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**Re.: Request for simplification to the SSC-PoA application process - exemption from requirement of Letter of Approval from Host Country**

Dear Mr. Norstebo,

Thank you for your letter received on 16 September 2011, which has been made available to the Chair of the Board.

On behalf of the Chair of the Board, please accept my apologies for the delayed response.

I would like to thank you for expressing your concerns and for the suggestions provided related to exempting the requirement of a Letter of Approval particularly for small-scale Programme of Activities (PoAs).

I wish to inform you that the current requirement of letter of approval for PoAs is provided by EB55, Annex 38, paragraph 9 which replaces the previous approved procedure (EB 32, Annex 39, Paragraph 3). The requirement related to letter of approval covers the requirements of paragraphs 33 and 40 (a) and (f) of the CDM modalities and procedures and is reflected in the Board's clarification on elements of written letter of approval (EB16, Annex 6). As these are stated requirements of Parties to the Kyoto Protocol the Executive Board of the CDM does not have the legal authority to remove these for given project scenarios as per your suggestion. However the Climate Change Secretariat can and will work with the Designated National Authorities Forum to facilitate discussion among DNAs regarding the appropriateness of differentiated procedures for small-scale projects and programmes.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Howard  
Secretary to the CDM Executive Board