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**Re.: Urgent need to reduce the 'waiting scheduling' timelines for registration and issuance requests**

Dear Mr. Phillips,

Thank you for your letter received on 29 May 2012, which has been made available to the CDM Executive Board.

On behalf of the Chair of the Board, I would like to thank you for your communication regarding the need to reduce the scheduling timelines for registration and issuance requests.

I would like to inform you that the delays in scheduling registration and issuance requests are mainly due to historical high records of submissions – 652 projects in July and 575 projects in August – not anticipated by the designated operational entities (DOE) survey.

The DOE survey is an on-line tool managed by the UNFCCC secretariat with the aim to collect information on submissions of requests for registration and requests for issuance forecasted by DOEs. The results of the survey are meant to serve as a leading indicator for projecting medium to long term submissions of requests for registration and issuance, which in turn can be used as a basis for planning and management of resources to deal with the anticipated submissions.

Additionally, please be informed that in order to address this issue the UNFCCC secretariat has started another intensive assessment period and has also increased the number of external experts working on the assessment of submissions.

Finally, concerning the risk based approach for assessment of project submissions, the UNFCCC secretariat is currently working on the final technical aspects of its implementation



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

Yours sincerely,

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Andrew Howard  
Secretary to the CDM Executive Board