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Re Request for review of the request for registration for the CDM project activity “Durango – EcoMethane Landfill Gas to Energy Project” (Ref. no. 1307)

Dear Mr. Stehr,

SGS has been informed that the request for registration for the CDM project activity “Durango – EcoMethane Landfill Gas to Energy Project” (Ref. no. 1307) is under consideration for review because three requests for review have been received from members of the Board.

The requests for review are based on the same reasons outlined below. SGS would like to provide a response to the issue raised:

Request for clarification to the DOE:

1. Further explanation is required regarding how the DOE has validated the appropriateness of an adjustment factor of 0%. In particular it should be confirmed that no uncontrolled flaring was occurring in the baseline at any of the sixty wellheads at the closed landfill site.

Response SGS:

In ACM0001 version 5 it is stated *“In cases where regulatory or contractual requirements do not specify $MD_{reg,y}$ an “Adjustment Factor” (AF) shall be used and justified, taking into account the project context”*.

During the site visit SGS confirmed with the DNA and Local Authorities in Durango City, that no regulation for the collection and destruction of biogas currently exists in the host country (Mexico). At the time of the site visit, the auditor visually inspected and confirmed that no biogas was being burned at the gas wells of the closed landfill site. When interviewing the landfill operator, it was also confirmed that no biogas had ever been burnt or uncontrolled flaring had occurred before at the closed landfill site. Hence, the selected adjustment factor of 0% is justified.

We have attached 3 pictures of the landfill to this response. On the pictures one can see that the wellheads are not burning.



Emilio Doens (+507 317 0828) will be the contact person for the review process and is available to address questions from the Board during the consideration of the review in case the Executive Board wishes.

Yours sincerely,

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Annex 1 Picture of landfill Durango

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