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Re.: Lifting of requirements regarding on-site inspections because of travel restrictions caused by Covid-19

Dear Mr. Betzenbichler,

I would like to inform you that the CDM Executive Board (the Board) expeditiously considered your communication of 15 March 2020 through electronic means and agreed to relax mandatory site visits by DOEs for a period of three months (23 March to 23 June 2020) due to COVID-19 pandemic as follows:

A DOE may postpone site visits for onsite inspections required by the “CDM validation and verification standard for project activities (version 02.0) (VVS-PA)” or “CDM validation and verification standard for programme of activities (version 02.0) (VVS-PoA)”, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, taking into account the rules of relevant national and local authorities (local to the DOE offices as well as to locality of the site visits), World Health Organization (WHO) recommendations, policies of the DOE (if any) and other relevant travel restrictions and guidance (for example, a requirement to self-isolate upon return from specific countries).

If the site visits cannot be postponed, a proper justification should be provided by the DOE why the site visits cannot be postponed, including the demonstration of a significant impact of delaying the site visits on the DOE, or project participants or coordinating/ managing entity (e.g. commitment/ timeline as per the validation or verification contract, CER delivery commitment by project participants) reliance on applicable force majeure provisions in the validation or verification contracts, if needed.

If the site visit cannot be postponed but are not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the DOE may use other standard auditing techniques for validation or verification, as referred to in sections 7.1.3 and 9.1.3 of the VVS-PA and sections 7.1.3 and 10.1.3 of the VVS-PoA. In the above regard, the Board agrees to allow for three months, from 23 March to 23 June 2020, to deviate from the requirements in paragraphs 30 and 339 of the VVS-PA and paragraphs 183 and 321 of the VVS-PoA. Where the DOE relies on this temporary measure, it shall describe in the validation or verification report the alternative means used and justify that they are credible and sufficient for the purpose of validation or verification.



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Thank you for contacting the Board with your request.

Yours sincerely,

{Unsigned}*

Rajesh Sethi
Secretary to the CDM Executive Board

* Formal signed and scanned letter, containing exactly the same text as above, will be uploaded in due course as presently we are working remotely due to COVID-19.