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CEO and Chairperson

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Mr. Pradeep Kurukulasuriya
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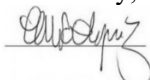
Dear Mr. Kurukulasuriya,

I am pleased to inform you that I have approved your request for project preparation grant for the child project concept detailed below:

Decision Sought:	Project Preparation Grant (PPG) Approval for Full-sized Child Project
GEFSEC ID:	10835
Agencies:	UNDP
Agency ID:	6653
Focal Area:	Chemicals and Waste
Project Type:	Full-sized Project
Country:	Ecuador
Name of the Child Project:	GEF GOLD+: Advancing Formalization and Mercury-free Gold in Ecuador
Name of Program:	Global Opportunities for Long-term Development of Artisanal and Small-scale Gold Mining (ASGM) Sector Plus - GEF GOLD +
Program ID:	10569
GEF Project Grant:	\$4,000,000
Agency Fee:	\$360,000
PPG Grant:	\$120,000
PPG Agency Fee:	\$10,800
Funding Source:	GEF Trust Fund

This PPG approval is based on the understanding that the project is in conformity with GEF focal area strategies and in line with GEF policies and procedures. Please ensure that: (i) the final child project document incorporates comments from the Secretariat, Council Members, Convention Secretariats and STAP on the PFD that are relevant to the child project; and (ii) the final child project is endorsed/approved by the CEO on or before the program commitment deadline.

Sincerely,



M.Sc. Carlos Manuel Rodríguez
Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson

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