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Re.: Comments on “Guidelines on common practice”. (EB63, Annex 12)

Dear Mr. Blank,

Thank you for your letter received on 4 November 2011, which has been made available to the CDM Executive Board.

On behalf of the Chair of the Board, I would like to thank you for expressing your concerns and providing your feedback on the application of common practice in context to the clean development mechanism projects and programmes.

I would like to inform you that the Board at its sixty-fifth meeting (paragraphs 87, 124 and 125 of the EB65 Meeting Report) considered the letters from the stakeholders which also highlighted inconsistencies between the “Guidelines on common practice” (version 01.0) and the tool for the demonstration and assessment of additionality and the combined tool and acknowledged the need for revision of these tools in order to provide clarity and consistency.

The Board revised the Methodological tool “Demonstration and assessment of additionality” (EB 65, Annex 21), in order to incorporate all provisions included in the “Guidelines on common practice” (version 01.0) and the “Guidelines on additionality of first-of-its-kind project activities” (version 01.0) in the revised tool. The Board further requested the secretariat to revise the combined tool to identify the baseline scenario and demonstrate additionality to incorporate the provisions of the same guidelines, for consideration by the Board at a future meeting. The concerns raised by your letter will be appropriately considered while revising this document. Once the combined tool is revised by the Board, the “Guidelines on additionality of first-of-its-kind project activities” (version 01.0) and the “Guidelines on common practice” (version 01.0) are to be withdrawn.

I would also like to clarify that the revised additionality tool (EB 65, Annex 21) has been revised which stipulates that: (a) registered projects and projects under validation are excluded from the analysis of common practice (paragraph 44); and (b) includes the definitions of “different technologies” in context to application to common practice and first-of-its-kind (paragraph 8 and 9). Given that the guideline on common practice has been introduced in the additionality tool, it is evident that Board’s clarification (EB16) related to E+/E- is also applicable to the projects applying the additionality tool.



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I would like to encourage you to continue providing such valuable inputs.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'A. Howard', written in a cursive style.

Andrew Howard
Secretary to the CDM Executive Board