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REFERENCE: CRITICAL ECOSYSTEM PARTNERSHIP FUND

Dear Ms. Sobrevilla:

As the GEF Focal Point for the Government of Swaziland, I endorese the investment strategy outlined in the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) Ecosystem Profile for the Maputaland-Pondoland-Albany Biodiversity Hotspot, and the provision of grants to nongovernment and private sector organizations for projects and activities that fulfill the programmatic objectives outlined therein.

We understand that each of the CEPF donor partners (Consevation International, I' Agence Française de Développement, GEF, the Government of Japan, the MacArthur Foundation, and the World Bank) has committed funding to the CEPF initiative.

In providing this endorsement, we confirm that the Ecosystem Profile for the Maputaland-Pondoland-Albany Biodiversity Hotspot has been shared with the officials responsible for the Convention on Biological Diversity, and has undergone review in our country.

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We note that provision of funding for activities outlined in the ecosystem profile will be contingent upon approval by the CEPF Donor Council. We understand that the ecosystem profile will be made publicly available.

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Dear Ms. Sobrevilla:

As the GEF Focal Point for the Government of South Africa, I endorse the investment strategy outlined in the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) Ecosystem Profile for the Maputaland-Pondoland-Albany Biodiversity Hotspot, and the provision of grants to nongovernment and private sector organizations for projects and activities that fulfill the programmatic objectives outlined therein.

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Sincerely,

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