8 April 2015

Geris Platform
Town of Yalıkavak
Bodrum, Turkey

Re: The Geris Wind Power Plant

Dear Geris Platform Members,

We would like to thank you for contacting The Gold Standard regarding the alleged environmental and social issues associated with the Geris Wind Power Plant.

The stakeholder consultation process is an essential part The Gold Standard’s procedures. It provides an important outlet for local stakeholders to share their concerns and thoughts about a project with The Gold Standard. As you may know, we request project proponents to organize live stakeholder meetings at the earliest stages of project implementation. During the stakeholder meeting, the project proponent must provide evaluation forms to be filled by the attendees. These forms become part of the Local Stakeholder Consultation Report. The contact details of Gold Standard representative in the region shall be shared and a Continuous Input/Grievance Expression Process Book shall be provided after the meeting. In case any stakeholder could not participate the meeting, the process book is available to provide guidance for filing complaints with The Gold Standard. Please inform us if those methods have not been implemented satisfactorily for this particular project.

Regarding your concerns about the Geris Wind Power plant, we would kindly ask you to clarify your allegations against the project as much as possible. Please provide a summary of the problems and indicate the number of turbines, installed capacity, and the registered name so that we can distinguish the particular project from a second wind power plant that is very close to Geris Wind Power Plant with similar specifications. Please also share any documents supporting your claims with
us. We need to review all documentary proof available before making any decision affecting the project.

Finally, we would kindly ask your permission to post your letter on our website (www.goldstandard.org) so that we may open a formal complaint against the project as a part of our grievance mechanism. Please let us know if your letter is open to public view.

Sincerely,

Pinar Ozturk
Regional Manager, Turkey

cc: Neha Rao, Head of Certification
    Lisa Rosen, Chief Operations Officer