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Dear Sharon Friedman  
Acting Director

I am very pleased to hear your new position and I wish you best wishes and successful term.

I hope you have been informed before that; we are working in Turkey on a project so-called "**Middle East Watershed Monitoring and Evaluation Project**" with your institute with the participation of other partners from Jordan, Israel and Palestinian Authority.

Mr. Ismail BELEN (Email: [furkanbelen@yahoo.com](mailto:furkanbelen@yahoo.com)), Forest Engineer and in charge of Head of Department of Planning, has been authorized to negotiate with your institute on behalf of our side. Further more; regarding the "**Aridland Workshop for Middle East and North Africa Resource Manager**" which is scheduled to take place in Limassol, Cyprus February 14-17.2005, he has been nominated as "Country Coordinator" for Turkey.

As the General Director of Afforestation and Erosion Control, I want to say my gratitude for activities we have realized so far together with you and I am pleased to inform you that we are ready and willing for further collaboration.

Yours respectfully.

  
Mustafa YÜKSEK  
Director General