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Executive Board considers methodologies for Clean Development Mechanism projects

BONN, 10 June 2003 – The Executive Board of the Kyoto Protocol's Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) has considered the first 14 proposals for baseline and monitoring methodologies.

Meeting in Bonn from 7-8 June, the Board agreed that six of the proposals were sufficiently elaborated and could be expeditiously re-considered, and eventually approved, if proponents made the required changes by 26 June.

These six cases were developed against the backdrop of a bagasse cogeneration project and two landfill projects in Brazil, a landfill project in South Africa, a windfarm project in Jamaica and an HFC decomposition project in the Republic of Korea.

In the other eight cases, where more extensive work was needed, the Board encouraged developers to submit revised proposals at their convenience.

Once approved by the Board, methodologies will play a key role in determining how the CDM operates. They will constitute a body of "case law" as they would be applicable to similar projects and help to ensure that credits claimed by CDM projects are legitimate.

Proponents of CDM projects will use approved baseline methodologies to demonstrate that their project is truly "additional" and would not have happened anyway. They will use the monitoring methodologies to account for their project's actual emissions. If an accredited certifier considers that these methodologies have been correctly applied and thus validates a project, the Board will automatically register a project within eight weeks unless a review process is requested.

With a system for accrediting operational entities, the proposed methodologies and a number of requests for registering projects now in place, the first CDM projects could thus be registered around the end of the third quarter 2003.

The CDM was established under the 1997 Kyoto Protocol as a way of promoting sustainable development while minimizing the costs of limiting greenhouse gas emissions. In return for investing in a CDM sustainable development project, companies will earn "certified emission reductions" that developed countries may use to meet their Kyoto commitments.

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