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Re.: Need for review and change of procedures and timelines for CER issuance

Dear Mr. Rao,

Thank you for your letter received on 19 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 sharing with us your concerns about the procedures and timelines for CER issuances. Your suggestions that would impact on regulatory documents will be taken into consideration during the preparation of the next revisions of those documents.

The Board, at its seventieth 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 the time of processing this record number of submissions, the secretariat had already implemented some of the measures you suggest. For example, additional resources have been deployed to keep waiting times for projects to a minimum. I would also like to inform you that a quota for processing requests for registration and issuance is no longer applied.

Please further 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. These special arrangements are exceptional and temporary in nature. The feasibility of permanent arrangements is nevertheless currently under consideration.

Finally, please note that with regard to meter reading, approved CDM methodologies usually require hourly measurement and at least monthly recordings of the power production and/or consumption.



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

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Howard Secretary to the CDM Executive Board