

December 18, 2014

**Approval by mail: Ghana: Enhancing Natural Forest and Agroforest Landscapes Project
(IBRD) FIP**

Dear Mafalda,

The UK is grateful for the detailed responses to our questions and is pleased to approve USD 29.5 million in FIP grant funding for the proposal entitled, *Ghana: Enhancing Natural Forest and Agroforest Landscapes Project*, submitted by the Government of Ghana and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)

We request that the project development team takes note of the following:

To ensure the recommendations and guidance from the CIFs AU commissioned report on the linkages between FIP investments and REDD+ performance based mechanisms are integrated into further project development, implementation and monitoring.

Continue to track the safeguards applied to the project and the mitigation actions as outlines in the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF), highlighting the potential concern regarding conversion of natural forest to monoculture plantations.

The UK also takes note of and approves the final estimate of USD of USD 750,000 for project implementation and supervision services and approves an amount of USD 500,000 for the final tranche of funding for such costs.

Kind regards,

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