

**CDM-PA8453-RULE01**

## Ruling note

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Request for registration for “Co-composting of palm oil mill waste at Keratong”

Version 01.0



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1. The CDM-Executive Board decided to reject the above proposed project activity on 31 May 2013, during its 73<sup>rd</sup> meeting, in accordance with "Procedures for review of requests for registration", version 01.1, EB 55, Annex 40, paragraphs 23, 24 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 (LRQA) failed to validate:
    - (i) the assessment of the continuation of current practice as an appropriate baseline scenario; and
    - (ii) the estimation of baseline emissions from waste water treatment, in accordance with The General Guidelines to SSC CDM Methodologies and the applied methodology AMS III H, Version 16 (which is referred to by the methodology AMS-III.F Version 10).
  - (b) The General Guidelines to SSC CDM Methodologies, Paragraph 21 require the project participants to choose the alternative with the lowest emissions as the baseline in cases when more than one alternative remains that correspond to a baseline scenario provided in the methodology.
  - (c) The applied methodology AMS III H, Version 16 (which is referred to by the methodology AMS-III.F Version 10) requires that:
    - (i) for existing plants, baseline emissions be determined using historical records of at least one year prior to the project implementation; and
    - (ii) for greenfield projects, baseline emissions be determined from values obtained from a measurement campaign in a comparable existing wastewater treatment plant i.e. having similar environmental and technological circumstances for example treating similar type of wastewater.
  - (d) While it was explained that the project activity was implemented from the start with the increased capacity of 45 ton FFB/hour and is thus considered as a greenfield project with capacity of 45 ton FFB/hr, the DOE did not demonstrate how the continuation of the current practice of dumping solid wastes and treating the wastewater in existing open lagoons was an appropriate baseline, considering the intended mill capacity increase from 20 to 45 ton FFB/hr. Although the DOE cross-checked the plant operating conditions with those of two similar plants, no evidence was presented to confirm that the one-year historical data used to estimate baseline emissions were obtained under the capacity of 45 ton/hr. The DOE did not demonstrate that the methodology requirements were followed to define the baseline of the project activity.
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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