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Re.: Procedure for changes in the project implementation as compared to the project design document

Dear Mr. Gareth Phillips,

Thank you for your letter to the CDM Executive Board dated 7 March 2011, which has been made available to the Board. On behalf of the Chair of the Board, please accept my apologies for the delayed response. The secretariat is currently in the process of providing responses to all submitted letters and is endeavouring to respond in a more timely matter in future.

With regard to your suggestions related to the timelines of processing submissions in line with the *Procedures for Notifying and Requesting Approval of Changes from the Project Activity as described in the Registered Project Design Document*, (EB48, Annex 66) and the *Procedures for Revising Monitoring Plans in accordance with paragraph 57 of the Modalities and Procedures for the CDM* (67; EB49, Annex 28), I inform you that the Board has already considered streamlining the processes concerning the aforesaid procedures and also the rest of the procedures for prior to submitting requests for issuance.

At its 61<sup>st</sup> meeting, the Board considered the assessment report of CDM project cycle operations and agreed to the work plan contained in Annex 23 to the EB61 report. The work plan includes, *inter alia*, the consolidation of the project cycle procedures merging the existing process for post-registration issues into the request for issuance process. Therefore, the revisions to the monitoring plan and the requests for deviation for which a clear standard has been established in accordance with sub-paragraph 3(a) of the above mentioned annex, and the "Notifications" category from the *Procedures for Notifying and Requesting Approval of Changes from the Project Activity as described in the Registered Project Design Document* will be merged into the issuance process, avoiding approval from the Board prior to submit a request for issuance. In addition, a new procedure, and associated standard, consolidating and replacing the existing procedures related to post-registration matters will be issued to allow DOEs to request amendments to and deviations from the registered PDD where such requests would require prior approval of the Board before requesting issuance.

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Your suggestions will be taken into consideration during the elaboration of the draft project cycle procedures which will be considered at the 63<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Board.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary to the CDM Executive Board