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27th November, 2014

Dear Ms. Dinu,

Subject: Co-Financing for Papua New Guinea's Project on "Strengthening Management Effectiveness of the National System of Protected Areas"

In reference to the above project, I am pleased to inform you that the UNDP PNG Country Office (CO) fully supports the Government of Papua New Guinea (GoPNG) through the Department of Environment and Conservation's (DEC) efforts on protecting the country's biodiversity. The project is aligned with the UNDP's programme priorities under UNDAF's Pillar 4 on Environment, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management. Thus, the implementation of the project will contribute to achieving the output focusing on promoting biodiversity conservation and improvement in natural resource management.

The CO would hereby like to confirm its commitment of USD600, ooo as a co-financing of the project on "Strengthening Management Effectiveness of the National System of Protected Areas". The co-financing will be ensured through an allocation of the core resources (in the amount of USD250, 000) and through planned relevant activities in the areas of governance and economic development (in the amount of USD350, 000).

Please do not hesitate to contact the CO project focal point Ms. Gwen Maru on email, gwen.maru@undp.org should you require additional information or clarification of our co-financing support.

Thank you and I look forward to your continued support to the CO.

Yours Sincerely,

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