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Request for Review

Please find below the response to the Request for Review for the CDM project "Dongshan Hydro Power Project in Guangdong Province China "(2091). In case you have any further inquiries please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Enclosures:

1) Investment analysis Excel file with traceable formulas.



Responses to the CDM Executive Board

Request No. 1:

The DOE should clarify how it has validated suitability of the input values to the investment analysis in line with EB 38, para. 54, including the calculation of investment and O&M costs assumed. In particular the suitability of investment cost and O&M cost need further substantiation as investment costs is calculated at approximately 11.1 Mio RMB/MW, about 4.3 Mio RMB/MW higher than the average cost of 6.8 Mio RMB/MW; and O&M costs at 1.7% of the total investment costs, which is lower than the average ratio of 2.5% of similar projects (VR p12).

Response from TÜV SÜD:

TÜV SÜD carefully checked the applied input values including the total investment costs as well as the O&M costs following the three criteria indicated in EB38, §54 a-c as discussed below.

The data taken for the investment analysis in the PDD was derived from the values published in the feasibility study report (FSR) that was written by a qualified design institute which was further approved by Guangdong DRC. The results clearly indicate that the project lacks financial attractiveness, therefore the results of the FSR has clearly been the reason for the decision to proceed with the investment in the project with support from CDM. In addition, the time period between the finalization of the FSR and the investment decision is sufficiently short (four months). Therefore, TÜV SÜD confirms that it is highly unlikely that the input values materially changed given this short period. In summary, TÜV SÜD considers all criteria from part "a" of EB38 §54 are met.

Furthermore, TÜV SÜD confirms that all values, including investment costs and O&M costs were derived from the FSR and no inconsistencies occurred. As a result, TÜV SÜD considers the applied values as appropriate and the requirements from part "b" of EB38 §54 as fully met.

As mentioned in the validation report, the applied values for the investment costs and the O&M costs were compared with TÜV SÜD's internal statistical evaluation of 250 hydropower projects all over China. Based on this comparison, investment costs appear to be somewhat elevated. However, these elevated costs are due to the complicated construction work resulting from the difficult geological conditions.

Furthermore, as indicated by the project participants in their response to this request, a comparison of other hydropower projects in the same province (Guangdong) was provided and similar investment costs (i.e. investment / capacity) were observed (i.e. around 11 Mio RMB / MW). TÜV SÜD considers the comparison of investment costs of similar projects on a province level more appropriate than on a China wide level, because the conditions, requirements, etc. may significantly change between the provinces.

The project is still under construction, thus the final, overall investment costs can only be estimated based on how much money has been spent so far. However, about 80% of the construction and installation work has been finished up to now and about 750 Mio RMB were spent so far (IRL 32). This is about 44 Mio RMB more compared to 80% of the value applied for the IRR calculation (i.e. 80% of 882.2 Mio RMB = 705.7 Mio RMB). Furthermore, the costs for the raw material such as wood and steel significantly increased compared to the prices assumed in the FSR used for the estimate of the overall investment costs (IRL 30, 31).

In summary, TÜV SÜD confirms that the applied value for the investment costs in the investment analysis can be considered as applicable and realistic.

The O&M costs per capacity (0.21 Mio RMB / MW) were well within the range observed in Guangdong province (0.20 - 0.34 Mio RMB /MW) and also compared to TÜV SÜD internal statistics from 250 hydro-

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power projects all over China (average 0.19 Mio RMB /MW). The reason for the quite low ratio between the O&M costs and the investment costs is likely due to the high investment costs, as already mentioned in the validation report.

Furthermore, the comparison of the estimated O&M costs in the PDD are well within the range given by the "Annual Report for Chinese Power Industry" (IRL 33). In summary, TÜV SÜD considers the applied value for the O&M costs as appropriate and realistic.

The tariff could be further confirmed by a notice of Guangdong Price Bureau in 2007 (IRL 34).

In summary, TÜV SÜD considers the applied values as valid and applicable at the time of the investment decision and confirms that the requirements of part "c" of EB38 §54 are also fully met.

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REQUEST No.2:

The DOE is requested to clarify how the reported values of annual electricity generation and annual grid-connected electricity are appropriate in the context of the underlying project activity taking into account a difference of over 13%.

Response from TÜV SÜD:

The difference between the total amount of annual electricity generation and annual grid-connected electricity are based on three factors that were taken into account: electricity coefficient (90%), power consumption rate (3%) and line loss rate (1%).

The rationale behind these three factors is explained in detail in the response to this request provided by the project participants. TÜV SÜD confirms that the applied factors are appropriate and reasonable. In addition, the amount of effective electricity supply to the grid mentioned in the PDD is taken from the approved FSR. Third party evidences, such as a statement from the Guangdong Province Water Design Institute and the Grid Company (Meizhou City Power Supply Bureau of Guangdong Power Grid Company) further confirmed that the calculated grid-connected electricity based on total annual electricity generation is appropriate and realistic (IRL 35, 38).

Recently the meth panel was requested to elaborate the guidance on ACM0002, in particular how to arrive at an accurate plant load factor taking into account the variability of the wind parameters and gaps of data. Though this guidance was not yet discussed by the EB due to time constraints, and bearing in mind that this guideline is addressing wind power plants in particular, it is considered useful to assess effective power generation estimates also for hydro power. Among others, the following two recommendations were made (compare Meth panel report 35, para 37):

"After considering the case, the panel recommends the EB to consider the following options:

- (a) The DOE should validate that the estimate in the CDM-PDD of the annual electricity generation is consistent with the estimate provided to banks and/or equity financiers while applying for project financing, or to the government while applying for implementation approval;
- (b) The expected annual electricity generation of the project should be determined by a third party contracted by the project participants (e.g. an engineering company);"

Regarding recommendation (a) it can be confirmed by the DOE that the same net annual electricity generation was provided to the government while applying for the implementation approval, as could be evidenced by the approval of Feasibility study report by the design institute. Referring to recommendation (b) it can also be confirmed that the estimate was made by a third party which was contracted by the project participants, named Guangdong Province Water Design Institute, holding an "A level" of Engineering Survey Certificate and also an "A level" of Engineering Design Certificate and Certificate of Quality.

In summary, based on the points mentioned above, TÜV SÜD confirms that the method of calculation for power supplied to the grid is correct and transparent, and that the 13% difference between power generation and power supply to the power grid is reasonable in the context of the project activity and the characteristics of the local grid.

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REQUEST No.3:

A full interlinked spreadsheet of the investment analysis should be provided.

Response from TÜV SÜD:

The full interlinked spreadsheet of the investment analysis is submitted together with the responses to this request for review (IRL 37).

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	Validation team: Mr. Carl Zhou	CDM Auditor, Jiangsu TÜV Product Service Lt	d., Shenzhen Branch	
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