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Dear Ms Kathrin Schneider,

Thank you for your e-mail letter dated 15 July 2005 to European Investment Bank President, Philippe Maystadt, concerning the EIB's approach to sourcing carbon credits from hydropower projects exceeding 20MW, and to which we have been asked to reply.

The European Investment Bank's mission is to support projects that further European Union policy objectives. EU policies and legislation are therefore the main references for EIB assessments of projects; but the Bank also refers to other good practice guides, including the principles, criteria and guidelines of the WCD and the findings of the Camdessus Report, when financing large dam projects. More details on the general approach of the EIB to environment and social issues can be found in its "Environmental Report 2004", "Environmental Statement" (2004) and "The Social Assessments of projects in Developing Countries" (2004).

The EIB is also increasing its activity in the field of climate change as highlighted in the Environmental report 2004, with a view to support EU policy, including implementation of the EU Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS). In this respect, the Bank will apply the requirements of the Linking Directive, including those pertaining to the carbon crediting of large dams, again aligning to the recommendations of the WCD as required by the Directive (article 11); such recommendations are necessary but not sufficient for large dams to generate carbon credits for use within the ETS.

We would be grateful if you could pass this reply on to the other signatories of your letter of 15 July.

Yours sincerely

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Social Assessment of Projects in Developing Countries:

[http://www.eib.org/publications/publication.asp?publ=164&txtFreeSearch=""&page=7](http://www.eib.org/publications/publication.asp?publ=164&txtFreeSearch=)

Environmental Statement:

[http://www.eib.org/Attachments/strategies/environmental\\_statement\\_en.pdf](http://www.eib.org/Attachments/strategies/environmental_statement_en.pdf)

Environmental Report 2004:

<http://www.eib.org/publications/publication.asp?publ=225>