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**Subject: Acceptance of the Oborniki Model Forest as a member of the International Model Forest Network**

Dear Mr. Kowal:

On behalf of the International Model Forest Network, I would like to formally confirm acceptance of the Oborniki Model Forest as a full member of the IMFN and to congratulate the stakeholders of the Oborniki Model Forest on their significant efforts to successfully bring to fruition Poland's first Model Forest.

Acceptance of the Oborniki Model Forest is the result of completion of a review of a strategic plan for the Model Forest and an onsite assessment as well as the diligent work and commitment of the local stakeholders. The strategic plan highlights three main areas of focus for the Model Forest—environment, tourism and ecological awareness—with a strong focus on the effective management of both forests and water for different purposes. This sets out an ambitious but achievable program of activities which will be important in fulfilling the expectations and needs of local stakeholders. Additionally, I note that water issues are increasingly important, not only within the European Union, but also around the world, including across the International Model Forest Network. In this and other areas I look forward to the experiences and expertise of the Oborniki Model Forest enriching that of the larger IMFN.

The diversity of stakeholders engaged, the range of land uses and the significant cultural and historical components across your region, as well as the commitment of the participants are also attributes and features that contribute to a stronger and more dynamic IMFN. The Oborniki Model Forest has already demonstrated its commitment to networking with its activities with other Model Forests both within the Baltic region and across the IMFN. I encourage you to continue with these activities and I look forward to hearing more success stories from the Model forest as it moves forward.

In closing, I would be very pleased if you would convey my congratulations to the stakeholders listed below who have been diligently working on Model Forest activities and accept my best wishes for a successful and productive future.

Sincerely,

Peter Besseau

Executive Director

1. Oborniki County Board
2. Commune of Oborniki
3. Commune of Rogoźno
4. Commune of Ryczywół
5. Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, Faculty of Biology
6. Poznań University of Life Sciences, Faculty of Forestry
7. Poznań University of Life Sciences, Division of Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture
8. Regional Environmental Protection Authority in Poznań
9. Provincial Internal Drainage and Water Facilities Board in Poznań
10. Promotional Forest Complex, Noteć Wild Forest– Social & Scientific Council
11. Regional State Forest Authority in Poznań
12. Oborniki Forest Inspectorate
13. Museum of the History of Milling and Water Equipment of Rural Industry
14. The 'APLAGA' Oborniki Water Association
15. The "NW Włóczykije" Association
16. The River Wełna Friends Association
17. The Ruda Młyn Farm Tourist Cottage