

CDM-PA6461-RULE01

Ruling note

Request for registration for “Body coal and clamp kiln fuel switch at Allbrick, South Africa”

Version 01.0



1. The CDM-Executive Board decided to reject the request for registration for the above project activity on 27 May 2013, in accordance with "Procedures for review of requests for registration", version 1.1, EB 55, Annex 40, paragraphs 20 and 28 (the procedures). In accordance with paragraph 27 of the procedures, the rulings shall contain an explanation of the reasons and rationale for the final decision, which are as follows:
 - (a) The DOE (TÜV NORD) failed to demonstrate that the project activity complies with paragraph 1 (2nd bullet) of methodology AMS III.Z, version 03 as required by paragraphs 68, 71 and 77 of the Validation and Verification Manual (VVM) version 1.2.
 - (b) Paragraph 1 of the methodology AMS III.Z, version 03 states that "the methodology comprises one or more technology/measures listed below in existing brick production facilities:
 - Shift to an alternative brick production process; or
 - partial substitution of fossil fuels with renewable biomass (including solid biomass residues such as sawdust and food industry organic liquid residues"
 - Complete/partial substitution of high carbon fossil fuels with low carbon fossil fuels."
 - (c) Paragraph 68 of the VVM states that "the DOE shall validate that the selected baseline and monitoring methodology previously approved by the CDM Executive Board is applicable to the project activity, including that the used version is valid", paragraph 71 states that "a selected approved methodology applies to the project activity if the applicability conditions of the methodology are met and the project activity is not expected to result in emissions other than those allowed by the methodology. The DOE shall determine whether the choice of methodology is justified and the project participants have shown that the project activity meets each of the applicability conditions of the approved methodology or any tool or other methodology component referred to therein"; and paragraph 77 states that "the validation report shall contain information regarding greenhouse gas emissions occurring within the proposed CDM project activity boundary as a result of the implementation of the proposed CDM project activity which are expected to contribute more than 1% of the overall expected average annual emissions reductions, which are not addressed by the applied methodology".
 - (d) Usage of charcoal in the project activity cannot be considered to comply with paragraph 1 of the methodology, AMS III.Z version 03, because charcoal is not considered as renewable biomass in line with the Annex 18 of EB 23.
 - (e) The methane emissions occurring within the project boundary as a result of the implementation of the proposed CDM project activity (due to charcoal production in the project facility) are expected to contribute more than 1% of the overall expected average annual emissions reductions, which are not addressed by AMS III.Z, version 03.
2. Please note, however, that, with appropriate revisions, this project activity may be resubmitted for validation and registration provided it meets the requirements for

validation and registration, in accordance with paragraph 42 of the CDM Modalities and Procedures (Decision 3/CMP.1).

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