



Ms. Bruna Margheto
EQAO
Rua Padre João Manuel, 222
Brazil

Date: 27 January 2012
Reference: 2011-048-S
Direct line: +49 228 815 1687

Sent by email to: bruna.marigheto@eqao.com.br

Re.: Clarification request: Additionality of first of its kind project activities under PoA

Dear Ms. Marigheto,

Thank you for your letter received on 2 December 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 communicating your concerns about the application of *Guidelines on additionality of first-of-its-kind project activities* v.01.0 to Programme of Activities (PoAs).

I would like to inform you that the aforementioned guidelines are applicable to PoAs. Therefore, every CDM programme activity (CPA) within the PoA can be considered the First-of-its-kind, but only in the applicable region for which the first CPA was First-of-its-kind; and project participants selected a crediting period for the CPA that is a maximum of 10 years with no option of renewal.

It is not possible for a project activity and PoA to be considered as First-of-its-kind if the project participants choose a renewable seven-year crediting period. The rationale behind this is that the First-of-its-kind situation is transient and ceases to exist after some time. The Board has decided that 10 years is the limit.

I hope this letter suitably addresses all your concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Howard
Secretary to the CDM Executive Board