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Dear Mr. Phillips,

Thank you for your letter of 16 November 2012 informing us about the initiative by the Project Developer Forum to offset the entire carbon footprint from the Climate Change Conference in Doha. This is very welcome for two reasons:

- This initiative not only makes the Climate Change Conference climate neutral, but with the offsetting that the UNFCCC secretariat is also doing, it actually turns it into the first climate positive COP ever. Our combined efforts in this regard are well worth highlighting and I am delighted to now be able to announce this in Doha;
- Secondly, your initiative sends a very serious signal to the negotiators about the precarious state that carbon markets are in today. The press release that you have issued makes this point very well and I hope that we can draw the attention of negotiators to this issue in Doha.

Let me also take this opportunity to thank you for the active engagement by the Project Developer Forum in the CDM Policy Dialogue. This was indeed valuable and I believe, like you do, that the recommendations by the high-level panel highlights many important issues to be addressed in the CDM. In this regard I also wish to inform you that the secretariat is planning to organize a ministerial roundtable on some of these issues on 4 December 2012 in Doha, with participation open to all. I trust that we will see you or your colleagues in the Forum contributing to the discussions.

Yours sincerely,



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