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**Re.: Letter of Concern: Suggestions on how to decrease the processing time and the CER delivery time**

Dear Mr. Vrålstad,

Thank you for your letter received on 15 February 2013, which has been made available to the CDM Executive Board.

On behalf of the Chair of the Board, I would like to thank you for presenting your concerns regarding the processing of requests of issuance of certified emission reductions (CERs).

The Board, at its seventeenth meeting, expressed its appreciation for the UNFCCC secretariat's effort and commitment to keep waiting times for new requests for registration and issuance as low as possible. Registration requests nevertheless, reached a historical record of submissions – 1,492 projects – during December 2012, well above estimates previously given by designated operational entities.

Please note that at its seventy-first meeting, the Board requested the secretariat to put in place measures to prioritize the processing of requests for issuance for the immediate future. On an exceptional basis, the secretariat will therefore accept requests for (i) Advance payment of the share of proceeds for administrative fee and (ii) fast track forwarding of CERs. Affected project participants and focal points have been informed via email of the aforementioned special arrangements on February 19, 2013. Should you have any further question on the practical implementation of these arrangements, please contact [cdmregistration@unfccc.int](mailto:cdmregistration@unfccc.int).

Finally, please note that the special arrangements are exceptional and temporary in nature. The feasibility of permanent arrangements is currently under consideration.



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

Yours sincerely,

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

Andrew Howard  
Secretary to the CDM Executive Board