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By letter dated 1 May 2000, on behalf of the minister for Development Co-operation, you invited the Commission for Environmental Impact Assessment (the Commission) to advise on the quality of the following project in the People's Republic of China: Master plan for the /rehabilitation of Lake Tai. The project consists of two phases: first phase, preparation of an Engineering study and second phase preparation of the Master plan. It is my pleasure to submit herewith the advisory review of the first phase of the project. The product of the first phase, the Engineering Study report is not subject of this review due to the fact that this report was not yet available during the visit to China. I would like to draw your attention to the following:

- During its stay in China, the Commission worked closely together with representatives of the State Environmental Protection Administration (SEPA). This co-operation resulted in a joint memorandum on the main findings signed in Beijing dd. 9 December 2001 by Mr Lu Xinyuan Director general of SEPA-Department of Pollution Control and Prevention and Mr Dick de Zeeuw on behalf of the Commission, see Appendix 4. Due to additional information which was gathered in the Netherlands after the visit to China, the conclusions concerning modelling and institutional aspects presented in this advice differ from the main findings in the memorandum. Therefore, this advice has been prepared by the Commission only.
- The Master plan for the Rehabilitation of Lake Tai is in China considered as a pilot project for integrated water resources management approach. Implementation of this approach means that the catchment area should be the subject of study and water quality aspects as well as water quantity aspects should be integrated. Co-operation between the involved Ministries is a condition for successful implementation. The Commission noted that a number of the observed problems are related to the limited experience on data exchange between these Ministries.

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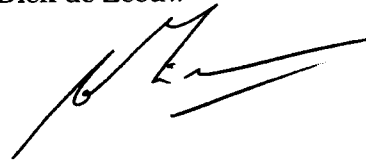
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- Delays due to insufficient capacity and slow disbursement of funds of the project in phase 1 have resulted in changes of the internal organisation and management of the project. The Commission is of the opinion that these changes will enhance the quality of the results of the project and contribute to its timely and effective implementation. Nevertheless, the Commission does not expect that a qualitative acceptable Master plan will be available on 2 September 2002, as scheduled in the Inception report (August 2002) due to the fact that there is already a considerable delay in the project planning and additional information should be gathered and analysed as recommended.

For an effective review of the second phase product of the project (the Master plan), the Commission would like to receive the draft Master plan prior to the final Master plan.

The Commission appreciates to be informed about the use that is made of this advice.

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