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Dear Mr. Heike Drillisch,

Thank you very much for your letter dated Oct.10, 2006. And I very much appreciate your efforts and issues mentioned in your letter.

Like you, we and the Iraqi Government are extremely concerned about the potential impact downstream of Iliso Dam. We have raised this matter on a number of occasions with many official and non- official bodies.

The constructions of these dams on Rivers Tigris and Euphrates have direct negative result on both quantity and quality of flow reaching Iraq. Without any doubt it will result a severe deterioration in water quality.

Unfortunately, The Turkish Government has so far not discussed their future plan for constructing dam with us on the impact of these dams on downstream. The technical discussions which we have had, has not been related to the constructions of dams on the rivers, and we have not been informed on their future plans and operational procedures.

From our side, we will try to discuss these matters with Germany, Austria and Switzerland Ambassadors in Iraq to put them in picture that there have not been any discussions on the dam constructions between Iraq and Turkey.

We appreciate if you convey this message to Export Credit Agencies regarding lack of information by the Iraq on building Iliso dam.

Finally, we hope to be in contact and please do not hesitate to write to us if you needed more information.

Regards

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