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RE: Foreign Talents STI Grants: Adoption and full-control of a dynamical seasonal tropical cyclone prediction system for ensuring safety of socio-economic activities over the East Sea – Vietnam

To the Project Management Unit of FIRST Project – Ministry of Science and Technology

Dear Sir/Madam,

This letter is to advise you regarding a modification to the budget for the FIRST project “Adoption and full-control of a dynamical seasonal tropical cyclone prediction system for ensuring safety of socio-economic activities over the East Sea – Vietnam”. Specifically CSIRO requires \$9,000 USD so that it can provide 5 days of training on the operation and development of the coupled atmosphere-ocean Conformal Cubic Atmospheric Model (AOGCM CCAM) that is to be used during the project. This AOGCM CCAM training under WP7 will take place during the visit of four students from the Vietnam National University, Hanoi to CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere in Aspendale.

The training expenses are comprised as follows:

5x 0.5 days of morning lectures	\$5,000 USD
5x 0.5 days of afternoon tutorials and hands-on activities	\$4,000 USD
CSIRO will not charge for HPC computing time used by the students for training and research purposes.	
Total	\$9,000 USD

We hope that the Project Management Unit of the FIRST Project will accept this modification of the project budget.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Marcus Thatcher".

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