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Subject: The Emission Reduction Program Document

Dear Ms. Ellysar Barousdy,

Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Socialist Republic of Viet Nam is pleased to submit the Emission Reduction Program Document for the North Central Coastal (NCC) Region of Viet Nam.

Viet Nam is strongly committed to the reduction of GHG emissions and to REDD+ and has demonstrated this commitment over the past decade through the introduction of far-reaching legislation and policies. This commitment is enshrined in the national constitution and has the strong support of the Communist Party and the Prime Minister.

Policy and legal frameworks are already helping address some of the most serious drivers of deforestation across the country and within the NCC. Directive 13/2017 of the Party Central Secretariat on forest management, protection and development specifically highlights the need “to strengthen mechanisms to manage and closely monitor projects on conversion of forest use purposes, especially for hydropower development projects; as well as the need to review and reassess projects on the conversion of forests to rubber plantation”. This commitment is also clear in the new Forestry Law passed by our National Assembly in November 2017 which supports the aim of addressing deforestation and forest degradation and promoting forest rehabilitation, sustainable forest management and conservation, includes improved and strengthened forest governance and more emphasis on involving local communities in forest protection, and provides for the Viet Nam Timber Legality Assurance System.

Another critical milestone is the Prime Minister's endorsement of the revised National REDD+ Action Plan (NRAP) 2017-2030 on April 5th, 2017. The updated NRAP sets out priority policies and measures with which the ER Program aligns. REDD+ is also recognized as an important and significant part of Vietnam's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) with our strong commitment to increase forest cover to 45% and highlights the importance of better forest quality.

Thank you very much for your kind attention to our important work. We look forward to receiving your support and cooperation on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tuau', with a long horizontal line underneath it.

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