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Advisory Review on the Reports of the Taparura Project, Sfax, Tunisia	+ 31 30 234 76 09	July 13, 2006

Dear Mr. van Elteren,

By letter, dated October 17, 2005, FMO requested the Netherlands Commission for Environmental Assessment (NCEA) to review a number of documents related to the Taparura project in Sfax, Tunisia, to determine whether the environmental and social impacts of the project had been described adequately, in view of international (IFC/WB) standards.

In April 2006 FMO informed us it had halted the review of the ORET application for the Taparura project, as the Dutch dredging company had withdrawn its application.

In order to still make use of the Advisory report as prepared by the NCEA and presented to FMO on March 8th, you suggested to hand over a copy to the Tunisian authorities. Herewith I send you two copies of the review to be forwarded. As a number of the reviewed documents had missing pages, we have included a disclaimer in the Advice on page 4. In the ideal situation we would have had interaction with the Tunisian authorities on the project and the EIA reports during the preparation of our review. Two telephone calls with staff of the Tunisian EIA authority did not result in contribution from their side.

We expect you will forward the document to the relevant authorities. With you, we hope that they can make use of the Commission's recommendations and suggestions.

Yours sincerely,

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