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Ms. Aviva Imhof
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Re: Your Letter dated 3 January 2007

Dear Ms. Imhof,

Thank you for your letter of 3 January 2007 and for the issues you have raised in it.

I have read your letter carefully, and with interest. As part of our company's commitment and ongoing efforts responsibly to manage the environmental and related impacts associated with our project in accordance with applicable law and the undertakings that have been given heretofore (and those which will be given in future in regard to our proposed project expansion, if that should proceed), we of course will look into those issues you have noted and which merit further attention, and we will take appropriate action where it may be indicated.

THPC takes very seriously all environmental aspects of our presence in Laos, as evidenced by our continuing processes to identify, to minimize, and to mitigate environmental impacts. We regularly review, update and improve the processes themselves in order to take advantage of developing techniques, greater information availability, and latest best practices relevant to such projects in Laos (i.e., learning what works and what does not work as experienced by other projects, and why). We are also currently reorganizing our efforts in this regard, to achieve even further process improvements that will benefit our mitigation efforts.

Projects such as ours, when properly conceived, designed and implemented, can significantly benefit their host countries and peoples in spite of the associated externalities that arise and must be dealt with. Our project, including its proposed expansion, minimizes and mitigates such externalities consistent with our obligations, commitments and principles. Beyond that, we continually look for ways to improve and refine our mitigation processes and programs. Your suggestions in this regard are always welcome.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alex Sanford', is written over a horizontal line.

Alex Sanford
General Manager