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Date: 16 January 2012
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Re.: Review of the Additionality of the CDM Project 4785: Guangdong Pinghai Power Plant, China

Dear Ms. Eva Filzmoser and Mr. Steve Herz,

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 proposed CDM project activity Ref. Num. 4785 "Guangdong Pinghai Power Plant, China".

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 scope of the review process, according to the current Procedure for review of requests for registration, is that independently the secretariat and the RIT Team assess the request for registration in the context of the reasons for the request for review as indicated in the request for review form and the CDM requirements, taking into account the responses of the project participants and the DOE.

The responsibility to determine whether the proposed project activity is additional rests primarily with the validating DOE. If the steps taken to demonstrate additionality are not adequately validated and justified, the Board in accordance with the Board's rules and procedure can decide to reject this request for registration.

Thank you for notifying the Board of your concerns about the aforementioned proposed project activity.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "A. Howard", written over a circular stamp or seal.

Andrew Howard
Secretary to the CDM Executive Board