

15 June, 2012

Dear Ms. Yamamoto,

**RE: REQUEST FOR NO-COST EXTENSION OF PROJECT 00045537 -
ACCRUING MULTIPLE GLOBAL BENEFITS THROUGH INTEGRATED WATER
RESOURCES MANAGEMENT/WATER EFFICIENCY PLANNING: A
DEMONSTRATION PROJECT FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA (PIMS 3362)**

Reference is made to the above.

UNDP requests your consideration and approval to extend the above-mentioned project (PIMS 3362) up to 30 April 2013.

Implementation of project activities has lagged behind due to among others the delay in procuring the services of both the National and International Consultants as the proposals received in response to the advertisements did not meet the required technical standards and budgets. The delayed procurement meant that the consultants will only be able to complete their job in December 2012 leaving little time for review of the project outputs as well as the Terminal Evaluation.

In addition, the departure of the former Environment Focal Point left a gap and a significant amount of time was spent on addressing past problems and dealing with unresolved issues resulting from inadequate project oversight. This issue has been rectified with the recruitment of a new focal point as of April 23, 2012.

UNDP would like to note that this project is one of the best performing ones in the Energy and Environment Portfolio, and we are therefore confident that this request for extension is justified and that the project will be completed within the duration requested and a Terminal Evaluation conducted shortly after project closure.

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May I also reiterate that the Government of Botswana considers this project relevant and important for future management of the country's water resources, and the Country Office has reaffirmed its commitment to exercise the appropriate oversight over its implementation. We fully count on your support on this matter.

Yours sincerely,



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