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Dear Mr Dartey and Mr Bamfo,

In response to your letter received on 29 April 2013, requesting targeted support from the UN-REDD Programme, I am pleased to inform you that the request has been approved.

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) will financially support the proposal from the Forestry Commission of the Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources of the Government of Ghana with a total amount of US$40,000.

FAO will provide support to the objectives outlined in the request; i) raise the awareness of relevant stakeholders on the common technical areas between REDD+ and FLEGT and encourage their participation in the coordination between the processes; and ii) facilitate regular information sharing between REDD+ and FLEGT processes and stakeholders in the context of cross-sectorial coordination.

It is recommended that proposed activities are integrated with the country’s national REDD+ process and on-going support from the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility, and coordinated with the implementation of the FLEGT Voluntary Partnership Agreement.

For further information on the delivery of the above actions, I would like to recommend that you contact directly the FAO focal point for targeted support, Ms. Tiina Vahanen (Tiina.Vahanen@fao.org)

The consultation in the country between the Government of Ghana and the other two UN-REDD Programme participating UN agencies, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP), is encouraged for the planning and implementation of the activities that are supported by the targeted support mechanism of the Programme.

The UN-REDD Programme is looking forward to the collaboration with Ghana in the county’s REDD+ efforts.

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Sincerely,

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