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Re.: Query on Applicable Geographical Area in Common Practice Analysis

Dear Mr. Ramasamy,

Thank you for your letter received on 18 October 2012, 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 question about the “applicable geographical area” to conduct common practice analysis in establishing additionality for large scale hydro power project in accordance with the *Tool for demonstration and assessment of additionality*, Version 06.1.0.

I would like to clarify that the countries included in the project boundary should also be used for the demonstration and assessment of additionality of a CDM project activity. In the case of electricity generation from renewable sources, “the spatial extent of the project boundary includes the project power plant and all power plants connected physically to the electricity system that the CDM project power plant is connected to” *ACM0002*, version 13.0.0, where “the project electricity system is defined by the spatial extent of the power plants that are physically connected through transmission and distribution lines to the project activity and that can be dispatched without significant transmission constraints” *Tool to calculate the emission factor for an electricity system*, version 02.2.1.



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Finally, on a general note, project participants are encouraged to submit their full supporting evidence on such matters to the designated operational entity (DOE) in order that the DOE may make an appropriate determination that will be incorporated into its final validation opinion.

Thank you once again for contacting the Board with your concerns and requests.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'A. Howard'.

Andrew Howard
Secretary to the CDM Executive Board