



**CLARIFICATION REGARDING MONITORING PERIOD OF JOINT IMPLEMENTATION
PROJECT FOR WITNESSING OF VERIFICATION FUNCTION
OF APPLICANT INDEPENDENT ENTITIES**

I. BACKGROUND

1. Paragraph 4.3 of the “Procedure for accrediting independent entities by the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee” (herein after referred to as JI accreditation procedure) explains that the purpose of a witnessing activity is to assess whether an applicant independent entity (IE) is implementing its tasks in line with its documented policy and procedures, including its procedures for performing determinations regarding project design documents (PDDs) and determinations of emission reductions or enhancements of removals (hereinafter referred to as verification).
2. Paragraph 4.3 of the JI accreditation procedure also states that witnessing activities shall be required for both functions: determination regarding a PDD and verification. In this context, the same paragraph further clarifies that witnessing of tasks done by applicant IEs shall be carried out on proposed JI projects in the case of accreditation for determination regarding a PDD, and on JI projects with final positive determinations regarding PDDs in the case of accreditation for verification.
3. In accordance with paragraph 5 of decision 9/CMP.1, emission reduction units (ERUs) shall only be issued for a crediting period starting after the beginning of the year 2008.

II. CLARIFICATION

4. Witnessing of the verification function may also be based on a project with its monitoring of emission reductions or enhancements of removals before the beginning of the year 2008. In this case:
 - (a) Emission reductions or enhancements of removals shall be monitored according to a PDD for which a determination by an accredited IE (AIE) (including designated operational entity under the clean development mechanism acting provisionally as an AIE in accordance with paragraph 3 of decision 10/CMP.1) has been deemed final;
 - (b) Upon acceptance of the witnessing activity by the joint implementation assessment team leader, the applicant IE shall make the corresponding monitoring report publicly available through its own channels, informing the secretariat of the publication accordingly. After this the applicant IE may start the verification;
 - (c) The determination of emission reductions or enhancements of removals before the beginning of the year 2008 for the purpose of a witnessing cannot be the basis for the issuance of ERUs by the host Party(ies).

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