



File: NCSAFU 00057518

8 May 2012

Dear Mr. Khamphanh,

**Subject: Ref. Request for Extension of Meeting the Primary Obligations of the Rio Conventions through Strengthening Capacity to Implement Natural Resources Legislation (NCSA Follow-up) project ID: 00057518.**

Reference is made to your letter No. 1350, dated 24 April 2012, indicating the above mentioned project has experienced initial delays due to institutional changes. As per your requested, we have a pleasure to inform you that after consulting with the Senior Technical Advisor-Capacity Development (UNDP Bratislava Regional Centre) in charge of backstopping this project, UNDP agrees to extends the "Meeting the Primary Obligations of the Rio Conventions through Strengthening Capacity to Implement Natural Resources Legislation (NCSA Follow-up) Project" from 30 May 2012 to 31 August 2013.

During the extension period, it is expected that the project will complete all remaining activities and outputs as per outline in the project document and cover administration and management costs within the existing GEF approved budget for 2012 and 2013. We would very much appreciate if your Department could seek final approval from MPI –DIC for this extension.

We are looking forward to a successful delivery of the project outcomes and outputs by your department.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Minh Pham', with a flourish extending to the right.

Minh Pham  
Resident Representative

Mr. Khamphanh Nanthavong  
Director Department of Forest Resources Management  
Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment  
National Project Director for NCSA Follow-up Project  
Vientiane, Lao PDR

Cc: Ms. Sisomboun Ounavong, Acting Director General, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Planning and Investment, Vientiane

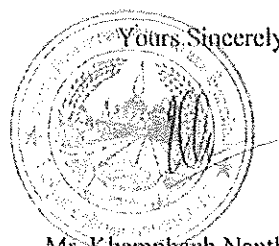


Environment as mentioned above. This government reorganization was accompanied by a change in focal point responsibilities for the UNCBD. Despite all these changes the project is now moving ahead getting back on track quite fast. The capacity of the project is progressively improving to manage planned projects activities in the future. The project completed a number of important activities in Q4 2011 and Q1 2012.

These unavoidable circumstances have negatively influenced the achievements of the project objectives and outputs within the timeline as outlined in the project document. During the Annual Review Meeting on 15 December 2011, Lao Plaza Hotel, Vientiane Capital, Lao PDR, all concerned stakeholders recommended that the period of the project should be extended to achieve the project's objectives and outputs. Therefore revised 2012 and 2013 workplans have been developed, including newly initiated activities in the field that will support the effective achievement of our goals.

In view of all above factors, I would like to request you to kindly extend the project period up to 31 August 2013 in order to achieve all the outcomes and outputs as outlined in the project document.

Thank you for your kind consideration and support in advance.



Mr. Khamphanh Nanthavong  
Director Department of Forest Resources Management  
National Project Director for NCSAFU Project

## Chitlatda Keomuongchanh

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**From:** Tom Twining-Ward [tom.twining-ward@undp.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2012 5:41 PM  
**To:** Chitlatda Keomuongchanh; Eva Huttova  
**Cc:** Bruno Cammaert; Doungjun Roongruang  
**Subject:** RE: GEF approved request for project extension - NCSAFU (Project ID: 00057518, Award ID:00047700)

Dear Chitlatda,

Yes, project can be extended until 31 August 2013. I will expect a thorough justification for the extension, as well as a detailed progress report in terms of status and outputs/deliverables in the annual PIR/APR which is due in a couple of months.

Kind regards,  
/Tom

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**From:** Chitlatda Keomuongchanh [mailto:Chitlatda.Keomuongchanh@undp.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2012 12:12 PM  
**To:** Eva Huttova  
**Cc:** Bruno Cammaert; Tom Twining-Ward; Doungjun Roongruang  
**Subject:** GEF approved request for project extension - NCSAFU (Project ID: 00057518, Award ID:00047700)  
**Importance:** High

Dear Eva,

I understood that NCSAFU 2012 and 2013 Workplan and budget (up to request for tension period) is cleared by RTA, Tom. However, could you please advice whether this clearance can be counted as approval from GEF to extend NCSAFU project period until 31 August 2013?

Your advice and confirmation regarding this will be very much appreciated. Based on your advice we could move forward to make a final approval from Lao Government (Ministry of Planning and Investment).

Best regards,  
Chitlatda

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**From:** Chitlatda Keomuongchanh  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2012 12:05 PM  
**To:** 'Eva Huttova'  
**Cc:** Bruno Cammaert  
**Subject:** Request for ASL allocation for 2012 and 2013 NCSAFU (Project ID: 00057518, Award ID:00047700)  
**Importance:** High

Dear Eva,

AWP and budget for 2012 and 2013 have put in the Atlas system and sent them to KK this morning. The approved AWP's are attached for your information. Could you please help us to request ASL allocation for 2012 and 2013? And could you please advice whether an official letter to inform GEF about extension of NCSAFU project is required or not, and who should I address to.

Thank you very much for your kind assistance.

Best regards,  
Chitlatda