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Re.: Recommending Changes to: Draft revision to the approved consolidated baseline and monitoring methodology ACM0016 “Mass Rapid Transit Projects”

Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your letter received on 25 November 2011, which has been made available to the CDM Executive 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 ACM0016 v. 3, “Mass Rapid Transit Projects”.

Your letter was made available to the dedicated team for consideration in ongoing analysis of this methodology. Regarding the benchmark value for contribution of CER revenue to operating and maintenance costs of applicable projects, please be informed that this issue had been indeed considered by the Methodology Panel in developing this revision. The 10% value prescribed in the approach for demonstrating additionality was determined through comprehensive analysis and review of transport sector projects, including consideration of even higher potential benchmarks discussed in the process of developing this revision. This value is a result of a policy decision aiming to enforce a certain level of stringency to be applied when assessing the impact of CDM in demonstrating additionality of a project.

With regards to an approach for project participants to determine expected CER revenue, please note that the latest revision of this methodology also contains an option whereby project participants can use the CER price indicated in an emission reduction purchase agreement entered in with a buyer, which would consider more current market prices rather than historic CER prices.

The editorial comments contained in your letter have also been highlighted to the relevant team for incorporation into future revisions of this methodology.



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I would also like to 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 ACM0016 v.3. I encourage you to continue providing such valuable inputs.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'AH', is positioned above the name Andrew Howard.

Andrew Howard
Secretary to the CDM Executive Board