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**Re.: Request for review of the Additionality of the CDM Project 3497: Sujiahekou Hydropower Station**

Dear Ms. Filzmoser and Ms. Yann,

Thank you for your letter received on 2 November 2011, which has been made available to the Chair of the Board. On behalf of the Chair of the Board, I thank you for communicating your concerns and for the comments provided regarding the CDM project activity Ref. No. 3497.

The Board appreciates that you bring to its attention questionable matters of project activities that may indicate that the projects are not in compliance with the CDM rules and procedures. Please note, however, that the designated operational entity (DOE) and the project participants involved in the project activity in question have followed the requirements of the commenting process during the global stakeholder consultation period and the comments submitted to the DOE during the public comment period regarding the additionality of the project and its non-compliance with the CDM rules and the Chinese law were included in the validation report. The DOE has confirmed that all the requirements of the CDM rules approved by the Board have been complied. The DOE in its validation report has described how the comments have been taken into account and specified the interviewees and documents reviewed in order to assess the comments and the responses provided by the project participants.

The responsibility to determine whether the proposed project activity is additional rests primarily with the validating DOE. The corresponding steps were taken to demonstrate additionality adequately and were validated and justified by the DOE. The project activity was deemed complete at completeness check and the reporting and information check steps, and it was automatically registered in accordance with the Board's rules and procedures for requests for registration.

Thank you once again for contacting the Board with your concerns and requests.

Yours sincerely,

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Andrew Howard  
Secretary to the CDM Executive Board