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TO: SPREP National Focal Points
CC: PacWaste National Focal Points

SUBJECT: Revision Tender for PacWaste Regional Baseline Study on Asbestos Materials and Waste

The PacWaste project is a four year project (2013-2017) funded by the European Union and implemented through the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP). The Pacific countries covered by the project are the Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, the Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, the Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu and Timor Leste. The project focuses on three priority hazardous waste streams (asbestos, e-waste and medical waste) that are currently not managed to the required standard. The activities under the project support Pacific ACP countries' efforts to adopt cost-effective and self-sustaining waste management systems for these priority waste streams.

One of the initial activities for PacWaste is a regional baseline study of asbestos materials and waste in all Pacific countries. A call for tenders to carry out the survey in all Pacific Countries was submitted however the tenders received exceeded the allocated funds. We have had to revise the terms of reference of the tender to ensure it is within the allocated budget. We have excluded coverage of Papua New Guinea and Timor Leste from the revised tender. SPREP is finalizing a proposal to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions Secretariat for funding to also carry out this study in Papua New Guinea and Timor Leste.

If you would like more information please contact Mr. Stewart Williams, Hazardous Waste Project Manager at stewartw@sprep.org.

Yours Sincerely,

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