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JOINT IMPLEMENTATION SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE

NINTH MEETING

Report

Date of meeting: 26–27 November 2007

Location: Nusa Dua (Bali), Indonesia

Attendance: The names of members and alternate members of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee (JISC) present at the ninth meeting are in bold print below. Where only the name of an alternate member is in bold print, the alternate member participated as a member.

Members	Alternate Members
Mr. Olle Björk	<i>Mr. Franzjosef Schafhausen</i>
Mr. Georg Börsting	<i>(Mr. Darren Goetze)¹</i>
Mr. Jaime Bravo	<i>Mr. Marcos Castro Rodriguez</i>
Ms. Fatou Gaye	<i>Mr. Vincent Kasulu Seya Makonga</i>
Mr. Maurits Blanson Henkemans (Mr. Shailendra Kumar Joshi) ²	<i>Mr. Hiroki Kudo</i>
Mr. Derrick Oderson	<i>Ms. Yumiko Crisostomo</i>
Mr. Oleg Pluzhnikov	<i>Mr. Evgeny Sokolov</i>
Ms. Daniela Stoycheva	<i>Ms. Astrida Celmina</i>
Mr. Vlad Trusca	<i>Mr. Matej Gasperic</i>

Quorum (in parenthesis required numbers):

10 (7) members/alternate members acting as members were present of which

6 (4) were from Annex I Parties and

4 (3) were from non-Annex I Parties.

WWW broadcasting: <http://ji.unfccc.int/Sup_Committee/Meetings>.

¹ Mr. Goetze had resigned as a JISC alternate member as of 15 August 2007.

² Mr. Joshi had resigned as a JISC member as of 2 May 2007.

**Agenda item 1: Membership issues (including disclosure of possible conflict of interest)**

1. The Chair opened the meeting and asserted that the quorum was met. No conflict of interest was identified by any member or alternate member of the JISC present at the meeting, with the exception of the declaration of a conflict of interest by Ms. Stoycheva regarding the project under consideration under proposed agenda item 3 (b).
2. The JISC noted that Ms. Celmina, Ms. Crisostomo and Mr. Schafhausen were unable to attend the meeting and that Ms. Celmina and Ms. Crisostomo had provided proper justification for their absence.

Agenda item 2: Adoption of the agenda

3. The JISC adopted the agenda as proposed.

Agenda item 3: Work plan**Agenda sub-item 3 (a): Accreditation of independent entities**

4. The JISC took note of the fifth progress report on the work of the joint implementation accreditation panel (JI-AP) presented by its Chair, Mr. Pluzhnikov. The report summarized information relating to the work of the JI-AP, including recommendations on procedural issues, as well as the status of applications for accreditation, the status of the roster of experts for joint implementation assessment teams (JI-ATs), and other outcomes of the JI-AP.

General guidance and process

5. The JISC considered draft version 03 of the procedure for accrediting independent entities by the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee recommended by the JI-AP, modifying, inter alia, the sequence and contents of assessment reporting by JI-ATs, and the timing of commenting by applicant independent entities (IEs) on assessment reports for on-site assessments and witnessing activities, and decided to adopt the document as recommended by the JI-AP and contained in [annex 1](#) to this report.
6. The JISC considered a draft clarification regarding the timing of witnessing activities recommended by the JI-AP, intending to allow witnessing activities to be conducted effectively, and decided to adopt the document as contained in [annex 2](#).
7. The JISC took note of other progress made by the JI-AP, including the revision of forms used during the assessment of applicant IEs and the development of guidance documents for JI-ATs to ensure consistency in their assessment work.
8. In order to fill the vacant post in the JI-AP - Mr. Vijay Mediratta had resigned as a JI-AP member as of 6 November 2007 - the JISC selected Mr. Edwin Aalders as a new JI-AP member from the shortlist of candidates prepared by the secretariat, based on the call for experts conducted from 20 October until 19 November 2007. The JISC requested Mr. Aalders to start his work for the JI-AP as soon as the necessary administrative procedure for the appointment is completed.

Further schedule

9. The JISC noted that the ninth meeting of the JI-AP is to take place on 31 January–1 February 2008.

**Agenda sub-item 3 (b): Matters relating to determination reports regarding project design documents**General issues

10. The JISC took note of the report by the secretariat regarding the submission of documents under the verification procedure under the JISC (hereinafter referred to as JI Track 2 procedure). Since the launch of the JI Track 2 procedure on 26 October 2006, 98 project design documents (PDDs) had been submitted and made publicly available on the UNFCCC JI website in accordance with paragraph 32 of the annex to decision 9/CMP.1 (hereinafter referred to as JI guidelines). Two determinations regarding a PDD had been published and one deemed final in accordance with paragraphs 34 and 35 of the JI guidelines, respectively.

11. The JISC also took note of the report by the secretariat on the status of information from Parties regarding their designated focal points (DFPs) and national guidelines and procedures for approving JI projects, in accordance with paragraph 20 (a) and (b) of the JI guidelines, required for the submission of determination reports regarding PDDs. Thirty Annex I Parties had informed the secretariat of their DFPs.³ From these Parties, twenty-one had also submitted their national guidelines and procedures for approving JI projects.⁴

12. At its eighth meeting, the JISC had requested the secretariat to prepare draft procedures for the withdrawal of project participants or Parties involved in JI projects, as appropriate, for consideration by the JISC at its ninth meeting. On this basis, the secretariat prepared draft procedures for the withdrawal of project participants after final determination under the verification procedure under the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee.

13. The JISC considered the draft procedures prepared by the secretariat in accordance with paragraph 12 above and agreed on them, as contained in annex 3.

Case related issues

14. In accordance with paragraphs 12 and 13 of the procedures for reviews under the verification procedure under the JISC, if a Party involved or three members of the JISC request a review of a determination regarding a PDD, the JISC shall consider the review at its next meeting. At this meeting the JISC shall decide whether the determination is accepted, without conditions or subject to certain conditions, or a more detailed review is required.

15. At least three members of the JISC or a Party involved in the project had requested a review of the determination regarding the PDD for the project "0040. Rehabilitation of Dolna Arda Hydropower Cascade, Bulgaria". Taking into account the initial comments received by the operational entity designated under the clean development mechanism acting provisionally as an accredited IE (Det Norske Veritas Certification AS) and the project participants, the JISC decided to conduct a detailed review of the determination regarding the PDD and agreed on the scope of the review and the composition of the review team, as contained in annex 4.

³ Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, European Community, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom

⁴ Austria, Belarus, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Lithuania, Netherlands, New Zealand, Romania, Russian Federation, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom

**Agenda sub-item 3 (c): Management plan and resources for the work on joint implementation**

16. The JISC considered the information provided by the secretariat on the development of management indicators and on the request from the Executive Secretary for the upgrading of the management structure of the Sustainable Development Mechanisms (SDM) Programme.

17. The JISC considered the information on the development of management indicators and requested the secretariat, in consultation with Ms. Gaye and Ms. Stoycheva, to provide an initial list for consideration by the JISC at its next meeting. The JISC as well agreed on the proposal by the Executive Secretary to upgrade the management structure of the SDM Programme by requesting a manager to head the JI sub-programme, noting this would be done without an increase in the level of required resources in the management plan. It also noted the need for a more thorough analysis of the staffing required to support work on JI with a view to reflecting any changes in a revision of the management plan in mid 2008.

18. The JISC also considered the information presented by the secretariat on the schedule of meetings for next year and agreed on a tentative schedule as contained in [annex 5](#).

19. The JISC took note of the information provided by the secretariat on the current financial situation, including the status of contributions from Parties and the expected carryover into the next biennium, noting the need for early contributions by Parties (expected contribution required in 2008 is USD 1.5 million). In this regard, the JISC also thanked those Parties that had contributed to the funding of the work of the JISC during the current biennium.

20. The JISC urged Parties to contribute to the Trust Fund for Supplementary Resources in order to reduce the expected shortfall for 2008 and therefore guarantee the efficient and timely delivery of JI activities. In this regard, the JISC would like to highlight the potential need for allocation of more core resources to JI.

21. The status of resources and contributions is contained in [annex 6](#).

Agenda item 4: Other matters**Agenda sub-item 4 (a): Collaboration of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee with others**

22. The JISC noted that, responding to the invitation by the JISC at its last meeting, the DOE/AE coordination forum was working on the revision of its constitution to allow membership and representation of any applicant and accredited IEs under the JI accreditation process with a view to establishing a communication channel with the JISC.

Agenda sub-item 4 (b): Other businessReviews of verifications

23. The JISC discussed the timeframe for carrying out the steps for reviews referred to in paragraph 39 of the JI guidelines and requested the secretariat to develop, in consultation with Mr. Børsting and Mr. Sokolov, options on how to further facilitate their implementation, for consideration by the JISC at its next meeting under agenda sub-item "Matters relating to verification reports".

Other items

24. The JISC agreed on the provisional agenda of its tenth meeting, as contained in [annex 7](#).



Informal interaction with registered observers

25. The JISC met with registered observers for a webcasted question-and-answer session.

Agenda item 5: Conclusion of the meeting

26. The Chair summarized the main conclusions and closed the ninth meeting of the JISC.



Annexes to the report

Accreditation of independent entities

- Annex 1: Procedure for accrediting independent entities by the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee (version 03)
- Annex 2: Clarification regarding the timing of witnessing activities

Matters relating to determination reports regarding project design documents

- Annex 3: Procedures for the withdrawal of project participants after final determination under the verification procedure under the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee
- Annex 4: Scope of the review and composition of the review team: 0040. Rehabilitation of Dolna Arda Hydropower Cascade, Bulgaria

Management plan and resources for the work on joint implementation

- Annex 5: Tentative schedule of meetings of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee in 2008
- Annex 6: Status of resources and contributions

Other matters

- Annex 7: Provisional agenda of the tenth meeting of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee