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Sent by e-mail to: eva.filzmoser@cdm-watch.org

Re.: Additionality doubts about Hangzhou Huadian Banshan Power Generation Co., Ltd.'s Natural Gas Power Generation Project (2705)

Dear Ms. Eva Filzmoser,

Thank you for your letter dated 9 July 2010, which had been made immediately available to the CDM Executive Board. The secretariat is currently in the process of checking to ensure that all letters have been responded to and apologizes for the delay in responding to yours.

Thank you for communicating your concerns and for the comments provided regarding evidence related to prior consideration of the CDM for project activity "Hangzhou Huadian Banshan Power Generation Co., Ltd.'s Natural Gas Power Generation Project" (Ref. No. 2705). The Board appreciates that you bring to its attention questionable matters of project activities that may indicate that the projects are not in compliance with the CDM rules and procedures. As you may be aware, the Board, at its fifty-sixth meeting, agreed to undertake a review of this project. The scope of the review related to requirements for determining the additionality of the project activity, in particular, the project start date and prior consideration of CDM.

Please note that the responsibility to confirm whether a project activity is additional, including the determination of authenticity of evidence submitted for additionality, rests primarily with the validating designated operational entity (DOE). In this case, the Board, at its fifty-eighth meeting, agreed to register this project activity, subject to satisfactory corrections addressing the issues highlighted in the review process. The DOE and the project participants involved submitted the relevant documentation, including the DOE's final validation report which described how evidence was taken into account in order to assess that the project developers were aware of the CDM and that CDM benefits were a decisive factor in the decision to proceed with the project investment. This was deemed to be in compliance with the applicable validation requirements and the project was registered.

As you may be aware, at present there are no provisions to reconsider registration. However, work is underway on means of addressing significant deficiencies in validation and verification reports which lead to registration/issuance. A draft procedure on this matter has been developed based on guidance from the Board and stakeholder inputs were considered by the Board at its sixty-fifth meeting. The secretariat has also been requested to conduct a study involving experts in the relevant fields.



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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Howard', with a large, stylized initial 'A'.

Andrew Howard
Secretary to the CDM Executive Board