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Dear members of the European Parliament,

On behalf of the Chair of the CDM Executive Board, I would like to thank you for your communication of 20 May 2015, informing us of your serious concern about project 9713: Santa Rita Hydroelectric Plant. Your letter was made available to the CDM Executive Board (the Board).

I hereby inform you that project 9713 "Santa Rita Hydroelectric Plant" was registered by the Board on 2 June 2014 after undergoing a review process at the request of Board members. The issues you raise in your letter were looked at during the course of this review and it was found that the proposed project activity had complied with the requirements of the CDM, including the local stakeholder consultation process. Further, the designated national authority (DNA) of Guatemala issued required letter of approval (dated 2 July 2012) confirming that the project will assist Guatemala in its efforts to achieve sustainable development. The DNA had also confirmed to the Board, in the course of the review of the project activity, that the local stakeholder consultation process was carried-out appropriately.

I would like also to inform you that the Board, at its seventy-sixth meeting, adopted the procedure related to the process for dealing with letters from a DNA withdrawing approval/authorization¹. Therefore, the Host Party DNA has the possibility, in case the project does not comply with national laws anymore, to withdraw the approval/authorization in respect of a project activity.

Please also be informed that, in accordance with the "Procedure: Direct communication with stakeholders" (version 02.0), the Board will forward your communication to the DNA of Guatemala paragraph 53(c)². However, please note that such forwarding does not constitute an endorsement by the Board of the content of the communication.

¹ https://cdm.unfccc.int/Reference/Procedures/index.html#proj_cycle

² <http://cdm.unfccc.int/Reference/Procedures/index.html>



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With regard to establishment of a CDM grievance mechanism, I would like to inform you that “Procedures, mechanisms and institutional arrangements for appeals against decisions of the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism” are currently being considered by Subsidiary Body for Implementation, under SBI 42 agenda item 5(c)³ at the climate change conference in Bonn from 1-11 June 2015 and may make a recommendation to the Conference of Parties. The Board will implement the outcome once Parties agree on a way forward.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary to the CDM Executive Board

³ http://unfccc.int/meetings/bonn_jun_2015/session/8854.php