**CDM: FORM FOR SUBMISSION OF “LETTER TO THE BOARD”**

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*(To be used only by the Project Participants and other Stakeholders for submitting Letter to the Board as per Modalities and Procedures for Direct Communication with Stakeholders)*

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| Title/Subject (give a short title or specify the subject of your submission) | Choice of time for definition of MP |
| Please mention whether the Submitter of the Form is: |  
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**Purpose of the Letter to the Board:**

Please use the space below to describe the purpose for submitting Letter to the Board.

*(Please tick only one of the four types in each submission)*

- ☒ **Type I:**
  - ☒ Request Clarification
  - ☒ Revision of Existing Rules
    - Standards. Please specify reference project standard, PCP
    - Procedures. Please specify reference
    - Guidance. Please specify reference
    - Forms. Please specify reference
    - Others. Please specify reference

- ☐ **Type II:** Request for Introduction of New Rules

- ☐ **Type III:** Provision of Information and Suggestions on Policy Issues

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To: cdm-info@unfccc.int
From: Gareth.Phillips@pd-forum.net
Date: 08 Nov 2011
Subject: Choice of time of definition of the monitoring plan

Mr Duan Maosheng, Chair,
Honorable Members of the CDM Executive Board,

As per the VVS validation procedure (Chapter 14), the DOE is required to validate the description of the monitoring plan (MP). However, oftentimes during the validation stage, the details of the monitoring plan are not fully available. This is because the project is often in the planning stages or still under construction and the full monitoring details are dependant on several factors including equipment availability and the execution of the PPA, which is normally agreed only after registration. However, based on the VVS guidance, the DOE expects the monitoring plan to define all the precise details. As a result, PPs give their best guess at the monitoring plan scenario. This leads to the situation where many MPs require a revision after project registration. With the aforementioned in mind, we ask the Board to clarify the validation requirement for monitoring plans, i.e., that during validation only a plan framework needs to be validated, the details of which will be documented in the first monitoring report and verified as part of the initial verification.

As per [VVS] para 234 the equipment used for monitoring must be controlled and calibrated in accordance with the monitoring plan, the applied methodology, the Board guidance, local/national standards, or as per the manufacturer’s specification. The PD Forum wants to emphasise that the local and national standards or manufacturer specifications should be sufficient to refer to in the description of the monitoring plan when the final metering has not been implemented at the stage of validation.

The clarification of this issue by the executive board would reduce DOE/PP frustration and conflict during validation, as well as significantly reduce administrative post registration requests for monitoring plan changes.

Kind regards,

Gareth Phillips
Chair

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