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Dear Mr. Jauregui,

RE: ECHEBASTAR MSC PROCESS

I refer to the meeting with Vice President Meriton held on Monday 18th March 2019, where we had the opportunity to discuss the work carried out by the Echebastar group in the MSC certification process. The Blue Economy Department is pleased to be associated with Echebastar efforts towards achieving the fundamental objective of the sustainable fishing of tuna resources in the Indian Ocean. We thank you for your brief on the various activities your company is engaged in. These include:

1. Echebastar Internal Company Management Plan
 - Fishery Standards
 - Code of Ethics
2. MSC audits and its validation and re-certification related projects:
3. New FAD management Plan for Echebastar
 - BIO Fads
 - Fad Recovery program "Fad Watch"
 - Reduction of the number FADs
4. FIP Participation.
5. Support Seychelles initiatives to improve monitoring of transshipment and landings in Port Victoria through FIP.

We also discussed your participation of the observer program which is managed by SFA. We believe that this remains to be reinforced and the Vice President will be taking up the matter with the Minister of Fisheries and with SFA.

We thank you for your interest in participating in the Blue Economy Internship programme which seeks to contribute towards the Blue Economy and attract young people in this field.

To conclude the Blue Economy Department wishes to reinforce this cooperation with Echebaster and would be grateful to be kept fully informed of all of your activities towards the sustainability of the tuna resource and towards good governance.

Yours sincerely

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Philippe Michaud
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Cc: Mr. V. Meriton, Vice President
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