

Final Ruling Regarding the Request for Issuance of CERs of “Bentong Biomass Energy Plant in Malaysia” (0501)

The CDM-Executive Board decided to reject the request for issuance of certified emission reductions (CERs) for the above project activity on 14 September 2012, during its 69th meeting, for the monitoring period 01 January 2008 – 30 June 2009, in accordance with of the “Procedures for review of requests for issuance of CERs”, version 02.0, EB 64 Annex 4, paragraphs 23 and 27 (the procedures). According to paragraph 28 of the procedures, the rulings shall contain the reasons and rationale for the final decision, which are as follows:

- The DOE (Bureau Veritas Certification) has failed to verify that the baseline emissions from the decay of biomass were claimed only for the amount of biomass that was fed to the boiler in the project activity, as per version 1.2 of the validation and verification manual (VVM) and version 08 of methodology AMS III.E.

- Paragraph 208 (c) of the VVM states that “*the DOE shall determine whether calculations of baseline emissions, proposed CDM project activity emissions and leakage, as appropriate, have been carried out in accordance with the formulae and methods described in the monitoring plan and the applied methodology document.*”

- Paragraph 7 of the applied methodology states that “*the baseline emissions are the amount of methane from the decay of the biomass content of the waste treated in the project activity.*”

- The DOE verified that the amount of empty fruit bunches (EFB) fed to the boiler in year 2008 was 30,571 tonnes. However, in the submitted spreadsheet “Bentong CER from 2008 removal.xls”, the calculation of Baseline Emissions from avoidance of EFB decay in 2008 is based on an accumulated amount of EFB from 2003 to 2008, which results of 183,426 tonnes instead of only 30,571 tonnes. Likewise, the DOE verified that the amount of EFB fed to the boiler in year 2009 was 13,092 tonnes. However, in the submitted spreadsheet “Bentong CER from 2009 removal.xls” the calculation of Baseline Emissions from avoidance of EFB decay in 2009 is based on an accumulated amount of EFB from 2003 to 2009, which results of 91,644 tonnes of EFB instead of only 13,092 tonnes. Therefore, the issuance request could not be approved.

Please note, however, that, with paragraph 96 of the Report of the 28th EB Meeting, in cases where the reasons for rejection can be addressed by means of a revised verification report based on a revised monitoring report, the DOE may request permission (including explanation of reasons) to submit a revised request for issuance for the same monitoring period covered by the rejection. The Board will consider such a request at the subsequent EB meeting following that request in accordance with the procedures and decide on a case-by-case basis. In these cases the Board will provide further guidance, as appropriate. In cases where such a revised request for issuance is also rejected it shall not be possible to resubmit for a third time.

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