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Honorable Members of the CDM Executive Board,
Dear Mr. Hession,

On behalf of the membership of the Project Developer Forum, I am writing to you to congratulate the Board and the Secretariat for the drastic efforts undertaken to deliver the expected workload, especially in reducing the time required for registration and issuance (backlog) in the last few months of 2010.

CMP.6 endorsed the EB54 procedures for registration and issuance, limiting the timescale for both processes to a maximum of 58 days (7 and 23 days for completeness and reporting and information checks, plus 28 days for EB commenting period). This is a very important development for our members. Furthermore, a statement was made at Carbon Forum Asia 2010 that the backlog waiting period shall remain below 1 month. The full process, for both registration and issuance (from submission to issuance/registration) should not now take more than 88 days, unless there is a request for review.

In order to support the Board and the Secretariat in their quest to keep timelines down, some PD Forum members have updated the forecast of their requests for issuance up to December 2012, and we have added registration forecasts up to December 2011. The forecast is then extrapolated to the whole CDM pipeline using the share of participating members from UNEP Risoe pipeline (16.20%)¹.

Average quarterly forecasted number of requests per month for the whole CDM pipeline	2011				2012			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Registration	580	587	525	599	296	401	216	37
Issuance	871	1,000	1,155	1,099	1,253	1,587	2,112	2,593

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Registration

The 12 months forecast for requests for registration is estimated to be an average of 44 submissions per week. In comparison, in 2010, the secretariat has processed an average 34 submissions weekly in October, 46 in November and reduced to 21 in December, with a maximum record of 60 submissions on the 1st and 2nd weeks of November 2010. **Therefore, for registration, it is important that the secretariat retains access to the highest level of allocated resources from November 2010 to**

¹ PD-Forum members account for more than 40% of the CDM project pipeline but not all were willing or able to provide quarterly estimates of validation and verification projections

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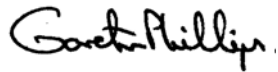
adequately meet the workload up to December 2011. We strongly recommend that the secretariat reaches out to PPs and DOEs to continually update these numbers in order to bring in additional resources at the time they will be needed to process growing numbers of first-time submissions and renewals of crediting period.

Issuance

The 12 month forecast for requests for issuance shows an average of 79 submissions per week, and the 24 months forecast an average of 145 submissions per week. Those figures are calculated on an average basis and therefore avoid peak periods. For comparison, in 2010, the secretariat processed an average 21 issuance requests per week in October 2010, 40 submissions in November 10 and 94 submissions in December 10, with a record maximum per week of 147 projects processed in the 3rd week of December 2010. **Therefore, for issuance, it is important that the secretariat retains access to the highest level of allocated resources from December 2010 to adequately meet the challenge up to mid 2012, and expands the resources for Q3 & Q4 2012. We again strongly recommend that the secretariat reaches out to PPs and DOEs to continually update these numbers in order to bring in additional resources at the time they will be needed to process growing numbers of submissions.**

We hope the forecasts provided will prove useful, and that you treat this issue with the importance it deserves for the carbon market and look forward to hearing from you and seeing your continued efforts on reducing delays.

Kind regards,



Gareth Phillips
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