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Dear Ms Filzmoser,

Thank you for your open letter dated 26 November highlighting your concerns about coal-fired projects under the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM).

I agree that environmental integrity must remain at the heart of the EU Emissions Trading System. We strongly believe all CDM projects must demonstrate additionality and so be fully compliant with CDM rules and guidelines.

I welcome the decision to follow the Methodology Panel's recommendation to review, in effect suspend, the coal power methodology (ACM0013) under the CDM. Given the evidence, I believe that this was the right decision.

My officials will study carefully the next steps taken by the Executive Board on this issue and I will examine whether any further action is required.

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CHRIS HUHNE