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Supplementary Advice on Terms of
Reference for SEA Polo de Desarrollo
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Dear Mr. Aguilera and Mr. Mérida,

By fax, dated 30 June 2004, you requested the Netherlands Commission for Environmental Impact Assessment to advise on Terms of Reference and supervision for an SEA in the area of Puerto Busch, Bolivia. The Commission submitted its Advice on Terms of Reference for SEA Polo de Desarrollo (Puerto Busch) Bolivia on 30 September 2004. On basis of this advice, and discussions held between your Vice ministry and our Commission, we agreed that the Commission would assist in two tasks:

- Further specification of the preliminary ToR once decisions have been taken on the leading planning process and the corresponding level of the SEA.
- Suggestions for the set up and management of the SEA study, including the profile of SEA experts who will undertake the SEA.

It is my pleasure to submit herewith these supplementary ToR. I am convinced that this will lead to the SEA benefits as summarised in Chapter 6 of this advice as long as the SEA is considered as a joint undertaking by all relevant stakeholders involved. For MDS at the central governmental level, this implies providing sufficient incentives and feedback to the regional authorities. For the Prefectura de Santa Cruz explicit commitment for undertaking the SEA is essential.

I do realise that this first SEA in Bolivia is a complicated one and therefore an important learning experience for all parties involved. The Commission is willing to contribute to this process by providing advice and coaching as and when required.

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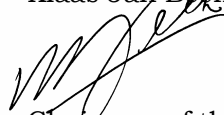
One of the subjects which might require assistance, is guidance on the level of detail of information to be gathered in layer 4, to be able:

- to assess whether planned economic activities are feasible and
- to judge which bottlenecks and opportunities result for regional development.

The Commission would appreciate to be kept informed about the use that is made of this advice.

Yours faithfully,

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