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Sent by e-mail to: koppermann@worldbank.org

Re.: Verification procedures for Small Scale Programme of Activities

Dear Mr. Oppermann,

Thank you for your letter received on 21 August 2012, which has been made available to the Chair of the Board.

On behalf of the Chair of the Board, I would like to inform you that as per the version 2.0 of the Validation and Verification Standard, paragraph 292, footnote 43, a designated operational entity (DOE) may undertake both validation and verification of a Programme of Activities (PoA) if it has been approved in advance by the CDM Executive Board. There is currently no specification of the required conditions under which the Board would accept such a request. However, at its sixty-eighth meeting, the Executive Board requested the secretariat to prepare a proposal to modify the footnote to this requirement for consideration at its seventieth meeting.

Until the revision is approved by the Executive Board, the DOE should submit a request with a proper justification as to why it would like to undertake the verification activity for the same PoA for which it has performed the validation. It may be useful in this context to address any measures the DOE would take to ensure that no conflict of interest would arise.

I hope this letter suitably addresses all your concerns.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Andrew Howard', written over a circular stamp or watermark.

Andrew Howard
Secretary to the CDM Executive Board