

**EIGHTH PROGRESS REPORT
OF THE
JOINT IMPLEMENTATION ACCREDITATION PANEL (JI-AP)**

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. This seventh progress report covers the period from 21 May 2008 to 29 July 2008. During this period the Joint Implementation Accreditation Panel (JI-AP) held one meeting.

II. STATUS OF APPLICATIONS FOR ACCREDITATION

2. Since the end of the previous reporting period, there was no new application from an independent entity (IE) for the joint implementation (JI) accreditation process. Therefore, the number of applications since the opening of the process of receiving submissions of applications on 6 October 2006 by the end of the present reporting period remains the same as in the previous reporting period, i.e. **15 applications in total**. All of these applications are from IEs that also applied for accreditation under the clean development mechanism (CDM). Of these, 13 IEs may act provisionally as accredited independent entities under JI for at least one function (determination regarding a project design document (PDD) or determination of emission reductions or enhancements of removals) in at least one sectoral scope, in accordance with paragraph 3 of decision 10/CMP.1 and Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee (JISC)'s clarification C-JI-ACCR-01.

3. The JI-AP had already selected members of joint implementation assessment teams (JI-ATs) and agreed on the workplans for all 15 applications by the end of the previous reporting period. Of these, the JI-AP had decided to re-visit the workplan for one application and put on hold the start of JI-AT's assessment work for the application until the applicant IE submits additional documents relating to its application for additional sectoral scopes as reported in the sixth progress report. This applicant IE had not submitted the additional documents by the end of the present reporting period. Consequently, the assessment work is underway currently for 14 applications by respective JI-ATs.

4. **Desk reviews have been completed for 14 applications, for all of which the site visit of the on-site assessment has been conducted** by the end of the present reporting period. Of these, **a letter indicating successful completion of the desk review and the on-site assessment (indicative letter) was issued to seven applications by the JI-AP** in accordance with paragraph 43 of the "Procedure for accrediting independent entities by the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee" (JI accreditation procedure) by the end of the present reporting period. For the remaining applications, desk review and/or on-site assessment is expected to be completed, or the JI-AP's consideration on issuing an indicative letter is expected to take place, in the coming months. The details of the applications and the status of processing them are presented in annex 1.

5. By the end of the present reporting period, **15 witnessing opportunities submitted from nine applicant IEs have been accepted by respective JI-AT leaders** in accordance with paragraphs 44 and 45 of the JI accreditation procedure. Of these, corresponding PDDs have been published on the UNFCCC website subsequently for 14 witnessing opportunities. Further, documentary evidence for the assessment by the respective JI-AT was submitted from an applicant IE for one witnessing opportunity, based on which the witnessing activity is underway by the corresponding JI-AT.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PANEL

6. There is no recommendation from the JI-AP to the JISC for the present reporting period.

IV. STATUS OF ROSTER OF EXPERTS

7. Since the end of the previous reporting period, the JI-AP withdrew two experts from the roster based on the performance evaluation of JI-AT leaders and members, which the JI-AP started as reported in the previous progress report. Therefore, **there are currently 37 experts on the roster** selected from three calls for experts (opened from 9 October until 20 November 2006, from 13 December 2006 until 17 January 2007, and from 28 February until 24 September 2007).

8. The JI-AP undertook detailed evaluation of methodology experts on the roster using newly developed criteria reported in the previous progress report, and identified the sectoral scopes where the number of competent experts are insufficient for witnessing activities. Based on this, the JI-AP decided to open a new call for experts focusing, but not limiting to, methodology experts in these sectoral scopes.

9. The JI-AP organized the third training session for JI-AT experts on 18-19 June 2008 in Bonn, Germany, inviting all leaders of the existing JI-ATs and selected methodology experts in the roster. This training session focused on the witnessing activity stage of the accreditation assessment process, providing participants with practical knowledge and experience using case study materials. Participants provided very positive feedbacks at the end of the training session.

V. OTHER OUTPUTS OF THE PANEL

10. There is no other output of the JI-AP during the present reporting period.

VI. ISSUES UNDER CONSIDERATION

11. The Chair of the JI-AP proposed to the Chair of the CDM accreditation panel (CDM-AP) of possible areas of cooperation between the JI and CDM accreditation processes. The JI-AP is currently awaiting a response from the CDM-AP to the proposal.

12. The JI-AP is continuing its consideration of appropriate grouping of sectoral scopes in the context of “phasing of accreditation” in accordance with relevant provisions of the JI accreditation procedure.

13. The JI-AP is overseeing the development of an on-line training system for JI-AT experts, the process for which is being managed by the secretariat.

14. The JI-AP is considering the necessity and areas of further revision of the JI accreditation procedure and/or relating documents with a view to improving their consistency and clarity in totality.

ANNEXES

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UNFCCC Ref. No.	Entity name	Sectoral scopes applied	Accreditation steps									
			Completeness check	Preliminary consideration	Workplan	JI-AT establishment	Desk review	On-site assessment	Indicative letter	Witnessing activity	Phased accreditation	
JI-E-0001	Det Norske Veritas Certification AS (DNV)	1-15	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	2 witnessing opportunities accepted	
JI-E-0002	Japan Quality Assurance Organization (JQA)	1-15	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		1 witnessing opportunity accepted	
JI-E-0003	Deloitte Tohmatsu Evaluation and Certification Organization (Deloitte-TECO) ¹	1-10, 12-13, 15	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
JI-E-0004	Lloyd's Register Quality Assurance Ltd. (LRQA)	1-13	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	1 witnessing opportunity accepted	
JI-E-0005	JACO CDM., LTD (JACO)	1-15	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Site visit done ²		1 witnessing opportunity accepted	
JI-E-0006	Japan Consulting Institute (JCI)	1-5, 8-11, 13	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
JI-E-0007	Bureau Veritas Certification Holding SAS (BVC Holding SAS) ³	1-15	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	2 witnessing opportunities accepted	
JI-E-0008	TÜV SÜD Industrie Service GmbH (TÜV-SÜD)	1-15	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Site visit done ²		2 witnessing opportunities accepted	

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JI-E-0009	Spanish Association for Standardisation and Certification (AENOR)	1-15	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Site visit done ²		
JI-E-0010	SGS United Kingdom Ltd. (SGS)	1-15	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	3 witnessing opportunities accepted	
JI-E-0011	TÜV NORD CERT GmbH (TÜV NORD)	1-15	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	1 witnessing opportunity accepted	
JI-E-0012	TÜV Rheinland Japan Ltd. (TÜV Rheinland) ⁴	1-15	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	2 witnessing opportunities accepted	
JI-E-0013	Swiss Association for Quality and Management Systems (SQS)	1-15	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
JI-E-0014	KPMG Sustainability B.V. (KPMG)	1-4, 13	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Site visit done ²		
JI-E-0015	Germanischer Lloyd Certification GmbH (GLC)	1-3, 7, 10, 13	✓	✓	✓ ⁵	✓					

Legend:

✓ = stage completed

1) Formerly named as “Tohmatsu Evaluation and Certification Organization Co., Ltd”.

2) Corrective actions being identified or underway by applicant IE.

3) Formerly named as “Bureau Veritas Certification Holding S.A.”.

4) Formerly applied from “TÜV Industrie Service GmbH, TÜV Rheinland Group”.

5) The JI-AP decided to re-visit the workplan once the applicant IE has submitted documents relating to its application for additional sectoral scopes.