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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 and political risk coverage to the Lake Turkana Wind Power Project (LTWP), a 310 MW wind power project in the Marsabit District of northern Kenya approximately 50 km north of the town of South Horr and 8 km east of Lake Turkana.

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 LTWP, 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 and issues related to the relocation of structures and families due to road and wind farm construction. Our analysis confirms that the project has been designed to minimize social and environmental impacts. The facility will use internationally accepted environmental management practices to mitigate potential impacts to acceptable levels. Based on

information provided by LTWP, 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/PSEnglish 2012 Full-Document.pdf?MOD=AJPERES