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Re.: Communication in connection with issues identified in the consolidated methodology ACM0013

Dear Prof. Gibbins,

Thank you for your letter received on 5 September 2011, which has been made available to the Chair of Board. On behalf of the Chair of the Board, I would like to thank you for communicating your concerns and inputs for improving the consolidated methodology ACM0013 v. 4, "Consolidated baseline and monitoring methodology for new grid connected fossil fuel fired power plants using a less GHG intensive technology". Your inputs were brought to the attention of the concerned team working on the analysis of this methodology.

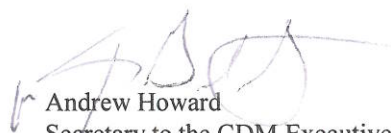
Based on the issues raised with regard to this methodology in the information note¹ prepared by the Meth Panel, the Board at its sixty-second meeting requested the Meth Panel to further analyse those issues and report back to the Board. The report of this analysis was finalized by the Meth Panel at its fifty-third meeting (Annex 13 of the meeting report²) and was considered by the Board at its sixty-fifth meeting.

The Board agreed that this methodology contains a number of shortcomings, in particular related to the baseline methodology procedure, the continued use of which may lead to the registration of projects that would overestimate GHG emission reductions. Therefore, in order to secure the environmental integrity of the CDM, the Board agreed to put the methodology ACM0013 on hold with immediate effect. The Board further requested the Meth Panel to finalize the draft revision of the methodology for consideration at a future meeting.

I also inform you that in addition to the procedures for requesting revisions to the approved methodologies, the secretariat has developed a commenting system, which is available at <https://cdm.unfccc.int/methodologies/PAMethodologies/approved> (large scale methodologies and tools) and at <https://cdm.unfccc.int/methodologies/SSCMethodologies/approved> (small scale methodologies and tools), in order to allow the submission and to consider comments from any stakeholder registered in the UNFCCC CDM website. Comments can therefore be submitted on any of the approved methodologies and tools (large scale, small scale and A/R). These comments are then considered as part of the prioritized methodology revision process.

The Board appreciates the contributions submitted for improvement of the methodology ACM0013 v.4. I encourage you to continue providing such valuable inputs.

Yours sincerely,


Andrew Howard
Secretary to the CDM Executive Board

¹ https://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/meth/meeting/11/050/mp50_an09.pdf

² https://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/meth/meeting/11/053/mp53_an13.pdf