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MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

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Dear Sir/Madame,

Subject: Conference on Promoting Partnerships for the Implementation of the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution, 11-12 May 2006, Hanoi, Viet Nam (First Announcement)

I am pleased to inform you that the Conference on Promoting Partnerships for the Implementation of the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution will be held on 11-12 May 2006 at the Sheraton Hotel in Hanoi. The Conference will be jointly organised by the Viet Nam Environment Protection Agency (VEPA) and the ASEAN Secretariat, and sponsored by the Government of Viet Nam and the ASEAN-UNDP Partnership Facility.

2. The Conference seeks to promote and strengthen partnerships between ASEAN Member Countries and relevant regional and international organisations, donor communities and other partners/ supporters for the effective implementation of the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution. Particular focus will be given on securing partnership and support for sustainable management of peatlands in Southeast Asia. An exhibition showcasing initiatives and best practices on addressing fires and haze pollution will also be held for the duration of the Conference. An optional day trip to Ha Long Bay will be organised by the Government of Viet Nam on 13 May 2006. The first announcement and registration form for the Conference are attached. You may also wish to visit the Conference homepage at:

<http://www.nea.gov.vn/ASEANhazeconference/Index.html>

3. In this regard, I am pleased to invite you to participate in the Conference. ASEAN Member Countries will be represented by National Chairmen of the ASEAN Senior Officials on the Environment (ASOEN) and senior-level government officials handling transboundary haze pollution and/ or peatlands issues.

4. We would appreciate it you could confirm your participation by returning the duly filled Registration Form to VEPA (attn. Ms. Bui Hoa Binh) by e-mail to hoabinh@nea.gov.vn or by fax to (844) 822-3189, by 10 April 2006 with a copy to the ASEAN Secretariat (attn. Ms. Riena Prasiddha at riena@aseansec.org).

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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