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Reconstruction of the Mining Sector in
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Dear Mr. Hassan Partow,

In your above mentioned email, you requested the Netherlands Commission for Environmental Assessment (NCEA) to advise on pre-terms of reference for the Post Conflict Impact Assessment for the Reconstruction of the Mining Sector in Katanga, Democratic Republic of Congo.

It is my pleasure to submit herewith the Advice on Pre-Terms of Reference for the PCIA.

First of all, I would like to express my appreciation for the organisation of the site visit and the personal interest demonstrated by the UNEP Post Conflict and Disaster Management Branch staff. The site visit has allowed the Commission to receive a great deal of information in a short period of time, which made it possible to find some answers in a very complex situation.

Secondly, I would like to note here that the Commission would have liked to have discussions with mining policy makers like the ministers of mining and environment and the CEO of Gecamines. This has not happened and I consider that to be a missed opportunity to get first hand information and achieve an improved level of buy-in from the Congolese side.

I am happy to repeat that the Commission is available to continue co-operation with the UNEP Post Conflict and Disaster Management Branch in the next stages of this PCIA procedure and for advice on other post conflict strategic environmental assessments.

Yours sincerely,

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