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Re.: Clarification regarding start date of crediting period for registered CDM project titled 'NRL-Captive power generation by recovery and utilization of the waste energy (thermal and pressure) of HP steam' (UNFCCC Ref No: 1644)

Dear Mr. Borthakur,

Thank you for your letter received on 19 December 2011, which has been made available to the CDM Executive Board.

I am writing to address your request for clarification on how to proceed with regards to the starting date of the crediting period for registered project 1644 "Captive Power generation by recovery and utilization of the waste energy (thermal and pressure) of HP steam".

You have described a scenario where you would like to further delay the revised starting date of the crediting period to coincide with the date of continuous operation of the necessary steam-turbo generator (STG). Please be informed that, in accordance with the applicable Procedures for requesting post-registration changes to the start date of the crediting period (version 02, EB52, Annex 59), paragraph 10, project participants may request such a change only once for each registered project activity, therefore it is not permitted in this case to request this change a second time.

However, I would like to provide clarification regarding the statement in the CDM Glossary of terms within its entry for "crediting period", that "Project participants shall choose the starting date of a crediting period to be after the date the first emission reductions are generated by the CDM project activity". The original intention of including this statement here was to underlie the general guidance to be adhered to by project participants when selecting a specific crediting period to be indicated for a project when submitting the project for validation/request for registration. This statement is not intended to be assessed for compliance at the verification stage. Should your verifying designated operational entity (DOE) have further concerns on this matter, they are advised to contact the secretariat through the established channels for further clarification.



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Therefore in this case you are able to proceed with the second option described, namely to keep the revised starting date of the crediting period, and report the emissions reductions for the time period between the revised starting date and the date of the continuous operation of the STG as “zero”.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Howard
Secretary to the CDM Executive Board