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Hemansu-Roy Trivedy
UNDP Resident Representative
UN House, Deloitt Tower, Level 14
Douglas Street
Port Moresby, NCD
Papua New Guinea

Dear Mr. Trivedy;

Co-Financing for GEF-5 Project for Papua New Guinea “Strengthening the Management Effectiveness of the National System of Protected Areas”

The YUS Conservation Organization, a community based organization with landowner representatives from across YUS, aims to foster wildlife and habitat conservation while also improving livelihoods for local communities within the YUS Conservation Area of Morobe Province. We are pleased to have the opportunity to submit our co-financing pledge for the GEF-5 project to strengthen the management effectiveness of the YUS Conservation Area.

The YUS Conservation Area (YUS CA) achieved national recognition in 2009 with the formal gazettal by the Government of Papua New Guinea. YUS CA is comprised of over 78,000 hectares of individual land parcels on the Huon Peninsula, pledged for conservation by local landowners. A pledge made by an individual or village guarantees this parcel will remain closed to hunting and resource extraction indefinitely. YUS CO is committed to maintaining our forests and wildlife across the YUS landscape to ensure their availability and existence for future generations. It is the people of YUS’s job to preserve the environment for their grandchildren so they can see with their naked eye and not just learn from stories in newspapers and magazines.

Mipela igat drimain tinging long bihain taim YUS Conservation Area bai kamap strong long rot bilong gutpela pasin bilong lukautim, na ol manmeri na pikini bai save long pasin bilong menegim natrol risios (envaremen) na em bai helpim ol kominiti long next gernerion bai kamap helti bihain. -YUS CO vision statement

Under the agreement of co-financing, the landowners and representatives of the YUS Conservation Organization pledge the following resources for investment into the GEF-5 project for its duration:

- Grants and other external funding sources \$50,000

- In-kind:
Participation in conservation related activities such as attendance to workshops, CA enforcement, community monitoring, awareness, outreach, ward meetings, YUS CO zone-level meetings, YUS CO annual general meeting, YUS Environment day celebrations \$1,000,000

The total co-financing above is from YUS CO and the 12,000 people across the YUS Landscape for the 5-year duration of this project is \$1,050,000. **As Papua New Guinean's our land is the most valuable thing we have. The landowners of the YUS CA pledge this land and the resources on top of it for indefinite protection and as our commitment to this GEF-5 project.**

Sincerely,



Timmy Sowang
President, YUS Conservation Organization
YUS Landowner from Gomdan, Uruwa

