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Re.: Comment on conditional letters of approval

Dear Mr. Phillips,

Thank you for your letter received on 23 December 2011, which has been made available to the CDM Executive Board.

We welcome your input submitted on behalf of the Project Developer Forum in reaction to the recent mandate by the COP/MOP to the Board to “assess the implications of the withdrawal or suspension of letters of approval and make recommendations to be considered at the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol”.

As you may be aware, the Board at its sixty-second meeting considered an information note on concepts for streamlining the authorization of participation in the clean development mechanism (CDM), which presented issues of CDM participation including current implementation of approval/authorization and various complications encountered in the implementation of this process. In this regard, I would like to inform you that the secretariat is currently undertaking further analysis of problems faced with the current authorization process and potential solutions and this work would include consideration of other participation-related issues such as scenarios for withdrawal or suspension of approval. Your inputs detailing concerns about potential conditionality of letters of approval highlight relevant aspects to be considered in this analysis, and have been forwarded to the team responsible to inform its ongoing work under the above mandate.

The concern highlighted regarding transaction burdens incurred in obtaining letters of approval for individual CPAs, has likewise been brought forward to the relevant team working on simplifying regulations relating to programmes of activities.



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I encourage you to continue providing such valuable inputs.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'A. Howard', written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

Andrew Howard
Secretary to the CDM Executive Board