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*Sent by email to: parineeta.dandekar@gmail.com*

*Re: Request for Review: Thangarabalu Small Hydel Project in Karnataka*

Dear Ms. Dandekar,  
Dear Mr. Pujari,

On behalf of the Chair of the CDM Executive Board, I would like to thank you for your letter of 8 October 2013 communicating your concerns regarding the “Thangarabalu Small Hydel Project in Karnataka”. Your letter has been made available to the Board.

I would like to inform you that the Board has registered the aforementioned project as, after assessment, it was considered in compliance with the applicable CDM requirements.

Please note that the host country designated national authority (DNA) has the prerogative to determine whether the project contributes to sustainable development and authorize the project. Therefore, any comments related to a party’s decision to authorize a project must be undertaken at the national level. The DNA can request a review of requests for registration or issuance of any project located in its country within 28 days of their publication on the UNFCCC website. Consequently, we would like to encourage you to share your concerns with your host country DNA.

Finally, I would like to inform you that, in the context of the review of the CDM modalities and procedures, the Board has recommended strengthening relevant Designated Operational Entity (DOE) validation requirements related to stakeholder consultation. Recommendations on changes to the CDM modalities and procedures are expected to be further discussed and considered by Parties in the frame of meetings supporting the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in November this year in Warsaw, Poland.

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

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Howard  
Secretary to the CDM Executive Board