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Re.: Verification for projects registered under different GHG mechanisms

Dear Mr. Sah,

On behalf of the Chair of the CDM Executive Board, I would like to thank you for your letter of 2 October 2014 regarding verification of projects registered under different GHG mechanisms. Your letter has been made available to the CDM Executive Board (the Board).

With regard to switching between different mechanisms, I would like to highlight that in accordance with paragraph 246 of the “CDM project standard” (version 07.0), “Project participants shall monitor the registered CDM project activity and its GHG emission reductions or net GHG removals in accordance with the monitoring plan as described in the registered PDD”. Assigning zero emission reductions for certain period of the project activity is not in accordance with the monitoring plan, therefore is not allowed.

Relating to this, please note that, based on the current understanding of the CDM requirements derived from the CMP decisions including the CDM modalities and procedures (the annex to decision 3/CMP.1), the monitoring has to be continuous and the monitoring reports for different monitoring periods have to be published in the chronological order. UNFCCC CDM web interface does not accept otherwise.

On a separate note, it may be worth mentioning that the Board has recently introduced the process of de-registration and is currently considering introducing the process of re-registration for CDM project activities. You may wish to follow the proceedings of future CDM Executive Board meetings for further information.

With regard to partial verification of a project activity registered under two different mechanisms during the same time, I would like to inform you that, paragraph 61 of the annex to decision 3/CMP.1 (CDM modalities and procedures) states that “verification is the periodic independent review and ex post determination by the designated operational entity of the monitored reductions in anthropogenic emissions by sources of greenhouse gases that have occurred as a result of a registered CDM project activity during the verification period”. Since monitoring have to be conducted in accordance with the monitoring plan in the registered PDD as per paragraph 246 of the “CDM project standard” (version 07.0), partial verification of monitored emission reductions is not allowed.



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I would also like to inform you that based on paragraph 193 of the “CDM project cycle procedure” (version 07.0), the completeness checklist for requests for issuance¹, and “CDM project activity issuance request form” (F-CDM-ISS)², the CERs being requested by an issuance request has to be equivalent to the total verified amount of emission reductions or removals by sinks that belongs to a particular monitoring period. Therefore, claiming zero emission reductions from a part of the registered CDM project activity is not allowed.

I hope that this response has addressed your questions.

Yours sincerely,

Rajesh Sethi
Secretary to the CDM Executive Board

¹ http://cdm.unfccc.int/Reference/Procedures/iss_check03.pdf

² Available at https://cdm.unfccc.int/Reference/PDDs_Forms/index.html#proj_cycle