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FEDERATION OF CATTLE FARMERS OF BENI AND PANDO
Member of the Federation of Rural Associations of Mercosur (FARM)

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Of. Pres. N.º 283/2017

Mr.
Sandeep Chakravorty
Ambassador of the Republic of India in Peru and Bolivia
Lima.-

Reference: Gratitude

H.E. Mr. Ambassador:

After you visited the city of Santísima Trinidad in the department of Beni, Plurinational State of Bolivia, during the first week of March 2017, we devoted ourselves to submit the best possible alternative for your consideration. Thus, we submitted in May the project “PROVISION OF MACHINERY AND DRILL EQUIPMENT FOR CATTLE FARMERS ASSOCIATIONS AFFECTED BY FLOODS IN 2014 AND DROUGHT SEASON IN 2016” for an amount of USD 294.090.00 (Two hundred ninety-four thousand and ninety 00/100 American dollars) to purchase 2 tractor mounted drilling rigs with a capacity to drill up to 175 meters. This project was submitted before the Alleviation of Poverty and Hunger Fund (IBSA Fund) composed by India, Brazil and South Africa, and managed by the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation to be eligible for financing. On July 27, 2017 during the second meeting of the Board of Directors, our project was approved and will be financed by IBSA Fund.

The Federation of Cattle Farmers of Beni and Pando (FEGABENI), represents the most important economic activity of these regions. However, it gets devastated every year due to natural disasters affecting small, medium and large cattle farmers and causing large economic losses that impact not only this sector, but also all activities, products and by-products this sector offers. Now, thanks to your essential support, we can count on machineries and drilling equipment to face drought problems we experience every year.

With the execution of this project, we hope to alleviate poverty and hunger through the introduction of machinery and equipment to improve water control in rural areas. Hence, we can ensure more resistance to weather conditions and stability in farmer production. The impact of this project will improve both, food security and income of small farmers in the regions of Beni and Pando.

In addition to this, it will take advantage of South-South Cooperation in relevant and high impact aspects. The use of machinery and equipment, its administration, organization of

farmer federation and its members for collective interest use of these technologies will benefit from good practices developed in other developing countries for good administration, maintenance and federative use of purchased equipment. Training and professional perfection for use and maintenance of equipment will also establish South-South links to obtain and apply knowledge used in other countries, including countries that are part of IBSA Fund (India, Brazil and South Africa), possibly with the support of specialized technicians.

Finally, it is understood that this project will have highly specific and quantifiable impacts, which will be measured and reported to the Council of IBSA Fund. This project will submit quantifiable results and it aims to be replicated in other rural areas of Bolivia affected by droughts and floods as well as geographical areas affected by these weather effects in other developing countries.

For all the above mentioned, we renew our eternal gratitude and hope we can count with your presence for the delivery of this machinery and equipment.

Sincerely,

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