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Dear members of the Australian DNA,

The Project Developer Forum (PD Forum) is a collaborative association and collective voice of companies and practitioners that are developing and financing greenhouse gas emission reduction projects worldwide. Our members work on a global scale and evaluate opportunities to deploy climate financing and carbon market instruments to accelerate investments for greenhouse gas mitigation and sustainable development.

It came to our attention that the Australian DNA is currently denying Letters of Approval (LOA) due to the considered end of the second commitment period of the Kyoto-Protocol and the lack of further guidance from the COP.

We recognize the discretion of the Australian government to approve or deny letters of approval. However, we urge you to reconsider your decision to deny LOAs for any project starting after 1 January 2016 for several reasons.

Firstly, the CDM as a mechanism also has no agreed end date. While the second commitment period may have ended, the crediting periods for registered projects have not.

Secondly, the true up period for the use of any CERs runs for several more years.

Thirdly, the CDM is used by many businesses in Australia for many different reasons not limited to the CORSIA eligibility criteria, including for voluntary offsetting purposes, which the LOA denial would restrict. This would therefore affect both Australian project developers offering these services to other corporates, and to those corporates wishing to offset their emissions through the CDM.

Finally, while there has been no CMP decision to carry over the CDM into the Paris Agreement, the fact that the meeting in Glasgow had to be postponed and therefore no decision could be made, should not be used as a reason for unilateral decisions about the mechanism's future without the international consensus.

We are concerned about this unilateral decision and hope that there can be a solution that allows for the continuity of the projects concerned, at least until an internationally legal binding decision appears.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Sven Kolmetz
Chairman, Project Developer Forum signing on behalf of the membership

