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To whom it may concern,

I refer to the October 2007 report circulating, with the UNICEF logo on its cover, entitled "An Evaluation of the PlayPump Water System as an Appropriate Technology for Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Programmes." I would like to clarify that this is not an approved UNICEF external report. It should be disregarded, with apologies for any confusion its distribution may have caused.

The report is based on pre-assessment field visits as part of a joint World Vision/UNICEF internal review conducted in August 2007. However, the UNICEF report was issued erroneously. It is UNICEF practice to share draft assessment reports with all concerned parties for their comments prior to issuing a final report. This was not done.

UNICEF has been involved with the development of water technologies for some time, and has been a partner with and supporter of the non-government organisation, PlayPumps International.

PlayPumps International and UNICEF share interest in appropriate technology development and are committed to working together to assess a range of water supply solutions including the PlayPump technology. In the meantime, please be advised that UNICEF has not conducted an evaluation of the work of PlayPumps International and as such is not in a position to comment in detail on the technology, or health, safety, operations or community development impacts of their programme.

We look forward to being able to share a professional and detailed joint assessment of a range of water technologies, including PlayPumps, with you in the near future.

Sincerely,



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