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Dear Mr. Eickhout,

Please allow me to introduce you to the Project Developer Forum (PD Forum). The PD Forum is a collective voice which represents the interests of companies developing greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction projects in international markets under the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM), Joint Implementation (JI) and other carbon emission reduction schemes and programs.

The PD Forum is incorporated and its primary aims are to:

- improve the efficiency, legitimacy and functioning of the regulatory systems governing the development and use of emission reduction projects,
- influence policy developments and regulatory standards related to emissions trading and emission reduction projects,
- update and support independent standards and codes of conduct in order to further improve the integrity of the industry.

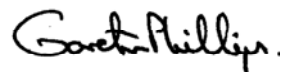
The PD Forum has adopted a code of conduct in very concrete terms, which is available on our website. We are committed to a maximum of transparency and have laid down clear procedures in our articles of association and membership rules to ensure due processes and to enable all members to bring their views in. The PD Forum now has over 35 members and affiliates accounting for nearly 50% of all registered CDM projects and one third of all CERs issued.

On behalf of project developers, we wish to take this opportunity to follow up on a particular accusation in your guest commentary in the CDM/JI Monitor of 5 Oct 2011: "...*Some of these hydropower projects are not only non-additional, but also lacked sufficient public consultation and caused negative impacts on the livelihoods of nearby communities*". Our members have many large hydro projects registered and in the pipeline, and are in charge of identifying, assessing and mitigating potential risks to the environmental integrity of their projects. On a daily basis our members work with the complexities in assessing and complying with all CDM criteria, amongst them the sufficiency of public consultation and environmental impact assessment as you rightly mention, in addition to the requirements of the host country itself. The work undertaken for CDM projects on public consultation and minimizing any negative impacts, as well as the transparency of the CDM process, goes far beyond the requirements of most developing economies. On the other hand, many allegations in the past have turned out to be based on little more than hear-say and a misunderstanding of the CDM process and local conditions.

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Environmental integrity is the backbone of the carbon market, to which the PD Forum and its members are committed. It would thus be very useful for us to get the opportunity to meet with you and go through the evidence you base your statement on. Please advice on a suitable time and place.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gareth Phillips". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Gareth Phillips
Chair, Project Developer Forum