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## Draft Large-scale Methodology

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## COVER NOTE

### 1. Procedural background

1. The Executive Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board) of the clean development mechanism (CDM) at its seventy-second meeting approved the “Workplan for panels and working groups for 2013” wherein it mandated the Methodologies Panel (hereinafter referred to as the Meth Panel) to undertake revision to six identified methodologies with a view to simplify and streamline taking into account the approved “Guidelines for determining baselines for measure(s)”.
2. The Meth Panel, at its 60<sup>th</sup> meeting, agreed to revise this methodology (as well as another two large-scale methodologies “ACM0003: Emissions reduction through partial substitution of fossil fuels with alternative fuels or less carbon intensive fuels in cement or quicklime manufacture”, “ACM0012: Consolidated baseline methodology for GHG emission reductions from waste energy recovery projects”) in order to make it consistent with the requirements of the “Guidelines for determining baselines for measure(s)”. The Meth Panel also agreed to launch a call for public inputs on the draft revisions, in response to which one input was received on ACM0003. No inputs were received regarding draft revision of this methodology.

### 2. Purpose

3. The revision aims to improve the consistency in existing regulations.

### 3. Key issues and proposed solutions

4. The draft revision taking into account the “Guidelines for determining baselines for measure(s)” by simplifying and streamlining the procedure for the baseline scenario identification.

### 4. Impacts

5. The revision of the methodology, if approved, will improve the consistency.

### 5. Proposed work and timelines

6. The draft revision of the methodology is recommended by the Meth Panel to be considered by the Board at its seventy-sixth meeting. No further work is envisaged.

### 6. Recommendations to the Board

7. The Meth Panel recommends that the Board adopt the draft revised methodology.

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## 1. Introduction

1. The following table describes the key elements of the methodology:

**Table 1. Methodology key elements**

<b>Typical projects</b>	Associated gas from oil fields (including gas-lift gas) that was previously flared or vented is recovered and utilized
<b>Type of GHG emissions mitigation action</b>	Fuel switch. Displacement of use of other fossil fuel sources such as natural gas, dry gas, LPG, condensate etc. coming from non-associated gas by utilizing associated gas and/or gas-lift gas from oil fields

## 2. Scope, applicability, and entry into force

### 2.1. Scope

2. The methodology is applicable to project activities that recover and utilize the associated gas and/or gas-lift gas from oil fields.

### 2.2. Applicability

3. The methodology is applicable to project activities that recover and utilize the associated gas and/or gas-lift gas from oil wells fields that would have been either vented or flared in the absence of the project activity. The recovery may include the pre-treatment (compression and phase separation) in mobile or stationary equipment.

4. The methodology is applicable under the following conditions:

(a) Under the project activity the recovered gas, after the pre-treatment (compression and phase separation) in movable or stationary equipment, is transported to a gas pipeline with or without prior processing. Prior processing may include transportation to a processing plant where the recovered gas is processed into hydrocarbon products (e.g. dry gas, liquefied petroleum gas (LPG)). The dry natural gas is either: (i) transported to a gas pipeline directly; or (ii) compressed to CNG first, then transported by trailers/trucks/carriers and then decompressed again; and/or

(i) Consumed on-site to meet energy demands; and/or

(i) Transported to a gas pipeline without prior processing; and/or

(ii) Transported to a processing plant where it is processed into hydrocarbon products (e.g. dry gas, liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) and condensates). The dry gas is either: (i) transported to a gas pipeline directly; or (ii) compressed to CNG first, then transported by trailers/trucks/carriers and then decompressed again, before it finally enters the gas pipeline;

~~(b) The project activity does not lead to changes in the process of oil production, such as an increase in the quantity or quality of oil extracted, in the oil wells within the project boundaries;~~

~~(c) The injection of any gases into the oil reservoir and its production system is allowed in the project activity only for the purpose of the gas lift process; Gases that are re-injected does not include gases from other oil fields, and injection is only for the purpose of gas lift;~~

(b) All recovered gas comes from oil wells that are in operation and are producing oil at the time of the recovery of the associated gas and/or gas-lift gas;

(c) Partial amount of the associated gas and/or gas-lift gas can be used on-site to meet on-site energy demands, i.e. to run auxiliary equipment prior to the implementation of the project activity and after the implementation of the project activity.

5. In addition, the applicability conditions included in the tools referred to above apply.

6. Finally, this methodology is only applicable if the ~~identified baseline scenario is application of the procedure to identify the baseline scenario and demonstrate additionality results in the venting and/or flaring of the associated gas and/or gas-lift gas at the oil production facility as the most plausible baseline scenario.~~ :

~~(a) The continuation of the current practice of either venting (scenario G1), flaring (scenario G2) of the associated gas and/or gas-lift gas or on-site use of the partial amount of associated gas and/or gas lift gas to meet on-site energy demands and rest of the gas are either vented or flared (scenario G3); and~~

~~(b) The continued operation of the existing oil and gas infrastructure without any other significant changes (scenario P4); and~~

~~(c) In the case where gas-lift is used under the project activity: the gas-lift gas under the baseline uses the same source as under the project activity and the same quantity as under the project activity (scenario O1).~~

### 2.3. Entry into force

7. The date of entry into force of the revision is the date of the publication of the EB 76 meeting report on 8 November 2013.

## 3. Normative references

8. This baseline and monitoring methodology is based on elements from the following proposed methodologies:

(a) “NM0026: Rang Dong Oil Field Associated Gas Recovery and Utilization Project” prepared by Japan Vietnam Petroleum Co. Ltd;

(b) “NM0227: Recovery of methane from on- and off-shore oil fields that otherwise will be vented into the atmosphere” prepared by SOCAR in collaboration with ICF International.

9. This methodology also refers to the latest approved versions of the following tools:
- (a) "Tool to calculate project or leakage CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from fossil fuel combustion";
  - (b) "Tool to calculate baseline, project and/or leakage emissions from electricity consumption";
  - (c) "Tool for the demonstration and assessment of additionality";
  - (d) "Combined tool to identify the baseline scenario and demonstrate additionality";
  - (e) The methodological tool "Assessment of the validity of the original/current baseline and to update of the baseline at the renewal of the crediting period".
10. For more information regarding the proposed new methodologies and the tools as well as their consideration by the Executive Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board) of the clean development mechanism (CDM) please refer to <<http://cdm.unfccc.int/goto/MPappmeth>>.

### 3.1. Selected approach from paragraph 48 of the CDM modalities and procedures

11. "Existing actual or historical emissions, as applicable";
- and
12. "Emissions from a technology that represents an economically attractive course of action, taking into account barriers to investment".

## 4. Definitions

13. The definitions contained in the Glossary of CDM terms shall apply.
14. For the purpose of this methodology, the following definitions apply:
- (a) **Associated gas** - natural gas found in association with oil, either dissolved in the oil or as a cap of free gas above the oil;
  - (b) **Gas-lift** - an artificial lift method for oil wells exploitation in which gas is injected into the production tubing to reduce the hydrostatic pressure of the fluid column. The resulting reduction in bottomhole pressure allows the reservoir liquids to enter the wellbore at a higher flow rate;
  - (c) **Gas-lift gas** - high-pressure gas used for gas-lift in the oil wells;
  - (d) **Recovered gas** - the associated gas and/or gas-lift gas recovered from the project oil wells;
  - (e) **Processing plant** - a facility designed to separate or process hydrocarbons through chemical, physical or physical-chemical procedures in order to produce marketable hydrocarbon and other (e.g. sulphur) products;
  - (f) **Compressed natural gas (CNG)** - the processed gas that has been compressed to high pressure (typically > 200 bar) for the purpose of storage and/or transportation;

- (g) **Gas pipeline** - the pipeline with capacity to transport more than 1 million Nm<sup>3</sup> of gas per day;
- (h) **Oil field** – an area of land or seabed containing reserves of petroleum deposits, secured under concession for the purpose of extracting oil.

## 5. Baseline methodology

### 5.1. Project boundary

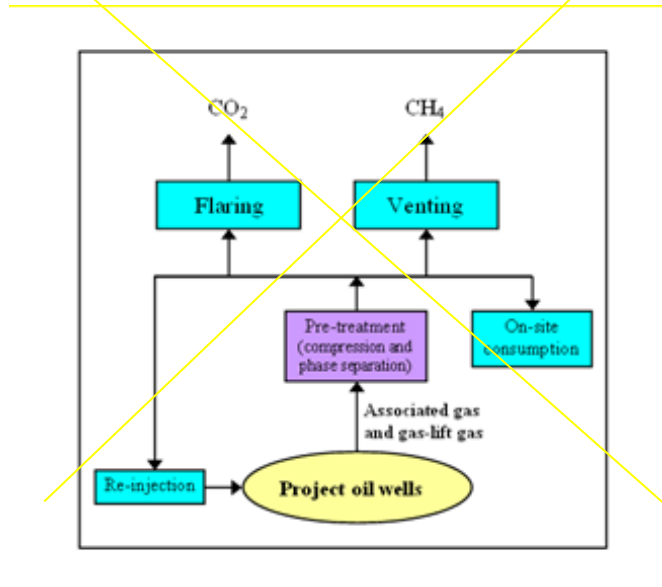
15. The project boundary encompasses:
- The project oil reservoir-field and oil wells where the associated gas and/or gas-lift gas is collected;
  - The site where the associated gas and/or gas-lift gas was would have been flared or vented in the absence of the project activity;
  - The gas recovery, pre-treatment, transportation infrastructure, including where applicable, compressors;
  - The source of gas-lift gas.
16. The greenhouse gases included in or excluded from the project boundary are shown in Table 2.

**Table 2. Emission sources included in or excluded from the project boundary**

Source		Gas	Included	Justification/Explanation
Baseline	Combustion of fossil fuels at end-users that are produced from non-associated gas or other fossil sources	CO <sub>2</sub>	Yes	Main source of emissions in the baseline
		CH <sub>4</sub>	No	Excluded for simplification. This is conservative
		N <sub>2</sub> O	No	Excluded for simplification. This is conservative
Project activity	Energy use for the recovery, pre-treatment, transportation, and if applicable, compression/decompression, transportation of the recovered gas	CO <sub>2</sub>	Yes	Main source of emissions in the project
		CH <sub>4</sub>	No	Excluded for simplification. This emission source is assumed negligible
		N <sub>2</sub> O	No	Excluded for simplification. This emission source is assumed negligible



**Figure 1. Schematic illustration of the baseline activity**



**Figure 2. Schematic illustration of the project activity**

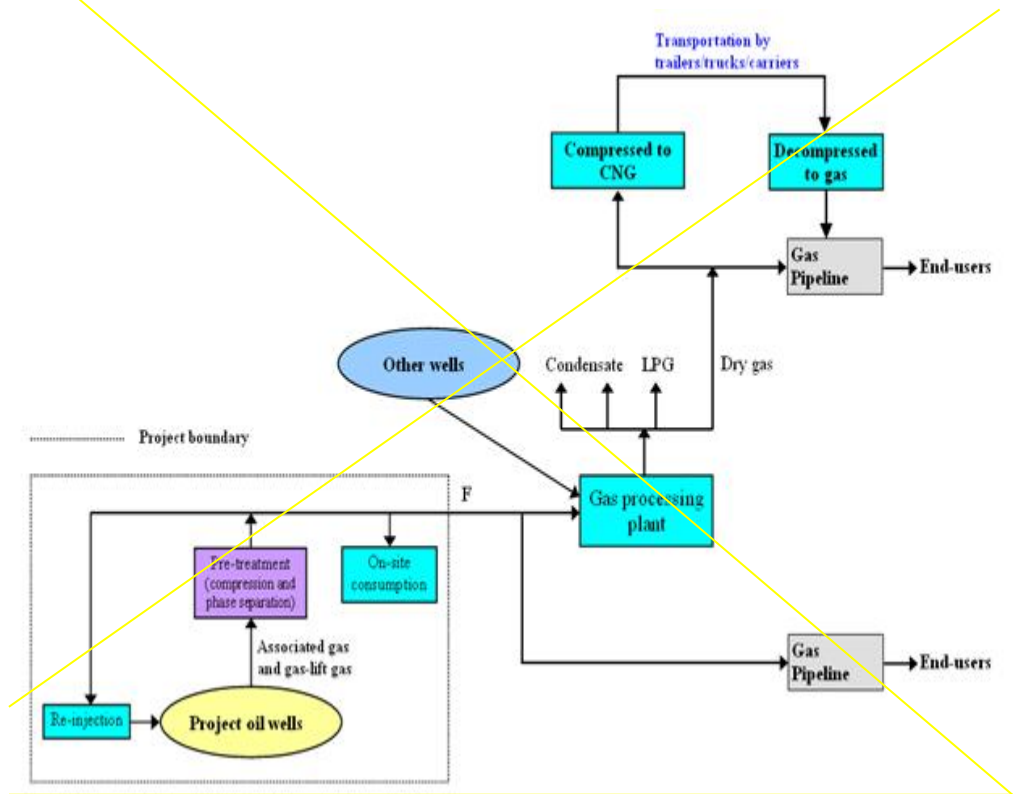
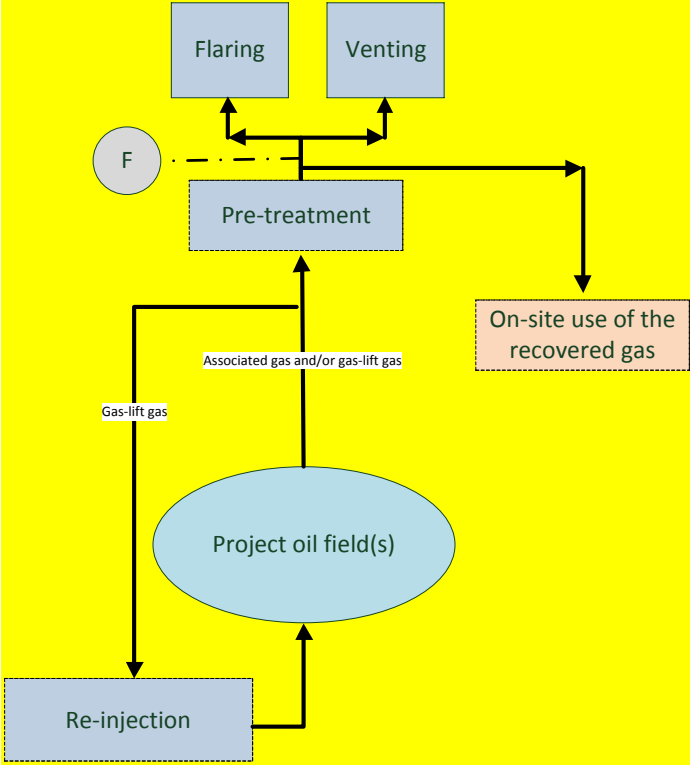
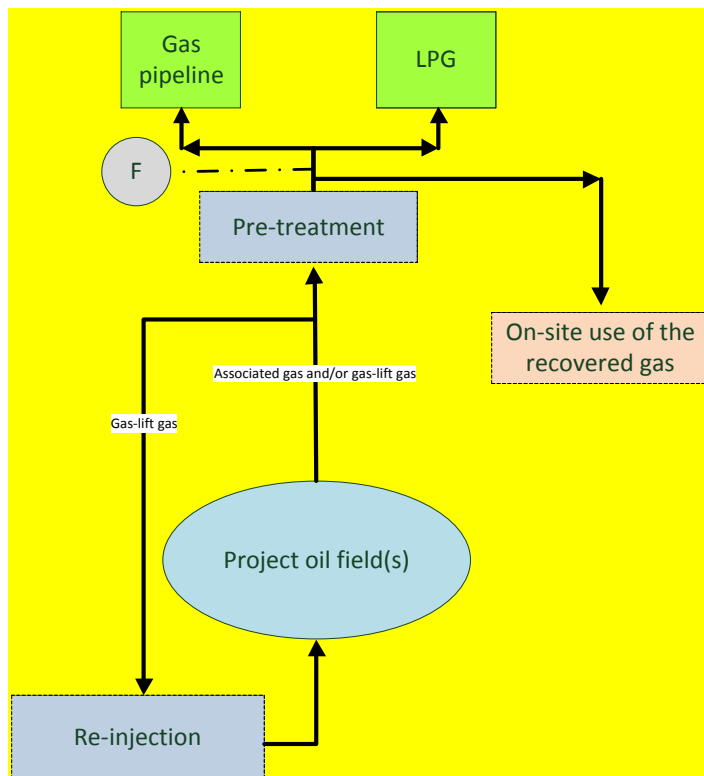


Figure 1. Schematic illustration of the baseline activity



**Figure 2. Schematic illustration of the project activity**



17. The project area may encompass several wells in oil field under a production sharing contract (PSC) with a production target.

## 5.2. Identification of the baseline scenario and demonstration of additionality

18. Project participants shall apply the following procedure:

### 5.2.1 Step 1: Identify plausible alternative scenarios

19. The project activity involves three components. Plausible alternative scenarios should include alternatives for the following components:

20. Plausible alternative baseline scenarios for the associated gas and/or gas-lift gas from the project oil wells could include, inter alia:

- (a) G1: Release of the associated gas and/or gas-lift gas into the atmosphere at the oil production site (venting);
- (b) G2: Flaring of the associated gas and/or gas-lift gas at the oil production site;
- (c) G3: On-site use of the partial amount of associated gas and/or gas-lift gas to meet on-site energy and rest of the gas are either vented (G1) or flared (G2);
- (d) G4: Injection of the associated gas and/or gas-lift gas into an oil or gas reservoir;
- (e) G5: The proposed project activity without being registered as a CDM project activity;

~~(f) G6: Recovery, transportation and utilization of the associated gas and/or gas-lift gas as feedstock for manufacturing of useful products.~~

~~21. Plausible alternative baseline scenarios for oil and gas infrastructure should include the proposed project activity and all relevant scenarios for any existing or new gas processing plants, pipelines, compressors, etc. They depend heavily on the context of the proposed project, but could include, inter alia:~~

~~(a) P1: Construction of a processing plant for the purpose of processing the recovered gas, in the same way as in the project activity, without being registered as a CDM project activity;~~

~~(b) P2: Construction of a processing plant of a lower capacity than under the project activity, which processes only non-associated gas and does not process recovered gas;~~

~~(c) P3: Supplying recovered gas to an existing gas processing plant and constructing the necessary infrastructure, without being registered as a CDM project activity;~~

~~(d) P4: Continuation of the operation of the existing oil and gas infrastructure without any other significant changes;~~

~~(e) P5: Supplying recovered gas to a gas pipeline without prior processing and without being registered as a CDM project activity.~~

~~22. Plausible alternative baseline scenarios for the use of gas-lift could include, inter alia:~~

~~(a) O1: Gas from the same source as under the project activity and in the same quantity as under the project activity is used for the gas-lift system;~~

~~(b) O2: Gas from a different source than under the project activity but using the same quantity of gas-lift gas as under the project activity is used for the gas-lift system;~~

~~(c) O3: Gas from the same source as under the project activity, but using a different quantity of gas-lift gas, is used for the gas-lift system;~~

~~(d) O4: Gas from a different source than under the project activity and in a different quantity than under the project activity, is used for the gas-lift system;~~

~~(e) O5: No gas-lift system is utilized.~~

~~23. Realistic combinations of these three components should be identified and considered as possible alternative scenarios to the proposed project activity. The identified combinations should be transparently described and be illustrated in schematic diagrams in the CDM-PDD.~~

### **5.2.2 Step 2: Evaluate legal aspects**

~~24. In evaluating legal aspects, the following issues should be addressed:~~

~~(a) Are the alternatives permitted by law or other (industrial) agreements and standards?~~

~~(b) Are there laws or other regulations (e.g. environmental regulations) which implicitly restrict certain alternatives?~~

~~25. All baseline alternatives shall be in compliance with all applicable legal and regulatory requirements, even if these laws have objectives other than GHG reductions. If an alternative does not comply with all applicable legislation and regulations, such an alternative should be~~

eliminated unless it is demonstrated, based on an examination of current practice in the country or region in which the law or regulation applies, that applicable legal or regulatory requirements are systematically not enforced and that non-compliance is widespread.

### **5.2.3 Step 3: Evaluate the economic attractiveness of alternatives**

26. The economic attractiveness is assessed for those alternative scenarios that are feasible in technical terms and that are identified as permitted by law or other (industrial) agreements and standards in Step 2. The economic attractiveness is assessed by determining an expected Internal Rate of Return (IRR) of each alternative scenario, following the guidance for the investment analysis in the latest approved version of the “Tool for the demonstration and assessment of additionality”. The IRR should be determined using, inter alia, the following parameters as applicable to the relevant scenario:

- (a) Overall projected production of associated gas and/or gas-lift gas;
- (b) The projected quantity of gas recovered, gas flared, vented, consumed on-site, processed in a gas processing plant and/or compressed into a pipeline;
- (c) The agreed price for the delivery of recovered gas (e.g. from a Production Sharing Contract) to the gas pipeline or gas processing plant (if operated by a third party);
- (d) The net calorific value of the recovered gas;
- (e) Capital expenditure for all oil and gas infrastructure needed in the relevant scenario, such as gas recovery facilities, pipelines, and gas processing plant (if applicable) etc. (CAPEX);
- (f) All operational expenditure associated with the respective scenario (OPEX);
- (g) All revenues from the operation of the alternative scenario, such as revenues from selling processed gas or other products of the gas processing plant or electricity;
- (h) Any profit sharing agreements and cost recovery, such as cost savings through the substitution of products by the recovered gas, if applicable.

27. If venting or flaring of the associated gas at a given location is not outright banned, but instead is subject to taxes or fines, the impact of these taxes and fines should be considered in the IRR calculation.

28. The alternative scenario that is economically the most attractive course of action is considered as the baseline scenario. Proceed to the next step if the IRR of the project activity is lower than the hurdle rate of the project participants (typically about 10% per cent) and if the most plausible baseline scenario is not the project activity without being registered as a GDM project activity; otherwise, the project activity is not additional.

29. The DOE should verify what value for the IRR is typical for this type of investment in the respective host country. The calculations should be described and documented transparently.

### **5.2.4 Step 4: Common practice analysis**

30. Apply the “common practice analysis”, following the guidance for the common practice analysis in the latest approved version of the “Tool for the demonstration and assessment of additionality”.

18. Project participants shall apply the latest approved version of the “Combined tool to identify the baseline scenario and demonstrate additionality” with the following additional guidance to identify the baseline scenario and demonstrate additionality:

**5.2.1. Step 1 of the “Combined tool to identify the baseline scenario and demonstrate additionality”: Identification of alternative scenarios**

19. Plausible alternative scenarios should include, at least, the following alternatives:

- (a) The project activity not implemented as a CDM project;
- (b) Venting and/or flaring of the associated gas and/or gas-lift gas at the oil production facility;
- (c) All other plausible and credible alternatives to the project activity. Such alternatives may include, for example, recovery and use of the associated gas and/or gas-lift gas:
  - (i) In chemical industry;
  - (ii) To produce heat and/or electricity;
  - (iii) To use on-site.

20. The alternative scenario (b) can include the use of the partial amount of the associated gas and/or gas-lift gas to meet on-site energy demands (i.e. to run auxiliary equipment).

**5.2.2. Step 3 of the “Combined tool to identify the baseline scenario and demonstrate additionality”: Investment analysis**

21. If this option is used, apply the following:

- (a) Apply an investment comparison analysis, as per Step 3 of the “Combined tool to identify the baseline scenario and demonstrate additionality”, if more than one alternative is remaining after Step 2 and if the remaining alternatives include scenario (a) and (c);
- (b) Apply a benchmark analysis, as per Step 2(b) of the “Tool for the demonstration and assessment of additionality”, if two alternatives are remaining after Step 2 and if the remaining alternatives are scenarios (b) and either (a) or (c).

22. If venting or flaring of the associated gas in a host party is not prohibited by law, but instead is subject to taxes or fines, the impact of these taxes and fines should be taken into account.

23. Revenues and avoided cost from using the recovered gas to meet the energy demand on-site shall be included in the investment analysis, where applicable.

24. This methodology is only applicable if the application of the procedure to identify the baseline scenario and demonstrate additionality results in the venting and/or flaring of the associated gas and/or gas-lift gas at the oil production facility as the most plausible baseline scenario.

### 5.3. Baseline emissions

25. Project activities under this methodology reduce emissions ~~by recovering associated gas and/or gas lift gas and~~ utilizing the recovered gas. The utilization of the recovered gas displaces the use of other fossil fuel sources. For example:
- The use of recovered gas in a plant ~~can~~ displaces the use of non-associated gas in that plant;
  - ~~In another situation, The injection of the recovered gas may be compressed into a natural gas pipeline, thereby displacing the processing of non-associated gas in a gas processing plant at another site the natural gas.~~
26. ~~For the recovered gas that is used under the project activity (e.g. injection into the natural pipeline, compressed to CNG) the exact emission effects are difficult to determine and would require an analysis of the whole fuel supply chain up to the end-users for both the project activity and the baseline scenario. This methodology provides a simplified and conservative approach calculation of emission reductions, assuming that the use of the recovered gas displaces the use of methane – the fossil fuel with the lowest direct CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Emissions from processing and transportation of fuels to end-users are neglected for both the project activity and the baseline scenario, as it is assumed that these emissions are similar in their magnitude and level out.~~

$$BE_y = V_{F,y} \times NCV_{RG,F,y} \times EF_{CO_2,Methane} \quad \text{Equation (1)}$$

Where:

$BE_y$	=	Baseline emissions in year $y$ , (t CO <sub>2</sub> e)
$V_{F,y}$	=	Volume of total recovered gas measured at point $F$ in Figure 2 in year $y$ (Nm <sup>3</sup> )
$NCV_{RG,F,y}$	=	Average net calorific value of recovered gas at point $F$ in Figure 2 in year $y$ (TJ/Nm <sup>3</sup> )
$EF_{CO_2,Methane}$	=	CO <sub>2</sub> emission factor for methane (t CO <sub>2</sub> /TJ)

### 5.4. Project emissions

27. The following sources<sup>1</sup> of project emissions are accounted in this methodology:
- CO<sub>2</sub> emissions due to consumption of fossil fuels for the recovery, pre-treatment, transportation, and, if applicable, compression of the recovered gas up to the point  $F$  in Figure 2;
  - CO<sub>2</sub> emissions due to the use of electricity for the recovery, pre-treatment, transportation, and, if applicable, compression of the recovered gas up to the point  $F$  in Figure 2.

<sup>1</sup> Other sources of project emissions such as emissions from leaks, venting and flaring during the recovery, transportation and processing of recovered gas are assumed to be of similar magnitude in the baseline scenario.

28. Project emissions are calculated as follows:

$$PE_y = PE_{CO_2, fossil\ fuels, y} + PE_{CO_2, elec, y} \quad \text{Equation (2)}$$

Where:

$PE_y$  = Project emissions in year  $y$ , (t CO<sub>2</sub>e)

$PE_{CO_2, fossil\ fuels, y}$  = CO<sub>2</sub> emissions due to consumption of fossil fuels for the recovery, pre-treatment, transportation, and, if applicable, compression of the recovered gas up to the point  $F$  in Figure 2 in year  $y$  (t CO<sub>2</sub>e)

$PE_{CO_2, elec, y}$  = CO<sub>2</sub> emissions due to the use of electricity for recovery, pre-treatment, transportation and, if applicable, compression of the recovered gas up to the point  $F$  in Figure 2 in year  $y$ , (t CO<sub>2</sub>e)

#### 5.4.1. Project emissions from the consumption of fossil fuels

29. Project emissions  $PE_{CO_2, fossil\ fuels, y}$  due to the consumption of fossil fuels, including the recovered gas if applicable, for the recovery, pre-treatment, transportation and, if applicable, compression of the recovered gas are calculated applying the latest approved version of the “Tool to calculate project or leakage CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from fossil fuel combustion” where  $PE_{CO_2, fossil\ fuels, y}$  corresponds to  $PE_{FC, j, y}$  in the tool and process  $j$  corresponds to all sources of fuel combustion (e.g. a compressor, etc.) up to point  $F$  in Figure 2. All applicable emission sources should be documented transparently in the CDM-PDD and in monitoring reports.

#### 5.4.2. Project emissions from consumption of electricity

30. Project emissions  $PE_{CO_2, elec, y}$  due to the use of electricity for the recovery, pre-treatment, transportation, and if applicable, compression of the recovered gas are calculated applying the latest approved version of the “Tool to calculate baseline, project and/or leakage emissions from electricity consumption” where  $PE_{CO_2, elec, y}$  corresponds to  $PE_{EC, y}$  in the tool and the electricity consumption sources  $j$  in the tool corresponds to all sources of electricity consumption (e.g. a compressor, etc.) up to point  $F$  in Figure 2. All applicable sources of electricity consumption should be documented transparently in the CDM-PDD and in monitoring reports.

### 5.5. Leakage

31. Leakage emissions shall be accounted for project activities where the recovered gas is transported to a processing plant where it is processed into hydrocarbon products (e.g. dry gas, LPG and condensates) and the dry gas is compressed to CNG first, then transported by trailers/trucks/carriers and then decompressed again, before it finally enters the gas pipeline. For other types of project activities, leakage emissions need not to be considered.

32. Leakage emission is calculated as follows:

$$LE_y = LE_{FC, y} + LE_{EC, y} \quad \text{Equation (3)}$$



Where:

$LE_y$  = Leakage emissions in year  $y$  (t CO<sub>2</sub>e)

$LE_{FC,y}$  = Leakage emissions due to fossil fuel consumption after point  $F$  in Figure 2 in year  $y$  (t CO<sub>2</sub>e)

$LE_{EC,y}$  = Leakage emissions due to electricity consumption after point  $F$  in Figure 2 in year  $y$  (t CO<sub>2</sub>e)

### 5.5.1. Leakage emissions due to fossil fuel consumption

33. Leakage emissions due to fossil fuel consumption in year  $y$  ( $LE_{FC,y}$ ) is calculated applying the latest approved version of the “Tool to calculate project or leakage CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from fossil fuel combustion” where  $LE_{FC,y}$  corresponds to  $PE_{FC,j,y}$  in the tool and process  $j$  corresponds to all sources of fuel combustion (e.g. compressor, de-compressor or trailers/trucks/carriers etc.) after point  $F$  in Figure 2. All emission sources of fuel consumptions should be documented transparently in the CDM-PDD and in monitoring reports.

### 5.5.2. Leakage emissions due to electricity consumption

34. Leakage emissions due to electricity consumption in year  $y$  ( $LE_{EC,y}$ ) is calculated applying the latest approved version of the “Tool to calculate baseline, project and/or leakage emissions from electricity consumption” where  $LE_{EC,y}$  corresponds to  $PE_{EC,y}$  in the tool and the electricity consumption sources  $j$  in the tool corresponds to all sources of electricity consumption (e.g. compressor, de-compressor or trailers/trucks/carriers etc.) after point  $F$  in Figure 2. All emission sources of electricity consumption should be documented transparently in the CDM-PDD and in monitoring reports.

## 5.6. Emission reductions

35. Emission reductions are calculated as follows:

$$ER_y = BE_y - PE_y - LE_y \quad \text{Equation (4)}$$

Where:

$ER_y$  = Emission reductions in year  $y$  (t CO<sub>2</sub>e)

$BE_y$  = Baseline emissions in year  $y$  (t CO<sub>2</sub>e)

$PE_y$  = Project emissions in year  $y$  (t CO<sub>2</sub>e)

$LE_y$  = Leakage emissions in year  $y$  (t CO<sub>2</sub>e)

## 5.7. Changes required for methodology implementation in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> crediting periods

36. Refer to the tool “Assessment of the validity of the original/current baseline and to update of the baseline at the renewal of the crediting period”.

## 5.8. Project activity under a programme of activities (PoA)

37. In addition to the requirements set out in the latest approved version of the “Standard for demonstration of additionality, development of eligibility criteria and application of multiple methodologies for programme of activities”, the following shall be applied for the use of this methodology in a project activity under a programme of activities (PoAs).
38. The PoA may consist of one or several types of CPAs. CPAs are regarded to be of the same type if they are similar with regard to the demonstration of additionality, emission reduction calculations and monitoring. The CME shall describe in the CDM-PoA-DD for each type of CPAs separately:
- (a) Eligibility criteria for CPA inclusion used for each type of CPAs. In case of combination of the types of use of the recovered gas in one CPA, the eligibility criteria shall be defined for each type of use of the recovered gas, separately;
  - (b) Emission reduction calculations for each type of CPAs;
  - (c) Monitoring provisions for each type of CPAs.
39. The CME shall describe transparently and justify in the CDM-PoA-DD which CPAs are regarded to be of the same type. CPAs are not regarded to be of the same type, if one of the following conditions is different:
- (a) The baseline scenario with regard to any of the following aspects:
    - (i) On-site use of the partial amount of associated gas and/or gas-lift gas to meet on-site energy and the rest of the gas are either vented or flared;
    - (ii) In case of different types of products, recovery, transportation and utilization of the associated gas and/or gas-lift gas as feedstock for manufacturing of useful products;
  - (b) The project activity with regard to any of the following aspects of the use of the recovered gas:
    - (i) Consumed on-site to meet energy demands;
    - (ii) Transported to a gas pipeline without prior processing;
    - (iii) Transported to a processing plant where it is processed into hydrocarbon products (e.g. dry gas, LPG and condensates). The dry gas is either:
      - a. Transported to a gas pipeline directly, or
      - b. Compressed to CNG first, then transported by trailers/trucks/carriers and then decompressed again, before it finally enters the gas pipeline.
    - (iv) Combination of any above.

40. When defining eligibility criteria for CPA inclusion for a distinct type of CPAs, the CME shall consider relevant technical and economic parameters, such as:
- (a) Ranges of overall projected production of associated gas and/or gas-lift gas;
  - (b) Ranges of projected quantity of gas recovered, gas flared, vented, consumed on-site, processed in a gas processing plant and/or compressed into a pipeline;
  - (c) Ranges of price for the delivery of recovered gas;
  - (d) Ranges of net calorific value of the recovered gas;
  - (e) Ranges of capital expenditure for gas infrastructure needed in the relevant scenario, such as gas recovery facilities, pipelines, and gas processing plant (if applicable) etc.;
  - (f) Ranges of operational expenditure;
  - (g) Ranges of revenues from the operation of the alternative scenario, such as revenues from selling processed gas or other products of the gas processing plant or electricity.

41. When Option (ii) in the latest approved version of the “Standard for demonstration of additionality, development of eligibility criteria and application of multiple methodologies for programmes of activities” is applied, which is related to defining technical and economic criteria as ranges of values for each input parameter required for the inclusion of the CPA in the PoA-DD, the eligibility criteria related to the costs and revenues parameters shall be updated every two years in order to correctly reflect the technical and market circumstances of a CPA implementation.

~~42. In case the PoA contains several types of CPAs, the actual CPA-DD submitted for the purpose of registration of the PoA shall contain all information required as per the latest approved version of the “Guidelines for completing the component project activity design document form” for each type of actual CPA, to be validated by a DOE and submitted for the registration to the Board.~~

## 5.9. Data and parameters not monitored

42. In addition to the parameters listed in the tables below, the provisions on data and parameters not monitored in the tools referred to in this methodology apply.

**Data / Parameter table 1.**

<b>Data / Parameter:</b>	<b>EF<sub>CO<sub>2</sub>,Methane</sub></b>		
Data unit:	t CO <sub>2</sub> /TJ		
Description:	CO <sub>2</sub> emission factor for methane		
Source of data:	Calculated in line with procedures and data presented in ISO 6976:  <b>Table 3. Carbon content, CO<sub>2</sub> emission factor and NCV of methane</b>		
	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Source</b>
	Carbon Content of Methane	12,011 kg/kmol	ISO 6976: Table 1
	CO <sub>2</sub> Emission Factor for Methane	44.01 kg/kmol	ISO 6976: Table 1
	NCV of Methane (at 25°C)	802.60 kJ/mol	ISO 6976: Table 3
Value to be applied:	54.834 t CO <sub>2</sub> /TJ		
Any comment:	-		

## 6. Monitoring methodology

43. All data collected as part of monitoring should be archived electronically and be kept at least for two years after the end of the last crediting period. One hundred per cent of the data should be monitored if not indicated otherwise in the tables below. All measurements should be conducted with calibrated measurement equipment according to relevant industry standards.
44. The CDM-PDD will have to include minimal procedures to ensure that the data collection and retention will be made properly.
45. In addition, the monitoring provisions in the tools referred to in this methodology apply.

### 6.1. Projection and adjustment of project and baseline emissions on the basis of oil production

46. Project as well as baseline emissions depend on the quantity of associated gas and gas-lift gas recovered, which is linked to the oil production. Oil production may be projected with the help of a reservoir simulator, reflecting the rock and fluid properties in the oil reservoir. As projections of the oil production, the methane content of the gas and other parameters involve a considerable degree of uncertainty, the quantity and composition of the recovered gas are monitored ex post and baseline and project emissions are adjusted respectively during monitoring.
47. The validating DOE shall confirm that estimated emission reductions reported in the CDM-PDD are based on estimates provided in the survey used for defining the terms of the underlying oil production project as per the relevant documents such as production sharing contract, data room and operational production plan approved by national authority, etc.

~~51. At verification the verifying DOE shall check the production data for oil and associated gas and gas-lift gas and compare them with the initial production target as per the~~

~~information provided in survey used for defining the terms of the underlying oil production project.~~

- ~~52. If the oil production differs significantly from the initial production target, then it should be checked that this is not intentional, and that such a scenario is properly addressed by the production sharing contract between the contracted party(ies).~~

## 7. Data and parameters monitored

Data / Parameter table 2.

<b>Data / Parameter:</b>	$V_{F,y}$
Data unit:	Nm <sup>3</sup>
Description:	Volume of the total recovered gas measured at point <i>F</i> in Figure 2 in year <i>y</i>
Source of data:	Flow meter (e.g. diaphragm gouge)
Measurement procedures (if any):	Data should be measured using calibrated flow meters. Measurements should be taken at the point(s) where the recovered gas exits the pre-treatment plant and after the point where the recovered gas is directed for on-site use
Monitoring frequency:	Continuously
QA/QC procedures:	Volume of gas should be completely metered with regular calibration of metering equipment. The measured volume should be converted to the volume at normal temperature and pressure using the temperature and pressure at the time to measurement
Any comment:	-

Data / Parameter table 3.

<b>Data / Parameter:</b>	$NCV_{RG,F,y}$
Data unit:	TJ/Nm <sup>3</sup>
Description:	Average net calorific value of recovered gas at point <i>F</i> in Figure 2 in year <i>y</i>
Source of data:	On site measurement (Chemical analysis of gas samples taken at point <i>F</i> in Figure 2)
Measurement procedures (if any):	Measurements should be undertaken in line with national or international fuel standards. Gas samples should regularly be taken at point <i>F</i> in Figure 2 and the molar composition of each gas sample should be determined through chemical analysis following the procedures for QA/QC. Based on the molar composition, the Net Calorific Value on a volumetric basis should be determined for each sample in line with ISO 6976 or an equivalent standard for a combustion reference temperature of 25°C and the same metering reference condition used for parameter $V_{F,y}$ . The average NCV during the period <i>y</i> is defined as the arithmetic average of NCVs for the samples taken during the same period
Monitoring frequency:	Sampling and compositional analysis and calculation of net calorific value at least monthly

QA/QC procedures:	Sampling in accordance with ISO 10715 or equivalent standard. Compositional analysis in accordance with ISO 6974 or equivalent standard. Routine maintenance and calibration in accordance with ISO 10723 or equivalent standard. GC calibration gases certified to ISO 6141 or equivalent standard. Annual manufacturer servicing and calibration to ISO17025 or equivalent standard. In case third party laboratories are used, these should as a minimum have ISO17025 accreditation or justify that they can comply with similar quality standards
Any comment:	For the purpose of this methodology, the qualifier “net” is synonymous with “lower” and “inferior”, and the term “calorific value” is synonymous with “heating value”

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### Document information

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06.0.0	20 July 2012	<p>EB 68, Annex 7</p> <p>Revision to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarify that the leakage emissions shall only be accounted for in project activities where the recovered gas is transported to a processing plant where it is processed into hydrocarbon products (e.g. dry gas, LPG and condensates) and where the dry gas is compressed to CNG, transported by trailers/trucks/carriers and then decompressed again, before it finally enters the gas pipeline; and</li> <li>• Introduce provisions for the use of this methodology in a project activity under a PoA.</li> </ul>

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