
VALIDATION OPINION FOR REVISION OF REGISTERED MONITORING PLAN

Van der Wiel Stortgas B.V.

**Landfill gas extraction on the landfill
Villa Dominico, Buenos Aires,
Argentina**

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Summary:

Van der Wiel Stortgas B.V. has commissioned SGS United Kingdom Ltd. to perform a validation of the revision of monitoring plan according to the procedure detailed in Annex 34 to EB26. The original monitoring plan is part of the PDD of the registered CDM project: "Landfill gas extraction on the landfill Villa Dominico, Buenos Aires, Argentina", UNFCCC reference number 0072. The purpose of this validation is to have an independent third party assessment to the revision of monitoring plan, in particular, the level of accuracy or completeness in the proposed revision of the monitoring plan, and the conformity with the approved monitoring methodology applicable to the project activity.

The revised monitoring plan is in accordance with AM0011 Ver01 and no findings were raised.

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1. Introduction

1.1 Objective

Paragraph 57 of the modalities and procedures for the CDM allow project participants to revise monitoring plans in order to improve accuracy and/or completeness of information, subject to the revision being validated by a Designated Operational Entity.

Van der Wiel Stortgas B.V. has commissioned SGS to perform such a validation of the revision of monitoring plan according to the procedure detailed in Annex 34 to EB26. The original monitoring plan is part of the PDD of the registered CDM project: "Landfill gas extraction on the landfill Villa Dominico, Buenos Aires, Argentina", UNFCCC reference number 0072. The purpose of this validation is to have an independent third party assessment to the revision of monitoring plan, in particular, the level of accuracy or completeness in the proposed revision of the monitoring plan, and the conformity with the approved monitoring methodology applicable to the project activity.

1.2 Scope

The scope of the validation is defined as an independent and objective review of the revision of monitoring plan and other relevant documents. The information in these documents is reviewed against Kyoto Protocol requirements, UNFCCC rules and associated interpretations. SGS has employed a risk-based approach in the validation, focusing on the identification of significant risks for project implementation and the generation of CERs.

According to the request received from the RIT team of the UNFCCC, the PP and DOE are requested to revise current monitoring plan, details of the request are as below:

The secretariat noted that in the request for issuance for 44,366 CERs for about 7 month period (11 Oct 06 - 31 Mar 07) that was issued on 20 August the PP has applied different frequency of monitoring of combustion efficiency and monitored additional parameters (monitoring of LFG temperature and flare working hours need to be included in the monitoring plan, as well as the monitoring of electricity purchased from the grid).

These different and additional activities are not included in the current monitoring plan. We would like to request the DOE and PP to revise the monitoring plan taking into account these activities prior to submitting the next request for issuance.

The validation is not meant to provide any consulting towards the Client. However, stated requests for clarifications and/or corrective actions may provide input for improvement of the project design.

1.3 GHG Project Description

"Landfill gas extraction on the landfill Villa Dominico, Buenos Aires, Argentina" was registered on 17 September 2005, UNFCCC Ref number 0072, and the fixed crediting period is from 01 Jan 04 - 31 Dec 12. Until now, there have been 3 issuances of CERs for this project.

1.4 The names and roles of the validation team members

Name	Role
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2. Methodology

2.1 Review of documentation

The validation is performed primarily as a document review of the proposed revision of monitoring plan, registered PDD, approved methodology and relevant EB guidance and meeting reports. The assessment is performed by trained assessors.

2.2 Findings

As an outcome of the validation process, the team can raise different types of findings

In general, where insufficient or inaccurate information is available and clarification or new information is required the Assessor shall raise a **New Information Request (NIR)** specifying what additional information is required.

Where a non-conformance arises the Assessor shall raise a **Corrective Action Request (CAR)**. A CAR is issued, where:

- I. mistakes have been made with a direct influence on project results;
- II. validation protocol requirements have not been met; or
- III. there is a risk that the project would not be accepted as a CDM project or that emission reductions will not be verified.

The validation process may be halted until this information has been made available to the assessors' satisfaction. Failure to address a NIR may result in a CAR. Information or clarifications provided as a result of an NIR may also lead to a CAR.

Observations may be raised which are for the benefit of future projects and future verification or validation actors. These have no impact upon the completion of the validation or verification activity.

Corrective Action Requests and New Information Requests are raised in the draft validation protocol and detailed in a separate form to his report if applicable. In this form, the Project Developer is given the opportunity to "close" outstanding CARs and respond to NIRs and Observations.

2.3 Internal quality control

Following the completion of the assessment process and a recommendation by the Assessment team, all documentation will be forwarded to a Technical Reviewer. The task of the Technical Reviewer is to check that all procedures have been followed and all conclusions are justified. The Technical Reviewer will either accept or reject the recommendation made by the assessment team.

3. Determination Findings

The additional activities are not included in the registered monitoring plan and SGS' opinion to the revised monitoring plan is as below:

3.1 Combustion efficiency

The revised monitoring plan is in accordance with the guidance of the Board on frequency of monitoring of combustion efficiency according to ACM0001 (twice a year, preferable at the start of the monitoring year and after 6 months).

No findings were raised in this regard.

3.2 LFG Temperature and pressure

The revised monitoring plan is in accordance with AM0011 Ver01. Project participant is monitoring LFG temperature and pressure. No findings were raised in this regard.

3.3 Electricity purchased from the grid

Electricity consumption is monitored as part of project emissions to be conservative.

No findings were raised in this regard.

4. Validation opinion

SGS has performed a validation of the revision of monitoring plan for registered project: "Landfill gas extraction on the landfill Villa Dominico, Buenos Aires, Argentina", UNFCCC reference number 0072". The validation was performed following the UNFCCC criteria and in accordance with Annex 34 of EB26.

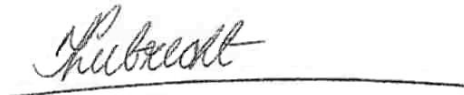
The proposed revision of monitoring plan is now reflecting correct frequency of monitoring of combustion efficiency and additional monitoring parameters being LFG temperature and pressure and electricity purchased from the grid.

Furthermore, we confirm that:

- (a) the proposed revision of the monitoring plan ensures that the level of accuracy or completeness in the monitoring and verification process is not reduced as a result of the revisions;
- (b) the proposed revision of the monitoring plan is in accordance with the approved monitoring methodology applicable to the project activity;
- (c) no findings regarding the content of this revision were raised in previous verification reports.

The validation is based on the information made available to SGS and the engagement conditions detailed in the report. The validation has been performed using a risk based approach as described above. The only purpose of this report is its use during the approval process detailed in Annex 34 of EB26. Hence SGS can not be held liable by any party for decisions made or not made based on the validation opinion, which will go beyond that purpose.

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5. Document references

Category 1 Documents (documents provided by the Client that relate directly to the revision of monitoring plan):

- /1/ 2008-02-05 Adjusted Monitoring Plan v2: Section D PDD (8 pages)

Category 2 Documents (background documents used to check project assumptions and confirm the validity of information given in the Category 1 documents and in validation interviews):

- /2/ Registered PDD of project 0072

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