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Re.: Not claiming carbon credits for a part of crediting period

Dear Mr. Sanghal,

On behalf of the Chair of the Board, I would like to thank you for your letter of 22 May 2013, communicating your request for guidance on registered CDM projects that may wish to abstain from claiming credits for a part of the crediting period in order to earn verified emissions reductions from another GHG offsetting scheme rather than obtain CERs under the CDM.

The Board discussed your letter and its proposals at its seventy-third meeting¹.

Currently there are no rules in the CDM covering voluntary withdrawal of a project activity after its registration. Neither is there any “de-registration” process for a CDM project activity. Equally, there are no rules providing for temporary suspension of CDM operations for a registered CDM project activity.

Under the *CDM modalities and procedures* (Decision 3/CMP.1), which set out the principles for operation of the CDM as determined by the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, there are a number of relevant rules that you may wish to consider:

(a) Project participants are required to implement the monitoring plan contained in the registered project design document. This means that project participants have to conduct monitoring in accordance with CDM rules once the monitoring period specified in the registered monitoring plan has started.

(b) Designated Operational Entities (DOEs) are required to verify all monitored emissions reductions that have occurred as a result of a CDM project activity during the monitoring period. This means that DOEs may not verify less than the total number of emissions reductions

¹ <https://cdm.unfccc.int/EB/index.html>



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achieved.

(c) Issuance requests must be equal to the verified amount of emissions reductions achieved. This means that project participants cannot choose to seek issuance of fewer CERs than the full number of emissions reductions verified as having been achieved.

(d) DOEs are required to comply with the standards of accreditation and the related rules that implement those standards.

While the Board is not in a position to enforce the continued operation of each project activity under the CDM, a lack of adherence to the above-mentioned rules may pose difficulties should the project participants wish subsequently to seek issuance of CERs. I would also highlight that it is possible to cancel CERs using the voluntary cancellation service provided by the CDM registry.

Thank you once again for contacting the Board. Should you have further specific questions in relation to the above, please do contact the Board again.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Howard'.

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Andrew Howard
Secretary to the CDM Executive Board