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A MESSAGE FROM GOLD STANDARD PRESIDENT YVO DE BOER

On behalf of the Gold Standard Foundation Board of Directors, it is my great pleasure to announce Gold Standard's next leader, **Margaret N. Kim.**



In June 2019, Margaret (Maggie) will officially join Gold Standard as Chief Executive Officer from her most recent post as the Head of Green Climate Fund Liaison in the Office of Director-General for the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI), where she previously was Head of Strategy & Integration. Maggie has also held leadership roles in the private sector, including as General Manager, Sales, Strategy and Business Development for a leading biotechnology company. Her strengths in strategic development and resource mobilization coupled with a passion for sustainable development and combating climate change, are ideally aligned with the Gold Standard vision and mission.

Maggie seeks to lead Gold Standard through its next phase of scaling impact, linking her experience with upstream policy work to private sector and multilateral engagement at the project level. She is inspired to collaborate with our Board and the diverse and dynamic team at the Secretariat and is committed to forge strong collaboration with Marion Verles and the SustainCERT team. Marion has already commenced a thorough onboarding process to ensure continuity, and will officially transition to her new role as CEO of SustainCERT when Maggie assumes the reins at Gold Standard in June.

I hope you will join all of us in the Gold Standard family as we thank Marion Verles for more than four years of outstanding vision and leadership -- and simultaneously extend our warmest welcome to Maggie Kim. Maggie will shortly reach out to our stakeholders to gather your insights that will inform her strategic planning to take Gold Standard solutions to scale to help achieve climate security and sustainable development for all.

Yvo de Boer

President, Gold Standard

"In the lead up to 2020, plans for climate and development must now translate to action at an unprecedented scale. We look forward to working in close partnership to strengthen market mechanisms and to mainstream new Gold Standard product offerings, from the Value Change programme for corporate sustainability to Fund Level Impact Certification for development finance and impact investors."

Margaret Kim and Marion Verles

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