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Dear Mr. Oderson,
Honorable Members of the JI Supervisory Committee,

On behalf of the members of the PD Forum we would like to thank you for your letter in response to our input to the call for input on the proposed communication channel between the JISC and project participants.

In your letter you raised queries on a number of points and I am pleased to respond to those questions on behalf of the Forum and its members. You asked three specific questions as follows:

1. Accommodation of all JI project developers within the Forum.

Membership structure: Every individual and/or organisation (public or private) can participate in Forum activities. Within the Forum's articles of association, the PD Forum has set clear requirements. Entities who have 10 or more projects in the CDM/JI pipeline can apply to join as full members of the Forum. These organisations have full voting rights and can lead working groups and stand for election to the Executive Committee. Any other organisation or individual can apply to join as an affiliate member, regardless of the reason for their interest in the Forum. Affiliates receive all information concerning the Forum and contemporary issues being debated. As such, they can participate in weekly calls and can contribute to working groups and share their ideas on specific issues. Through this principle the Forum is open to all and its activities are entirely driven by the interests and wishes of members.

Participation and costs: The Forum gives structure to enable regular, easy and straight forward discussion and participation on regulatory issues under consideration by Project Developers and Project Participants at low or no cost. The PD Forum is a membership driven organisation with no full-time paid employees. This allows us to keep membership fees at a minimum, just enough to pay legal and administrative costs. Full members are charged only 300GBP pay per year. Affiliate members pay fees based on their organisation size. Small affiliates pay as little as 50GBP p.a. increasing up a step scale to 1000GBP for large companies. In all cases, companies from Least Developed Countries (LDCs) or other organisations with limited revenue may request fee exemption. Membership allows developers to pick and choose which issues they would like to be involved with, with no obligation to be involved with or contribute to other areas. Forum structure ensures that only balanced, consolidated input and positions amongst all members will be aired. However, individual member companies remain free to submit individual or joint unsolicited messages if they disagree with the majority view within the Forum. Members benefit from cheap and easy

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access to observe UNFCCC negotiations as PD Forum has received (provisional) UNFCCC recognised observer status as of COP15.

Outreach: soon after its incorporation, the Forum began a programme of outreach to attract project developers in developing countries. Fanning out from existing members' contacts and contacts of contacts, we have sent letters and followed-up with calls to a large number of smaller developers. This has already had some success in broadening membership. We will continue these activities going forward.

2. Modalities of communication with the JISC

We are flexible on how the communication should operate and how the MoC could be structured. We would welcome regular interaction that ensures broad and low cost participation from our membership. From the experience we gained from PD Forum internal weekly conference calls (30 min., every week, same time, same channel) we would see merits to hold regular conference calls with all JI stakeholders, i.e. Secretariat, IEA, some JISC member(s), Accredited Independent Entities, some PD Forum members), to be held either in between or just before JISC meetings. This would give maximum opportunity for developers to give feedback on issues discussed or hint to emerging issues that can stimulate JISC discussions. Furthermore we would encourage the JISC to regularly invite a representative from the Forum to attend each JISC meeting and when appropriate, make a short presentation on current issues.

3. Legal status and constitution:

Project Developer Forum Limited is a UK registered company¹ limited by guarantee and not having a share capital (in accordance with the Companies Act 1985 and 2006). It is represented by a board of three directors (a Chair and two vice chairs) and an Executive Committee consisting of a further six individuals from different companies. Committee members serve a two year term, and after the first term a regional quota system will come into force to ensure balanced regional representation on the Executive Committee. Affiliate members have considerable rights to participation, although they do not have voting rights and cannot stand for Executive Committee positions. Please see the attached Articles of Association and Membership Rules for further details.

As a concluding remark, we are convinced that environmental integrity and transparency are core principles to build trust in the flexible mechanisms under UNFCCC and we look forward to further contributing to that goal at another occasion.

We look forward to taking up your invitation to attend the 18th Meeting of the JISC (21st-23rd October) and we are grateful for the opportunity to present our views in this way.

Kind regards,



Martin Enderlin
Chair of the PD Forum

Attachments:

1. Articles of Association of Project Developer Forum Limited
2. Membership Rules of Project Developer Forum Limited

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