Re: Clarification for revision or re-registration of already registered CDM Project activity

Dear Mr. Dharma Raj K.C.,

Thank you for your letter received on 17 January 2012, which has been made available to the Board.

Your letter has described a scenario whereby the planned construction of a registered project has been delayed and the project participants are likely to change. A “re-registration” is not required for adding a project participant, however it is not sufficient to simply mention such a change in the PDD. Please be informed that the current Procedures for modalities of communication between project participants and the Executive Board (Annex 59 of the report of the forty-fifth meeting of the Board) provides clarification on operational steps for the addition or withdrawal of project participants should the project participants wish to effect such changes at this time. Please be informed that guidance on adding participants is also available via the CDM Registry web page at: https://cdm.unfccc.int/Registry/guidance/index.html.

In light of the delay to the implementation of the project activity after registration, project participants should consider that potential changes affecting, inter alia, the baseline scenario, approval/authorization, applicability of methodologies, and scale of activities may also require specific monitoring and verification actions from the participants and verifying DOE. Therefore please be informed that a number of procedures currently exist giving guidance and instruction on how to address, for example, changes to the starting date of the crediting period, revisions of the monitoring plan, temporary deviations prior to issuance, and changes from the project activity as described in the registered PDD. As there may be other types of developments and changes not described in your letter,

1 Available on the CDM website, at http://cdm.unfccc.int/Reference/Procedures/index.html
2 The Procedures for requesting post-registration changes to the start date of the crediting period, Procedures for revising monitoring plans in accordance with paragraph 57 of the modalities and procedures for the CDM, Procedures for requests for deviation prior to submitting request for issuance, and Procedures for notifying and requesting approval of changes from the project activity as described in the registered PDD are likewise available on the CDM website at https://cdm.unfccc.int/Reference/Procedures/index.html
you are encouraged to review the relevant procedures closely to determine any requirements applicable to the specific changes in your project.

As it is not clear at which time the project participants would like to notify or request for approval of different types of changes, please be informed of the upcoming implementation of the new CDM Project Standard, CDM Validation and Verification Standard, and CDM Project Cycle Procedure which were adopted by the Board at its sixty-fifth meeting and are also publicly available on the CDM website. These new documents consolidate a number of current procedures and will be effective following the sixty-sixth meeting of the Board. You are encouraged to also review these documents closely, along with their accompanying source provisions and implementation plan, in order to determine the latest applicable provisions for any changes participants wish to notify or affect closer to the time of implementation.

I trust that the above information has provided clarification to your questions.

Yours sincerely,

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