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Mr. Rod Harbinson
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Subject: NGO Forest Policy Critique and Endorsements

Dear Mr. Harbinson:

This refers to your letter of 28 May 2003 to President Tadao Chino, Asian Development Bank, on the captioned subject which we received on 25 June 2003. This is a follow up on our e-mail interim response of 20 June 2003. The forest policy review team has reviewed your comments, and the response to your specific questions is attached.

As issues and concerns under discussion here may be of interest to other stakeholders, we will post the response on our web page to enable other stakeholders and interested parties benefit from this dialogue.

We appreciate your interest in our forestry operations, and look forward to continuing this dialogue. Please visit our website www.adb.org/projects/forestpolicy for latest information on ADB's Forest Policy Review Process including the Forest Policy Working Paper.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jan P.M. van Heeswijk', written over a horizontal line.

Jan P.M. van Heeswijk
Director General
Regional and Sustainable Development Department

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