted and to be implemented as it is.</b>				
<b>Key Action(s)</b>	<b>Time Frame</b>	<b>Responsible Unit(s)</b>	<b>Tracking</b>	
3.1 A budget revision will be prepared with existing funds	29 <sup>th</sup> February 2012	Phemo Karen Kgomo	Action to be taken upon receipt of approval of none cost extension from GEF and provision of ASL	Pending
<b>Evaluation Recommendation or Issue 4: UNDP to reconfirm GOB's earlier financial commitments to the project as well to BPC</b>				
<b>Management Response: The recommendation is accepted</b>				
<b>Key Action(s)</b>	<b>Time Frame</b>	<b>Responsible Unit(s)</b>	<b>Tracking</b>	
4.1 UNDP to write a letter to Ministry of Water and Mineral Resource and BPC to reconfirm their financial commitment to project as per original budget	29 <sup>th</sup> February 2012	Lare Sisay	Pending	Pending