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Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation & Development

Mr. Pradeep Kurukulasuriya

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New York, USA

Subject: Co- Financing to the Green Climate Fund (GCF) project on “Afghanistan rural energy market transformation initiative - Strengthening resilience of livelihoods through sustainable energy access”

Dear Mr. Pradeep Kurukulasuriya,

Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD) would like to pledge its concurrence and support to the project “Afghanistan rural energy market transformation initiative - Strengthening resilience of livelihoods through sustainable energy access “. The proposed project will create the necessary conditions of policy strengthening and capacity building as well as investment structuring and mini-grid investment design reports in order to promote and scale up rural renewable energy mini-grid development.

Recognizing the importance of climate change and its impacts in rural areas of Afghanistan and the current barriers to expand renewable energies in rural Afghanistan, USD 2.2 million in-kind contribution and USD 1 million cash co-finance will be contributed through the MRRD.

The distribution of the co finance will support below operational cost of the project:

- 1- Technical and support staff cost
- 2- Capacity building activity cost
- 3- Office space
- 4- Office running equipment (e.g. IT equipment, Vehicles, other office supplies)
- 5- Construction of the mini grids

We thank the GCF for the opportunity to address current financing gaps that are hampering Afghanistan’s ability to implement the aforementioned project which is an essential adaptation and mitigation measures to improve the resilience of these rural communities.

Yours sincerely,

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