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Dear Mr Norbu,

With reference to your letter received on 23 January 2014, requesting targeted support from the UN-REDD Programme, I am pleased to inform you that the requested funding from the Government of Bhutan for further support to the National REDD+ strategy development, support to social and environmental safeguards and National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS) has been approved.

The UN-REDD Programme, through the three participating UN agencies, will support the proposal with a total amount of US\$ 245,000, which supplements the previous targeted support. As outlined in the proposal received, the funding will assist the development of Bhutan's National REDD+ Strategy to ensure safeguards including benefit distribution systems and anti-corruption measures, stakeholder engagement and support the development of the NFMS Action Plan and related capacity building.

The regional teams of FAO, UNDP and UNEP stand ready to provide all the support you may need in this effort. Timothy Boyle, Regional Coordinator, Bangkok, (timothy.boyle@undp.org), is available for discussing the next steps and providing any further information.

The UN-REDD Programme is looking forward to continued collaboration with Bhutan in the country's REDD+ efforts.

Sincerely,

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