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The Representatives,
April 10 Movement for the Defense of the Tabasara River (M-10), Alianza para la Conservacion y el Desarrollo (ACD), Asociacion Ambientalista de Chiriqui (ASAMCHI), International Rivers, Counter Balance Coalition, and CDM Watch

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Re.: CDM Project Application #3237: Barro Blanco Hydroelectric Project, dated 9 February 2011, and CDM Project Application #3237: Barro Blanco Hydroelectric Project, dated 24 March 2011

Dear Submitters,

Thank you for your letters to the CDM Executive Board (hereinafter is referred to as the Board) dated 9 February 2011 and 24 March 2011, which were made available to the Board in timely manner and were considered in full. On behalf of the Chair of the Board, I am writing to respond to your letter.

In your letters, you provided information and your concerns regarding the CDM project activity 3237, titled "Barro Blanco Hydroelectric Power Plant Project". As you are aware, the Board requested a review of the proposed project activity. Please note that the responsibility to determine whether a project activity is additional rests primarily with the validating designated operational entity (DOE). In this case, the Board, on the basis of the review, found that the steps taken to demonstrate additionality were adequately validated and justified and in accordance with the CDM rules and procedure the Board agreed to register the project.

Regarding public consultation, no comments were received by the DOE during the global stakeholder commenting period (27 June 2009 - 26 July 2009)¹. Your comments, if submitted to the DOE during the global stakeholder commenting period, must have been adequately addressed by the DOE in its validation report. It may be mentioned here that the Board at its next meeting will consider means of addressing significant deficiencies in validation and verification reports which lead to registration/ issuance (Annex 16 of the annotated agenda of the sixty-third meeting of the Board)².

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

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Howard
Secretary to the CDM Executive Board

¹ <http://cdm.unfccc.int/Projects/Validation/DB/0LG2NNE8BI4O5H9YXFMP4Q9CXTM0QZ/view.html>

² <https://cdm.unfccc.int/Meetings/MeetingInfo/DB/RCFV7EBNTD03U54/view#>