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BHP Billiton Marketing AG
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APPROVAL OF VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION IN A CLEAN DEVELOPMENT MECHANISM PROJECT

THE STATE OF THE NETHERLANDS ACTING THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING, SPATIAL PLANNING AND THE ENVIRONMENT (VROM), being the Designated National Authority for the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM), hereby confirms that:

- (i) The State of the Netherlands has ratified the Kyoto Protocol on 31 May 2002;
- (ii) It participates in the CDM on a voluntary basis;
- (iii) It authorizes **BHP Billiton Marketing AG** as project proponent in the "**Central Energética do Rio Pardo Cogeneration Project (CERPA)**" in Brazil, developed under Article 12 of the Kyoto Protocol of the United Nations Framework Convention for Climate Change;
- (iv) This approval covers the requirements of paragraphs 33 and 40(a) and (f) of the CDM Modalities and Procedures.

Reference: IZ/2006338799

Date: 18 DEC. 2006

Place: The Hague, The Netherlands

On behalf of the Designated National Authority for CDM in the Netherlands,


Hugo von Meijenfeldt
Director for International Affairs

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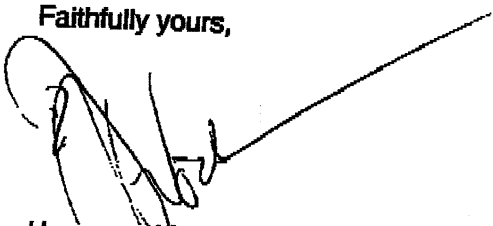
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Dear Mr. Briant,

Regarding your requests from 8 November 2006 concerning approval of the participation of BHP Billiton Marketing AG in three CDM projects, conform the requirements of paragraph 33 and 40(a) and (f) of the CDM Modalities & Procedures, I would like to inform you that approvals are granted on the basis of the MINISTERIAL DECREE FOR APPROVAL OF PARTICIPATION IN KYOTO ACTIVITIES (Staatscourant/79, 24 April 2006).

Enclosed, you will find the requested documents.

Faithfully yours,


Hugo von Meijenfeldt
Director International Affairs