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Ruling note

Request for issuance for project activity
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1. The CDM-Executive Board decided to reject the proposed request for issuance for CDM project activity 9791 for the monitoring period 25 January 2016 – 31 December 2018 on 7 April 2021, in accordance with the “CDM project cycle procedure for project activities” (PCP-PA), version 02.0, paragraphs 239. Further, in accordance with paragraph 249 of the PCP-PA, the ruling shall contain an explanation of the reasons and rationale for the final decision, which are as follows:
 - (a) The DOE (LGAI Tech. Center S.A.) failed to justify the displacement of the baseline non-renewable woody biomass (e.g. 56,217 tonnes in year 2015/2016) with the monitored quantity of project renewable biomass (e.g. 3,401 tonnes in year 2015/2016) in accordance with paragraph 14 of AMS I.E version 5.
 - (b) The relevant requirement is:

The applied methodology AMS I.E, version 5, paragraph 14 states “Monitoring should confirm the displacement or substitution of the non-renewable woody biomass at each location. In the case of appliances switching to renewable biomass the quantity of renewable biomass used shall be monitored.”.
 - (c) The reasons and rationale for the final decisions are:
 - (i) The higher calorific value of the renewable briquettes and higher stove efficiency of the ICS (amount up to an 81% reduction of fuel usage) cannot justify the complete displacement of baseline non-renewable woody biomass claimed for emission reductions (e.g. in year 2015/2016, 56,217 tonnes baseline woody biomass against 3,401 tonnes of project renewable biomass monitored by the project participant);
 - (ii) Although the DOE has referred other testing reports, however the DOE failed to verify any scientific/technical factor which could justify the replacement ratio between baseline fuel usage and project fuel usage (i.e. ranging from 8.2 to 24.3) in those testing reports;
 - (iii) The DOE did not verify the project participant’s argument about “behavioral qualitative improvements”, and in particular how it could translate into reduction of fuel usage only under project scenario.
2. Please note that in accordance with paragraph 256 of the PCP-PA, the DOE may re-submit the request for issuance with revised documentation if the reasons for the rejection can be addressed by means of a revised verification report, based on a revised monitoring report as appropriate.

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