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Re: Start date – 8th July 2008- Is Prior intimation required?

Dear Mr. Ramanathan,

On behalf of the Chair of the CDM Executive Board, I would like to thank you for your letter of 9 October 2013 requesting a clarification on the prior consideration requirements for bundled project activities. Your letter has been made available to the Board.

I regret to inform you that the Board is not in a position to recommend to stakeholders a specific course of action with regard to their CDM projects.

Nevertheless I would like to clarify that in the case of bundle project activities, the following requirements apply:

- (i) As per EB 21, Annex 21, paragraph 3, Bundle is defined as: “*Bringing together of several small-scale CDM project activities, to form a single CDM project activity or portfolio without the loss of distinctive characteristics of each project activity*”.
- (ii) As per the “General principles for bundling” guideline, each small-scale CDM project in the bundle should comply with the simplified modalities and procedures for small-scale CDM project activities, which means that each sub-component included in the bundling project should be analysed separately with regards to its additionality.
- (iii) The submissions of bundling projects requires the use of the F-CDM-SSC-BUN "CDM small-scale project activities bundling form".
- (iv) The approval by the host Party has to indicate that the Party is aware that the project activity taking place in its territory is part of the bundle.

Note however that, if the project is not a bundle project activity, but instead it includes several project participants and/or is implemented on either one or multiple sites, without using the "CDM small-scale project activities bundling form", the project should be treated as a regular CDM project activity.

In both cases, the responsibility to determine whether the evidence to support the prior consideration of the CDM, as indicated in the *Clean development mechanism project cycle procedure* (PCP), for the referred bundling project activity or the regular CDM project activity, rests primarily with the validating Designated Operational Entity (DOE), who will be ultimately responsible for validating all information and evidences related to the project activity.



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The DOE shall duly confirm, in the course of its normal validation activities, the relevant assessment in accordance with the provisions of the CDM validation and verification standard. The project participants are therefore encouraged to submit their full evidence on this matter to the DOE in order that the DOE may make an appropriate determination to 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 read 'Andrew Howard', with a large, stylized initial 'A'.

Andrew Howard
Secretary to the CDM Executive Board