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**Re: Conceptual conflicts between paragraph 78 of the CDM Project Standard, domestic rules and objectives of Local Stakeholder Consultation (LSC) and the definition of Project Starting Date**

Dear Mr. Kolmetz,

I would like to thank you for your communication of 4 February 2016, regarding a proposal to change the timing for conducting local stakeholder consultation. Your communication has been made available to the CDM Executive Board (the Board) in accordance with the relevant provision of the procedure for direct communication with stakeholders<sup>1</sup>.

The Board at its eighty-fifth meeting, agreed to reconsider the rule in paragraph 78 of “CDM project standard”, version 09.0. Your input is being considered under this ongoing work on the further development of the CDM project cycle procedure.

At the same meeting, the Board also agreed to allow the project participants or CMEs of projects where the local stakeholder consultation had not been carried out before the start date of the project activity to request for an exemption on a case-per-case basis until the revision of the standard becomes effective (EB 85 Meeting Report, paragraph 69(a)). Project participants or CMEs may submit a communication to the Board with such requests following the “Procedure: Direct communication with stakeholders” (version 02.0).

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

Yours sincerely,

Rajesh Sethi  
Secretary to the CDM Executive Board

<sup>1</sup> [https://cdm.unfccc.int/sunsetcms/storage/contents/stored-file-20150224183036545/eb\\_proc03.pdf](https://cdm.unfccc.int/sunsetcms/storage/contents/stored-file-20150224183036545/eb_proc03.pdf)