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25th of September 2017

Dear Mr. Bruno Pouezat,

Subject: ACP-EU Development Minerals Programme Activity Plan – Jamaica;
ATLAS Project No.: 00075375 - Output No.: 00099852

I am writing with reference to the project “Capacity development of mineral institutions and of small-scale private sector operating in low-value minerals in ACP countries” (No. 00075375). Also known as the “ACP-EU Minerals Development Programme,” the project is an initiative of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States, financed by the European Union and United Nations Development Programme, and implemented by UNDP.

On December 16, 2015 the Jamaica Country Office was informed of its successful selection as a focus country under the programme. Funding of EUR 750,000 (inclusive of GMS) has been allocated for programme activities in Jamaica. A Delegation of Authority for the Jamaica Country Office was signed by Nik Sekhran on the 1st of April, 2016 to manage the allocated contribution, on behalf of UNDP (please refer to attached signed letter). In accepting the allocated funding the Jamaica Country Office agreed to commit no less than 50,000 USD as an additional co-contribution toward programme implementation in Jamaica. The co-contribution can be made in either cash or via in-kind contributions to the programme (subject to admissibility according to EU funding guidelines).

The programme implementation activities in Jamaica are delivered according to the Contribution Agreement between UNDP and the European Union (Contribution Agreement FED/2014/346-851). The end date of the original agreement was until 22nd of October, 2017. A no-cost extension was agreed by the European Commission until 31st of October, 2018 (please refer to attached signed agreement). This letter therefore serves as a Delegation of Authority for the Jamaica Country Office to manage the allocated contribution on behalf of UNDP to the new project end date of 31st of October, 2018.

Mr. Bruno Pouezat
UN Resident Coordinator
UNDP Resident Representative
Jamaica



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All programme activities will need to be completed within this timeframe otherwise extended by the European Commission. The funding allocation for the implementation of the related activities will be channeled through Output No. 00099852.

Please note that UNDP-BPPS is not in a position to increase the project budget above the amount already approved. Therefore, any over-expenditure on this project would have to be absorbed by other Country Office resources.

We take the opportunity to draw your attention to the following mandatory requirements for all BPPS projects:

- Any changes contemplated with respect to the project objectives and outcomes, and related budget revisions will have to be discussed and approved by ACP-EU Development Minerals Programme Manager. In this regards, please forward any modifications to Dr. Daniel Franks (daniel.franks@undp.org) with copy to Mr. Asan Amza (asan.amza@undp.org).
- All projects will be audited in accordance with UNDP Financial Regulations and Rules and Audit policies. UNDP-BPPS reserves the right to withhold fee payments and to suspend the project if this requirement is not met in a timely fashion.

In conclusion, I would like to assure you of the UNDP-BPPS Team's and my personal commitment to successful implementation of the project. We look forward to continue to collaborate with your office and thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,


Nik Sekhran

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