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Scope for CDM widening

BONN, 16 June 2004 – The scope for developing and registering climate-friendly sustainable development projects has widened as the CDM Executive Board approved new methodologies and accredited additional certifying companies at its recent meeting in Bonn, Germany on 12-14 June 2004. This means that more opportunities have been opened to project developers around the world who want projects, which are both climate-friendly and help developing countries in achieving sustainable development, to be recognized under the clean development mechanism (CDM).

The number of approved methodologies for CDM project activities has increased to 13 with the two recent additions: “GHG emission reductions from manure management systems” and “Analysis of the least-cost fuel option for seasonally-operating biomass cogeneration plants”. Approved methodologies exist for sectors such as “energy industries” and “fugitive emissions from production and consumption of halocarbons and sulphur hexafluoride”. Nine of out 15 envisaged sectors are covered by such methodologies

In addition, the Board has launched work on a project design document which is to facilitate the development of methodologies and projects in the recently added sector of “afforestation and reforestation”. In order to give project developers quick and free access to methodologies, the Board will continue, as a matter of priority, its work on consolidated methodologies, especially those related to landfill gas and power production from renewable energy.

With the accreditation of the companies “Société Générale de Surveillance UK”, “TÜV Industrie Service GmbH TÜV SÜD Group”, and of “DNV Certification UK Ltd” for additional sectors, there are now four certifiers which are able to provide sector-specific validation services for potential CDM projects in 11 out of 15 sectors. A total of 29 proposed projects have so far been made available for public comment by accredited companies or by those undergoing accreditation (open for 30 days through the UNFCCC CDM website). The first request for project registration, upon the validation being completed by the certifier, is awaited any day.

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. It is supervised by an Executive Board which is responsible to the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC.

For more information about the CDM, please consult <http://unfccc.int/cdm> or e-mail cdm-info@unfccc.int