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Dear Mr. Maniuri,

**Scaling-Up Renewable Energy Program (SREP) Scoping Mission, February 11-14
Joint World Bank/Asian Development Bank Sector Mission**

I am pleased to report on the progress made during the joint World Bank Group and Asian Development Bank scoping mission to Vanuatu for the “Scaling-up Renewable Energy Program” (SREP), supported by the Climate Investment Funds. The mission was led by Kamlesh Khelawan, Senior Energy Specialist, World Bank and included Martina Tonizzo, Asian Development Bank (ADB), Renee Walmsley, World Bank, Jimmy Andeng, Operations Officer, IFC and Federico Querio, Climate Investment Funds (CIF, SREP).

The objective of the SREP is to pilot and demonstrate the economic, social and environmental viability of low carbon development pathways in the energy sector by creating new economic opportunities and increasing energy access through the use of renewable energy. An allocation of USD250,000 is available to Vanuatu under this program for the preparation of a renewable energy investment plan, which is an initiative under the Vanuatu National Energy Road Map (NERM).

The mission team met with the Department of Energy, Mines and Mineral Resources (DEMRR), Vanuatu Meteorology and Geo-Hazards Department (VMGD), the Energy Taskforce and members of the Geothermal Steering Committee, the private sector – UNELCO, VUI and KuTh Energy, the Utilities Regulatory Authority and development partners (AusAID and EU). The attached Aide Memoire details the mission activities, agreements reached and action items going forward. The following actions are needed to continue the preparation of the SREP project:

1. Government to request to the SREP Committee funds for the development of the Investment Plan through the SREP Focal Point in Vanuatu; and
2. Prepare consultants’ Terms of Reference (ToR) for the preparation of the Investment Plan by the Implementing Agency.

The joint mission team thanks the officials from the Government of Vanuatu for their cooperation and support during the mission.

Sincerely,



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Attachments: Aide Memoire

Cc:

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