



January 21, 2015

Mr. Davis Chirchir
Energy and Petroleum Cabinet Secretary
Nyayo House 23rd Floor
Kenyatta Avenue Nairobi State +254 Kenya

Dear Minister Chirchir:

The Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) is proposing to issue financing to the Kipeto Wind Energy Project, a 100 MW wind power project located 18 kilometers from the town of Kajiado, and about 70 kilometers southwest of Nairobi.

OPIC is an agency of the United States Government with a mandate to encourage and support U.S. private sector investments in developing countries and emerging economies. All OPIC-supported projects must be economically and environmentally sound. OPIC is required by U.S. law to notify appropriate governmental authorities of investments under consideration for OPIC assistance that have the potential to pose significant consequences for the environment.

OPIC also is required by U.S. law to provide your government with information about standards and guidelines that have been developed by international organizations and by federal environmental regulatory authorities of the United States and that are applicable to such investments. OPIC applies guidelines and standards established by the World Bank Group and other similar international organizations. The web site links to these relevant guidelines are attached to this letter.

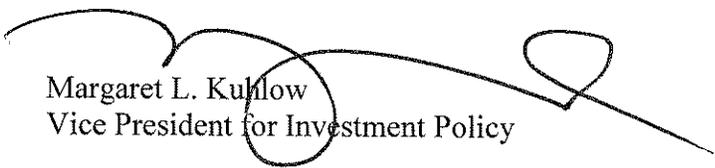
According to the documentation submitted by Kipeto Energy Limited (KEL), the key areas of environmental and social concern are potential impacts on resident and migrating birds and bats, the potential for significant habitat alteration, visual and noise impacts, appropriate management of land acquisition and disturbance, and the potential for significant disturbance to the lifestyle of cultural practices of Masaai households. Our analysis confirms that the project has been designed to minimize social and environmental impacts. The facility will use internationally accepted environmental and social management practices to mitigate potential impacts to acceptable levels. Based on

information provided by KEL, the Project does not appear to pose significant hazards to the environment, public health, and safety.

We understand, of course, that the project will be subject to the laws of Kenya with regard to protection of the environment, public health, and safety.

If you have any questions about OPIC's environmental and social assessment of this project, you may contact Mary Boomgard, Managing Director, Environmental Impact Analysis Group, at the above address or at Mary.Boomgard@opic.gov.

Respectfully yours,



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Applicable U.S. and International Standards and Guidelines

- (1) International Finance Corporation's General Environmental, Health and Safety Guidelines:
http://www1.ifc.org/wps/wcm/connect/topics_ext_content/ifc_external_corporate_site/ifc+sustainability/sustainability+framework/environmental%2C+health%2C+and+safety+guidelines/ehsguidelines
- (2) International Finance Corporation's Environmental, Health, and Safety Guidelines for Wind Energy:
<http://www.ifc.org/wps/wcm/connect/3af2a20048855acf8724d76a6515bb18/Final%2B-%2BWind%2BEnergy.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&id=1323162509197>
- (3) International Finance Corporation's Performance Standards:
http://www.ifc.org/wps/wcm/connect/115482804a0255db96fbffd1a5d13d27/PS_English_2012_Full-Document.pdf?MOD=AJPERES