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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER

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Mrs/ Barbara Lietz
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Objective: Sustainable drinking water project in Timor Leste

Dear Ms.Lietz,

On behalf of the government of the Democratic Republic of Timor Leste, I commend the noble work undertaken by Timor Foundation and its implementation partner, SCOPE ASIA Switzerland, on your efforts to support our country's priorities and ongoing driver to promote sustainable development in Timor Leste.

In particular, we express our heartfelt appreciation and endorsement of Timor Foundation's project to establish a "sustainable drinking water business model in Timor Leste", and understand that the project has been specifically designed to address the needs of remote communities and the poorest in Timor Leste.

We believe that the implementation of the proposed "sustainable drinking water business model" with the innovative solution which combines the use of the Trunz Water System AG Switzerland and the Bag-in-Boxes system will have beneficial impact on our country and our people. Having access to the highest standard of safe drinking water on a long-term basis will help reduce water-borne diseases, strengthen basic health care delivery – particular for mothers, children and pregnant women – and enhance opportunities for our people to enjoy healthier living in a safer environment.

We note that the business model described in your proposal offers opportunities for employment and entrepreneurship for the local community, with provision of training for community members to operate and maintain the water purifying machines, as well as to set up water shops.

Further, we note that the pilot project will involve the installation of four Trunz water purifying machines – one each in Dili, Baucau, Liquica and Atauro – in locations where safe drinking water is very much

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need. We understand that the cost of the pilot project is budgeted at US\$ 1.2 million, and includes the purchase, installation and operation of the four machines for one year, with all requisite paraphernalia, technical support and training for local operation.

With this letter, we acknowledge the tremendous effort you and your partners have dedicated to designing and structuring this valuable pilot project which will make a huge contribution to improving our people's live. We thank you and hereby endorse Timor Foundation's efforts to raise sponsorship funds for this pilot water project.

We look forward to the implementation of the pilot project, and express our appreciation to our colleagues in Government for their support and cooperation, to the project sponsors, to Timor Foundation, to national and international partners, academia and civil society.

Please accept my gratitude, Ms Lietz, for the friendship and devotion you have shown over the years to Timor-Leste and to the development of our country and thank you very much for the superb professionalism and commitment of your team.

Yours Sincerely,



Eng. Gastão Francisco de Sousa

Minister for Public Works, Transportation and Communication
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