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To Whom it May Concern:

As Director of Research for the World Vision Institute of Research and Development, I first came to know Johannes Lütz in 2006 when he did research for his Master Thesis. Since he was working on matters of development policy and poverty reduction, it didn't take long for us to connect. After he had quoted me and my research in his master thesis he made it a point to visit me at our German Headquarters in 2007 to show us the finished book he had published. I was very pleased to see his book and to note that his hard work had been rewarded with this publication. On a personal level I was also grateful that the cause of poverty reduction had gained a new advocate!

Johannes Lütz and I have since collaborated together on a couple of projects which enabled me to observe his commitment to fight global poverty further. Before we launched a new national webpresence at www.armut.de ("Armut" means poverty) for the German Institute for Poverty Reduction (Deutsches Institut für Armutsbekämpfung, DIFA), I asked Johannes whether he was available to compile a list of weblinks for users seeking to go deeper into content specific research. I appreciated the pains he took to search out some of the most relevant and interesting webpages. His work added significant value to the project.

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More recently I was impressed with the research on climate change he carried out for our World Vision Regional Office in Asia Pacific. His research as lead author eventually led to the publication of our disaster report entitled "Planet Prepare -- Preparing Coastal Communities in Asia for Future Catastrophes." I was impressed by his ability to merge hard scientific facts and anecdotal eyewitness reports into a carefully crafted and attractive report which presents seven priorities for action the international community can undertake as it deals with the growing vulnerabilities of development countries in the face of climate change:

- P**rotect Development Gains
- R**esearch Priorities
- E**mpower Communities
- P**artner And Network
- A**dvocate Justice And Change
- R**einforce Disaster Defences
- E**ducate Children

The report Johannes Lütz lead-authored was launched in about 20 countries around the world and was also well-received by the media in Germany.

A few days ago Johannes spoke to me of his plans to engage in PhD research by way of which he seeks to identify solutions for controlled climate change migration. As a researcher I immediately realized the value and potential benefit of such research; one needs only to look at current estimates of future mass movements of climate exiles to see the relevance of his study. One example makes the point clear:

Prof. Dr. Schellhuber of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, a member of the German Advisory Council on Global Change (WBGU) and a Senior Advisor to the German Government was recently quoted in a climate science journal as saying, "*When we talk about a one-metre rise in global sea level we are also talking about 500 million people who are going to have to look for new homes. So far we don't have any instruments to manage this.*" (Klima 1/2009)

World Vision is pleased that Johannes Lütz has made a commitment to research just such an instrument by means of his intended PhD project. We will certainly follow his research with keen interest and are presently exploring avenues to lend logistical support to this study. Without question the study will not be easy to carry out, but based on my interactions with Mr. Lütz I am confident that he will deliver very

promising results. His research for us on "Planet Prepare" (see reference of my colleague James East) is a strong indication that Mr. Lütz doesn't lack the stamina to complete the project and manage arising challenges within the three-year minimum time.

Finally, it may be helpful to point out that Johannes Lütz peer-reviewed my latest manuscript on climate change before it will be published, and he enjoys my full respect for what seems like an authentic and intrinsically motivated desire on his part to help the world steer clear of what could become the greatest humanitarian catastrophe in modern history. I suspect his research could become one of the most ground-breaking studies ever undertaken in the field of climate change adaptation planning and sincerely hope that it will be greeted with the funding it deserves.

Best regards,



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