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**Re.: Clarification and rules for PoAs and CPAs**

Dear Mr. Oppermann,

Thank you for your letter received on 01 April 2013, 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 clarification requests and suggestions related to CDM programme of activities (PoA) requirements.

Firstly, regarding inclusion of component project activities (CPAs) in PoAs that have been registered under the CDM Validation and Verification Manual (VVM) track, as of 31 January 2013, templates for the CDM Validation and Verification Standard (VVS) track must be used. This means that the generic CPA Design Document (CPA-DD) must be converted into the template for the VVS track (Part II only of the PoA-DD form for the VVS track, leaving Part I blank) and be submitted for inclusion, to ensure consistency between the generic CPA-DD and specific-case CPA-DDs to be included in the future. This “resubmission” using the new template does not require Board approval, as it only affects the formatting and does not change the fundamental design of the PoA or its CPAs.

Secondly, regarding your question on whether the sampling standard is mandatory for PoAs registered before the approval of the sampling standard, please note that this issue was discussed at the Seventh CDM Roundtable <[cdm.unfccc.int/stakeholder/](http://cdm.unfccc.int/stakeholder/)> and it is going to be clarified by the Board in the context of the revision of the PoA requirements.

Thirdly, the requirement to use the latest valid template also applies to a PoA-DD form, as applicable, when requesting a post-registration change (PRC) to a PoA that was registered under the VVM track. Please note that this requirement also applies to project activities registered under the VVM track that undergo a PRC after 31 January 2013.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your suggested changes which will be taken into consideration during the preparation of the next revision of the PoA requirements.



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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'.

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Secretary to the CDM Executive Board