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Dear Sir,

Support Letter: Assessment of critical biodiversity hotspots and cocoa livelihoods systems in and around Krokosua Hills Forest Reserve in the Western Region of Ghana for Green Development Initiative Certification.

The Krokosua Hills forest reserves is a repository of outstanding biodiversity and one of the most threatened forests in Ghana due mainly to unsustainable timber and agricultural production methods. On this background, WWF program in Ghana over has been working with communities, timber companies and forestry authorities to save the Krokosua Hills forest reserve through the implementation of responsible production methods.

This project which proposes innovative methods of stakeholder engagement is in recognition that, sustainable resources management in Ghana needs a paradigm shift. The proposed involvement of traditional authorities and forest fringing communities in the development and implementation of a common land-use management plan is an innovation with the potential to address the multi-faceted problems confronting this forest reserve.

As a solution-oriented organization, WWF Program in Ghana supports this project by Solidaridad West Africa (SWA). Once approved, WWF Ghana will avail its expertise and knowledge of Krokosua Hills forest reserves to help ensure a successful project execution.

We have no doubt that the project if approved will benefit people, the economy and the Krokosua Hill forest reserve.

Yours faithfully,

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