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*Re: Jorethang Loop hydro project in India*

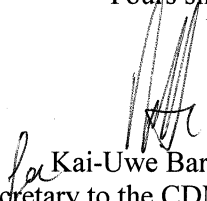
Dear Mr. Thakkar,

Thank you for your letter to the CDM Executive Board received on 24 January 2008, regarding your concerns about the Jorethang Loop hydro project in India. On behalf of the Chair of the Board, I inform you that the project obtained an Environment Impact Assessment clearance from the Government of India which addressed all stakeholder comments and it is the prerogative of the host country to decide whether a project contributes to sustainable development. Please also note that the Board discussed the local and global stakeholder consultation processes at its thirty-eighth meeting. We hope that the following paragraph of the report of that meeting adequately addresses your concerns:

The Board reiterated that in undertaking global stakeholder consultation DOEs are required to take account of all comments received from members of the public. Such comments are to be made available via the UNFCCC CDM website, in accordance with paragraph 40 (c) of the CDM modalities and procedures, and be summarized in the final validation report with details regarding how account was taken of the comments. The Board further requested the secretariat to develop proposals regarding increasing the transparency of the validation and public comment process for consideration at its thirty-ninth meeting.

The Board thanks you for the information provided in your letter.

Yours sincerely,

  
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Secretary to the CDM Executive Board