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Re.: Clarification to EB on UNFCCC procedures and on a validation issue for the “Wind farm extension project for Lafarge’s cement plant in Tétouan” in Morocco

Dear Dr. Lahbabi,

Thank you for your letter received on 27 February 2012, which has been made available to the Chair of the Board. Please accept our apologies for the late reply.

Please be reassured that the capitalization of one letter in a project participant’s name will not be considered by itself grounds for incompleteness of a request for registration at the completeness check stage. The Board has been mandated by decision 3/CMP.6 to “...ensure that editorial errors which will not affect the assessment of compliance with validation and verification requirements do not lead to a determination that the request for registration or issuance is incomplete, while ensuring environmental integrity”. Furthermore, in accordance with the *Modalities and Procedures for direct communication with stakeholders*, for case-specific matters, minor editorial issues shall not lead to rejection of submissions and the secretariat shall initiate communication with the designated operational entity (DOE) or the project participant to allow a quick correction. Nevertheless, the DOE/project participants must ensure the full consistency in all titles and names of the project activity and project participants within submitted documentation in accordance with the *Guidelines on completeness check of requests for registration*; this continues to be strictly enforced. In order to explicitly address the issue you have raised regarding the entity name, the validating DOE could include a statement in its validation report that both names appearing in the respective submitted documents are confirmed to refer to the same entity, in order to fulfill requirements at the request for registration stage.

Regarding the use of the “Tool to calculate the emission factor for an electricity system”, please be informed that the grace period of eight months as referred in the *Procedure for the submission and consideration of requests for revision of approved baseline and monitoring methodologies and tools for large scale CDM project activities* (vers.1, EB 54 Report Annex 2)



shall be counted from the date that the next full revision is adopted¹. It is the responsibility of the validating DOE to ensure that the project/PDD submitted for registration is using a valid version of the methodology in line with any grace period as applicable, at the time of submission. The methodology being applied will generally prescribe that the latest approved version of a relevant tool should be used; therefore, at the time of submitting the request for registration, the project/PDD should use the valid version of the applicable methodology/ies and the latest approved version of any relevant tools required by the methodology/ies.

I trust that the above addresses your concerns.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to read 'A. Howard', written over a faint, larger signature.

Andrew Howard
Secretary to the CDM Executive Board

¹ As per the above procedure, all methodologies (and methodological tools) are catalogued with a three number version extension in the format X.Y.Z. X indicates a version number, which increases by 1 when the Board approves a full revision, Y indicates an amendment increases by 1 when the Board approves an amendment, and Z is a document control number which increases by 1 when a new editorial amendment is approved. A full revision is assessed to result in improvements to increase conservativeness of the approved methodology/tool over its previous version; if conservativeness is not increased, the revised version is classified as an amendment. The grace period is counted from the date of adoption of any full revision (i.e. increase in X) and not from the date of adoption of a new amendment or editorial amendment.