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**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

**RE: SADC CONSULTANT MS. NIDHI RAMSDEN**

Transfrontier Conservation Areas (TFCAs) are a mechanism that delivers on the implementation of SADC Protocols, Strategies and Programmes related to the conservation and sustainable utilisation of natural resources. The development and establishment of the SADC TFCA Financing Facility (FF) is intended to foster closer collaboration between stakeholders supporting TFCAs and provide the basis for longer-term and more sustainable funding support to develop all TFCAs. There is need to identify gaps and priorities in TFCAs development support that can be shared with potential financial partners. Current initiatives and projects within the TFCAs landscape have to be identified and mapped as one useful way of identifying the funding as recommended by the SADC TFCA Network and supported by SADC TFCAs Financing Facility Project Steering Committee.

This is to inform you that Ms. Nidhi Ramsden is temporarily engaged by SADC Secretariat as consultant for a period of three months from November 2020 to January 2021 to lead the process to establish an inventory of projects and programmes operating in the TFCAs across SADC in the thematic areas of:

- i. Agriculture (livestock, crop production, aquaculture, bee-keeping, etc);
- ii. Climate Change (adaptation, mitigation, finances, etc);
- iii. Natural Resource Management (protected area management, habitat management, species management and law enforcement, forestry resources, marine resources, freshwater resources, etc), and;
- iv. Tourism (hospitality, guiding, marketing and management).

In conducting this assignment, Ms Ramsden will be required to engage with relevant institutions and officials in Member States to obtain information on projects and programmes to be included in the database.

It is against this backdrop that we kindly request you to respond to her requests and provide information that she requires in order to complete her task.

Your cooperation is highly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Domingos Gove', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**MR. DOMINGOS GOVE**  
**DIRECTOR: FOOD AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES**  
For the Executive Secretary