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Thomas R. BENKE Managing Member, ECO International LLC

Dear Mr. BENKE,

Let me express my gratitude for your overall and active support of the Far Eastern International Economic Forum, which took place in Khabarovsk on September 18-19, 2007. As you know, about 900 delegates from 16 countries of the world took part in the Forum's activities. This fact became an evident proof of increasing interest from potential foreign trade partners and investors to the Russian Far East and Siberia.

I would like to especially thank you for your personal active participation in the Forum. I am sure that cultural and economic cooperation between our countries will further strengthen and expand, also due to such meetings and events.

I sincerely hope that favorable conditions established at present time will provide maximum effect for the activation process of trade and economic cooperation between our countries and thus will allow creation of a lasting basis for future long-term partnership based on friendship, mutual understanding and goodneighborliness principles.

Sincerely,

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the Khabarovsky Krai Government,
Minister of Economic Development
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