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**Re.: Unsolicited letter regarding the registration of the Bujagali Hydropower Project**

Dear Ms. Yan,

Thank you for your letter received on 11 January 2012, which has been made available to the Board. On behalf of the Chair of the Board, I would like to thank you for communicating your concerns and the comments provided regarding the CDM project activity Ref. No. 4217.

The Board appreciates that you bring to its attention questionable matters of project activities that may indicate that projects are not in compliance with the CDM rules and procedures. Nevertheless, it remains the responsibility of the validating DOE to determine whether a proposed project activity is additional in accordance with the applicable standards. In this case, steps to demonstrate additionality were validated and justified by the DOE in its validation report, as were environmental and sustainable development impacts of the project.

The request for registration was deemed complete throughout the assessment process and was registered in accordance with the Board's relevant rules and procedures. As you are aware, the applicable request for review deadline was 29 December 2011 and thus it is not possible at this time to request a review for this case.

At present there are no provisions to reconsider registration. However, work is underway on means of addressing significant deficiencies in validation and verification reports which lead to registration/issuance. A draft procedure on this matter has been developed based on guidance from the Board, and stakeholder inputs were considered by the Board at its sixty-fifth meeting to be incorporated into further work in this area in the coming year.



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I would also like to take this opportunity to point out that early-stage assessment timelines for each request for registration are publicly available on the CDM website, as is an updated list of cases currently in the request for review period.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Howard', is positioned above the printed name.

Andrew Howard  
Secretary to the CDM Executive Board