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Re.: Request to support due implementation of CDM rules re #3237: Barro Blanco Hydroelectric Project

Dear Mr. González,

On behalf of the Chair of the CDM Executive Board, I would like to thank you for your communication of 17 July 2015, informing us of your serious concern about project 3237: Barro Blanco Hydroelectric Power Plant Project. Your communication was made available to the CDM Executive Board (the Board).

I hereby inform you that project 3237: Barro Blanco Hydroelectric Power Plant Project was registered by the Board on 26 January 2011 after undergoing a review process at the request of Board members. The issues raised in previous letters dated 9 February 2011 and 24 March 2011 were looked at during the course of this review and it was found that the proposed project activity had complied with the requirements of the CDM, including the local stakeholder consultation process. Further, the designated national authority (DNA) of Panama issued required letter of approval (SAG-389-09, dated 16 November 2009) confirming that the project will assist Panama to achieve sustainable development.

I would like also to inform you that the Board, at its seventy-sixth meeting, adopted the procedure related to the process for dealing with letters from a DNA withdrawing approval/authorization¹. Therefore, the Host Party DNA has the possibility to withdraw the approval/authorization of a project activity.

Please also be informed that, in accordance with the "Procedure: Direct communication with stakeholders" (version 02.0), the Board will forward your communication to the DNA of Panama paragraph 53(c)². However, please note that such forwarding does not constitute an endorsement by the Board of the content of the communication.

¹ https://cdm.unfccc.int/Reference/Procedures/index.html#proj_cycle

² <http://cdm.unfccc.int/Reference/Procedures/index.html>



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With regard to your request in relation to the new provision that the CDM local stakeholder consultations are to be conducted “in accordance with applicable national regulations, if any.” I would like to inform you that this provision entered into force on 1 April 2015 and does not apply to the stakeholder consultation of this project activity which was conducted before that date.

Thank you for contacting the Board with your concern and request.

Yours sincerely,

Rajesh Sethi
Secretary to the CDM Executive Board