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Dear Mr. Forrest,

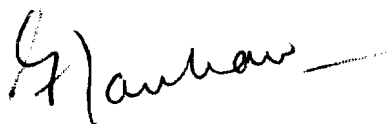
*Subject: Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) – Mining Sector*

Thank you for your letters to Mr. Wolfowitz dated March 3, 2006 and March 8, 2006 concerning the mining sector of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and reacting to the letter made public and addressed to Mr. Wolfowitz by RAID UK, Broederlijk Delen and 11.11.11 dated February 21, 2006.

Thank you for the clarifications provided in your letter. As you know, the Bank is committed to assisting the Government to reform the mining sector. Two key elements of this reform are governance and restoration of the country's mining capacity in a sustainable way. To this end, we support private sector's participation in mining operations. We also welcome the views concerning the sector of Non Governmental Organizations. Our view is that dialogue and open discussion amongst all stakeholders in the sector is essential to achieving sustainable development of mining in DRC.

My response to RAID UK, Broederlijk Delen and 11.11.11 was made public on March 10, 2006. We would welcome any additional comment you may have on the terms of the Bank involvement. To this effect you may contact Mr. Michel Wormser ([mwormser@worldbank.org](mailto:mwormser@worldbank.org)) or Mr. Ivan Rossignol ([irossignol@worldbank.org](mailto:irossignol@worldbank.org)).

Sincerely,



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