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Government of Himachal Pradesh
"Department of Forests"

From:

Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests)
Government of H.P.,
Shimla-171002.

To

Chief Project Director,
H.P. Mid Himalayan Watershed Development Project,
Solan.

Dated: Shimla-2, the 16th April, 2009.

Subject: Approval of "HP Bio-Carbon Reforestation Project-Improving Livelihoods and Watersheds (A sub-project of the Mid Himalayan Watershed Development Project)" in Himachal Pradesh.


Memo:

The proposed Project Design Document (PDD), parcels (proposed project areas) and other relevant material of "HP Bio-Carbon Reforestation Project-Improving Livelihoods and Watersheds" was brought before the Council of Ministers in the cabinet meeting held on 7th July, 2008 who after thorough discussion accorded its approval to the Project.

The Govt. of H.P (GoHP) is the owner of the Forest and Community lands included in the project. The GoHP has authorized HP Mid Himalayan Watershed Development Project (MHWDP) to carry out the plantation activities in those parcels(both Public and private parcels) outlined in PDD. In addition, the MHWDP is also authorized to take full responsibility of the carbon credit management, proceed with land tenure agreement with the local farmers in the CDM eligible parcels and comply with institutional arrangements proposed in the PDD.

In view of the fact that there is no other Government Forestry programmes available to reverse the land degradation process in these parcels, the GoHP will closely monitor the progress made on the implementation of this PDD. As you know that within available

Government Resources, the Forest Department is unable to completely address the afforestation and land degradation issues even within the Reserve and Demarcated Forest areas. Given this resource constraint scenario, state government has extended all legal support to MHWDP for the successful implementation of this Bio-carbon initiative (through the guidelines of PDD) as agreed and approved in the Cabinet Meeting held on 7th July, 2008.



**Additional Chief Secretary (Forests),
Govt. of Himachal Pradesh,
Shimla.**

Original Sent to: Mr. [Name] 17/07/2008

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wells and waterbodies) (A sub-project of the Mid
Himalayas Watershed Development Project) in Himachal