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Re.: Request of clarification about issues related to the renewal of crediting period of CDM project activities

Dear Mr. Nuno Barbosa,

On behalf of the Chair of the CDM Executive Board (the Board), I would like to thank you for your letter of 23 October 2013 requesting clarifications on three different matters related to the renewal of crediting period process.

Please note that the Project Standard (PS) version 5.0, the Project Cycle Procedure (PCP) version 5.0 and the Validation and Verification Standard (VVS) version 5.0 have replaced previous versions of the same documents.

On your first issue relating to which functions a Designated Operational Entity (DOE) may conduct, I would like to recall, as per the requirement contained in paragraph 208 of the VVS, that a DOE may perform either a validation or verification/certification function for a given CDM project activity (small-scale project activities are exempted from this restriction, as per paragraph 20 of the annex II to decision 4/CMP.1). In this regard, I would like to note that an activity performed by a DOE for the purposes of a renewal of crediting period, is a validation function, as referred to in paragraph 234 of the PS. Therefore, without prior approval by the Board, any DOE having performed a validation function relating to a request for registration or request for renewal of crediting period is not allowed to perform any verification activity for any crediting periods of the same large-scale project activity.

Please note that a DOE, having performed a validation function for a request for registration, is allowed to perform another validation function for any subsequent request for renewal of crediting period for the same project activity. Similarly, having performed a verification function for a crediting period for a project activity, a DOE is allowed to perform another verification function for any subsequent crediting period of the project activity.



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On your second issue, regarding potential on-site visits for renewal of crediting period, I would like to note that validation requirements for DOEs for the purpose of request for renewal of crediting period are specified in paragraphs 302-306 of the VVS. None of these paragraphs explicitly requires a site-visit by the DOE for such validation purposes. However, it is left with the DOE as to whether it is necessary to make a site-visit to meet the validation requirements, in particular those in paragraph 304.

With regard to your third issue, on the starting date of new crediting periods, please firstly note that the Board's guidance at EB 76 you referred to is in the context of the next general revision of the PS, VVS and PCP. At the moment, the current version of the PCP still applies. Since the current PDD guidelines (section C.2.2.) and the web interface require an exact date, I suggest you use the day after the end of the previous crediting period as the first date of the renewed crediting period, even for the case to which you refer. Please note, however, in accordance with paragraphs 248 and 260 of the PCP, the actual start date of the renewed crediting period will be the date when the crediting period is deemed renewed, which will be reflected on the project view page on the CDM website.

On a final note, I would like to inform you that your issues and concerns regarding the procedures of request for renewal of crediting period have been reported to the relevant unit and will be considered in the ongoing work on the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Howard

Secretary to the CDM Executive Board

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