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and

Key Consultoria e Treinamento Ltda.

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Renova Area 6-8 Wind Power Project

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### 1 Executive Summary

Lloyd's Register Quality Assurance Limited has been contracted by Renova Energia S/A representing the project participants (PP), to undertake validation of the proposed project activity Renova Area 6-8 Wind Power Project.

The validation has been performed through a process of document review based on the Project Design Document, Version 1 dated 18<sup>th</sup> March 2011 initially submitted for validation and the subsequent revisions, follow-up interviews with the stakeholders, resolution of outstanding issues and issuance of the validation report.

Renova Area 6-8 Wind Power Project is a greenfield project located in the municipalities of Caetité and Igaporã, state of Bahia, Brazil. The project will generate electricity by implementing and operating 81 horizontal-axis wind turbines, each with 1.6 MW (total nominal capacity: 129.2 MW). In the baseline, electricity delivered to the grid by the project activity would have been generated by the operation of grid-connected power plants and by the addition of new generation sources. Hence, the project activity will promote GHG emission reductions by displacing fossil fuel-based electricity generation that would otherwise occur. The Starting Date of the project activity, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2009, is the date of realisation of Brazilian 2<sup>nd</sup> Reserve Power Auction (2º Leilão de Energia de Reserva - Leilão Nº 003/2009 - LER-20091), in which the six electricity generation facilities Porto Seguro, Igaporã, N. S. Conceição, Ilhéus, Pajéu do Vento and Planaltina, had its energy contracted. This auction legally binds the PP to supply the agreed amount of energy.

The fulfilment of the requirements as set forth in Article 12 of the Kyoto Protocol of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the modalities and procedures for a CDM (CDM M&P) and relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties, serving as meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (COP/MOP) and the Executive Board of the CDM (CDM-EB) have been evaluated and conformance to the validation requirements were confirmed based on the given information. A risk based approach was taken to conduct the validation and corrective action requests (CARs) and clarifications (CLs) were raised for relevant actions by the PP.

The validation team has found through the validation process 3 CARs, 3 CLs and 1 FAR. The PP has taken actions and submitted to LRQA all necessary additional explanations, evidence and document revisions. The validation team is of the opinion that the proposed project activity as described in the Project Design Document Version 3 dated 30<sup>th</sup> November 2011 meets all the relevant UNFCCC requirements for

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the CDM, meets all the relevant UNFCCC requirements for the CDM, as well as the host country's national requirements except for the absence of LoA.

Prior to the submission of the Project Design Document and the Validation Report to the CDM Executive Board, the project shall receive the written approval of voluntary participation from the DNA of Brazil, including the confirmation that the Project assists the country in achieving sustainable development.

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#### **Abbreviations**

ANEEL Brazilian Electric Energy National Agency

BM&FBOVESPA Brazilian Securities, Commodities and Futures Exchange

BE Baseline emissions

CARs Corrective action requests

CAPEX Capital Expenditure

CCEE Brazilian Electric Energy Clearing Chamber

CDM Clean development mechanism

CDM-EB Executive board of clean development mechanism

CDM M&P Modalities and procedures for a clean development mechanism

CER Certified emission reductions

CIMGC Brazilian Interministerial Commission on Global Climate Change

CLs Clarification requests

COP/MOP Conference of the Parties serving as meeting of the Parties to the

Kyoto Protocol

CSSL Social contribution on net profit
DNA Designated national authority
DOE Designated operational entity

EF Emission factor

EIA Environmental impacts assessment

EPC Engineering, procurement and construction ERPA Emissions reduction purchase agreement

FAR Forward action requests

GHG Greenhouse gas

GSP Global stakeholders' consultation process

ICG Shared transmission system that connects a plant with the National

Interconnected Electric Energy Generation and Transmission

System (SIN)

IPCA National index of prices perceived by consumers (inflation index)

IPCC Intergovernmental panel on climate change

IRR Internal rate of return

KP Kyoto Protocol of the United Nations Framework Convention on

Climate Change

kW / kWh Kilowatt / Kilowatt hour LE Leakage emissions LoA Letter of approval LR Lloyd's Register

LRQA Lloyd's Register Quality Assurance Limited

MW / MWh Mega watt / Mega watt hour

NCV Net calorific value

NGO Non governmental organization

ODA Official development aid

O&M Operation and Maintenance costs

PDD Project design document

PE Project emissions

PIS/COFINS Social contribution tax, payable by legal entities, in order to finance

the payment of unemployment insurance and allowance for workers

PP Project participant

PROINFA Brazilian Incentive Program for Electricity Generated from

Renewable Sources).

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SIN National Interconnected Electric Energy Generation and

Transmission System

tCO<sub>2</sub>e Tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent

TUST Tariff paid for the use of the electric energy transmission system UNFCCC United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

CDM VVM CDM Validation and Verification Manual

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#### 2 Introduction

The project participant (PP) represented by Renova Energia S/A has contracted with Lloyd's Register Quality Assurance Limited (LRQA) to undertake validation of the proposed project activity Renova Area 6-8 Wind Power Project. This report summarises the findings of the validation process that has been conducted on the validation requirements of the CDM.

The validation has been undertaken by the team formed of the qualified personnel of LRQA as follows:

Cláudia Freitas P	LRQA Brasil	Team Leader, CDM Lead Validator
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Márcio Pragana	LRQA Brasil	External Sector Expert
Prabodha C. Acharya	LRQA Ltd India	Technical Reviewer / Sector Expert
Andrew Ritchie	LRQA UK	Decision Maker

Personnel being engaged in a CDM project validation are qualified based on the established procedures of LRQA to assure the resource requirements satisfy all the requirements of competence criteria for an AE/DOE under CDM (CDM-Accreditation Standard version 03). LRQA is designated as an operational entity and holds the full responsibility of decision-making regarding the validation, in accordance with the accreditation requirements of the CDM-EB. The certificate of appointment of the team personnel is attached to this report.

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### 2.1 Objective

Validation is the process of an independent third party evaluation of a project activity on the basis of the PDD, against the requirements of the CDM as set out in Article 12 of the Kyoto Protocol, the CDM M&P, the present annex, subsequent decisions made by the COP/MOP and CDM-EB, and other rules applicable to the proposed project activity including the host country's legislation and its specific requirements for sustainable development. The validation follows the requirements of the current version of the CDM validation and verification manual (CDM VVM) to ensure the quality and consistency of the validation work and the report.

### 2.2 Scope

The scope of validation is an independent and objective review of the project design. Review of the PDD is conducted against the requirements of the Kyoto Protocol, the CDM M&P and relevant decisions of the COP/MOP and the CDM-EB. LRQA follows a risk-based approach in the validation focusing on the identification of significant risks for project implementation and generation of CERs. Validation is not meant to provide any consulting towards the PP, however, the corrective actions requests (CARs) and clarifications (CLs) might provide input for improvement of the project design. A validation conclusion shall become final subject to the decision maker's review by LRQA Ltd.

### 2.3 GHG Project Description

The Renova Area 6-8 Wind Power Project is a greenfield project which comprises six facilities located in the municipalities of Caetité and Igaporã, state of Bahia, Brazil.

The project will generate electricity by implementing and operating 81 horizontal-axis General Electric wind turbines, each with 1.6 MW (total nominal capacity: 129.2 MW), as follows:

Facility	Number of wind turbine	Installed capacity (MW)	Estimated load factor (%)	Estimated capacity (MW)
Porto Seguro	4	6.4	41.3	2.6
Igaporã	19 (one turbine with nominal capacity of 1.6 MW but limited during installation to 1.2 MW)	30	47.9	14.4
N. S. Conceição	18	28.8	48.6	14.0
Ilhéus	7	11.2	47.6	5.3
Pajéu do Vento	16	25.6	54.8	14.0
Planaltina	17	27.2	54.6	14.9

In the baseline, electricity delivered to the grid by the project activity would have been generated by the operation of grid-connected power plants and by the addition of new generation sources. Hence, the project activity will promote GHG emission reductions by displacing fossil fuel-based electricity generation that would otherwise occur.

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The Starting Date of the project activity, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2009, is the date of realisation of Brazilian 2<sup>nd</sup> Reserve Power Auction (2º Leilão de Energia de Reserva - Leilão Nº 003/2009 - LER-20092), in which the six electricity generation facilities Porto Seguro, Igaporã, N. S. Conceição, Ilhéus, Pajéu do Vento and Planaltina, had its energy contracted.

The project activity presents a change since the date of investment decision making, regarding the nominal capacity of the wind turbine model used in the wind farms. Since the Starting Date of the project activity, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2009, the turbine model was changed from a 1.5MW to a 1.6MW and one wind turbine was added to the wind farms, increasing the total installed capacity from 120MW to 129.2MW.

In its former configuration, the project presented a CAPEX of 3,640,650.18 R\$/MW and a Real Equity IRR of 9.18%. Due to the increase of the wind turbine nominal capacity and to the acquisition of one additional turbine, reaching a total of 81 wind turbines, the project had an increase of the nominal capacity from 120 MW to 129.2 MW, which was approved by ANEEL (National Energy Agency) on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2011. In the new arrangement, the project presents a CAPEX of 3,905,036.35 R\$/MW and a Real Equity IRR of 7.12 %.

Taking into consideration the calculated benchmark asset IRR of 15.28%, the validation team concluded that the change in the installed capacity of the wind farms does not compromise the project's additionality.

The amount of GHG emission reductions from the project is estimated to be 117,424 tCO₂e per annum during the first renewable 7-year crediting period, from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

# 3 Methodology

#### 3.1 Review of documents

The validation is performed primarily based on the review of the project design document (PDD) and the other supporting documentation.

The PDD Version 1 dated 18<sup>th</sup> March 2011 was initially reviewed. LRQA requested the PP to present supporting information and documents relating to the project design and such additional information and documents were also reviewed by LRQA.

Through the process of the validation, the PDD and the supporting documents were evaluated to confirm the actions taken by the PP to the CARs and CLs issued by LRQA. The documents reviewed by LRQA are listed in Appendix B. LRQA reviewed the final version of the PDD Version 3 dated 30<sup>th</sup> November 2011 to confirm that all changes agreed had been incorporated.

### 3.2 Site Visit & Follow-up interviews

The visit was conducted in the Project Participants' office, taking into consideration that Renova Area 6-8 is a Greenfield project and that the project works had not yet

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been initiated. It was confirmed through interviews with the PP's personnel and the assessment of environmental permits, photographs and satellite images that the site reflects the description in the PDD and that no renewable power plant was operated prior to the implementation of the project activity.

A site visit and follow-up interviews with the stakeholders were conducted as detailed in the schedule as below:

Date	Location/ Address	Party Interviewed	Subjects Covered	Team Members on Site
2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2011	Renova Area 6-8 office	<ul> <li>Renova Energia S/A and</li> <li>Key Consultoria e Treinamento Ltda.</li> </ul>	Presentation from the PP of the project overview     Confirmation of the description of the project activity including the technology used	Claudia Freitas Iuri Barroso Márcio Pragana (sector expert)
			Review of the project commissioning reports and relevant contracts	
			Confirmation of Project boundaries and co- ordinates	
			5. Confirmation of the Baseline development and review of related evidences	
			6. Review of the documents supporting the demonstration of the additionality and investment analysis	
			7. Review of ex-ante emission reduction estimation	
			8. Review of environmental issues and relevant licenses and studies 9. Confirmation of	
			sustainable development	
			Review of local     Stakeholders     consultation process	
			11. Review of proposed monitoring plan, QA/QC process, training and emergency response process	
			12. Review of the Modalities of communication	

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A full list of persons interviewed is shown in Appendix C.

For details of all the findings of the desk review and site visit, please refer to the Validation Protocol and Findings in Appendix F.

### 3.3 Resolution of clarification and corrective action requests

LRQA applies the risk based approach aimed at focusing on high risk issues to the validation results whilst not omitting any part of the mandatory processes.

Findings identified in the process are indicated under the titles corrective action requests (CARs) and clarification requests (CLs) and forward action requests (FARs). CARs and CLs require the PP to take relevant actions. Criteria for judging items as CAR or CL are as follows:

#### Corrective action request (CAR):

- the project participants have made mistakes that will influence the ability of the project activity to achieve real, measurable additional emission reductions
- the CDM requirements have not been met, or
- there is a risk that emission reductions cannot be monitored or calculated.

#### **Clarification request (CL):**

Information is insufficient or not sufficiently clear to determine whether the applicable CDM requirements have been met.

FARs are to be raised to highlight issues related to project implementation that require review during the first verification of the project activity. FARs do not relate to CDM requirements for registration.

CARs and CLs are to be resolved or closed out if the PP modifies the project design, rectifies the PDD or provides adequate additional explanations or evidence that satisfies the concerns. If this is not completed, the project activity cannot be recommended for registration to the CDM Executive Board.

For details of the nature of the issues raised, the nature of the responses provided the means of validation of such responses and the resulting changes in the PDD or supporting annexes please refer to the Validation Protocol and Findings in appendix F.

# 3.4 Internal quality control

A technical review by a qualified person independent from the validation team and a review by an authorised decision maker were conducted prior to the submission of the validation report to the PP and prior to requesting the registration of the project activity.

### 4 Validation protocol and conclusions

This section provides an overview of the validation activities undertaken by LRQA in order to arrive at the final validation conclusions and opinion. It includes general conclusions based on the Clean Development Mechanism Validation and Verification Manual version 01.2. Further details in relation to each element of the protocol and each finding are shown in the Validation Protocol and Findings – Appendix F.

The protocol is structured based on the main validation requirements as follows:

- Approval by the Parties involved
- Participation requirements

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- Project design document
- Project description
- Baseline and monitoring methodology
  - Applicability of the selected methodology
  - Project boundary
  - o Baseline identification
  - o Algorithms and/or formula used to determine emission reductions
- Additionality of a project activity
  - Prior consideration of the CDM
  - Identification of alternatives
  - o Investment analysis
  - o Barrier analysis
  - Common practice analysis
- Monitoring plan
- Local stakeholder consultation
- Environmental impacts.

### 4.1 Approval

A CDM project shall be approved by the Parties involved.

To be completed after presentation of the LoA, at the final stage of validation. According to the Brazilian DNA's rules, the issuance of the Letter of Approval is conditioned to the presentation of the DOE's validation report by PP to the DNA (Resolution No. 1 of 11<sup>th</sup> September 2003).

The host Party of the proposed project is Brazil.

Brazil ratified the Kyoto Protocol on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2002. The Designated National Authority (DNA) is the Interministerial Commission Global Climate Change (CIMGC).

The project has currently been proposed as a unilateral CDM project and the Annex I Party has not yet been identified. In line with the provision of paragraph 57 of the 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the CDM-EB, registration of a project activity can take place without an Annex I party being involved at the stage of registration.

This Validation Report will be updated to reflect the receipt of the LoA and any requirements specified therein.

For details relating to this section, please refer to the Validation Protocol in Appendix F section1.

### 4.2 Participation requirements

The project participants, Renova Energia S/A and Key Consultoria e Treinamento Ltda., are private entities having their registered offices in Brazil.

The contact details of the PPs are correctly provided in Annex 1 of the PDD.

Participation of the PPs in the project activity has yet to be authorised and confirmed in the LoA issued by the DNA of the Parties concerned. The team has yet to confirm that no entities other than the authorised entities are indicated as project participants in the PDD.

For details relating to this section, please refer to the Validation Protocol in Appendix

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### 4.3 Project design document

The PDD was checked and confirmed as complete against the Guidelines for completing the project design document (CDM-PDD) and the proposed new baseline and monitoring methodologies (CDM-NM) referring to the latest version applicable to the validation.

A valid form of the CDM-PDD (Version 03) is used, being the current form as available on the CDM website.

For details relating to this section, please refer to the Validation Protocol in Appendix F section 3.

### 4.4 Project description

The Renova Area 6-8 Wind Power Project is a Greenfield project located in the municipalities of Caetité and Igaporã, state of Bahia, Brazil. The project will generate electricity by implementing and operating 81 horizontal-axis wind turbines, each with 1.6 MW (total nominal capacity: 129.2 MW).

The reference geographic coordinates of the units of the project activity, in decimal degrees, are given below:

Wind Farm	Latitude	Longitude
Porto Seguro	- 13.8629	- 42.6727
Igaporã	- 13.8606	- 42.6574
N. S. Conceição	- 13.8957	- 42.6769
Ilhéus	- 13.8823	- 42.6631
Pajéu do Vento	- 14.0147	- 42.6339
Planaltina	- 13.9879	- 42.6389

In the baseline, electricity delivered to the grid by the project activity would have been generated by the operation of grid-connected power plants and by the addition of new generation sources. Hence, the project activity will promote GHG emission reductions by displacing fossil fuel-based electricity generation that would otherwise occur.

The Starting Date of the project activity, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2009, is the date of realisation of Brazilian 2<sup>nd</sup> Reserve Power Auction (2º Leilão de Energia de Reserva - Leilão Nº 003/2009 - LER-20093), in which the six electricity generation facilities Porto Seguro, Igaporã, N. S. Conceição, Ilhéus, Pajéu do Vento and Planaltina, had its energy contracted.

LRQA confirms that the project description included in the PDD is accurate and complete. This description provides the reader with a clear understanding of the precise nature of the project activity and the technical aspects of its implementation.

The project description was validated by document review including Wind Certification reports, lease of land contracts, EPC contracts and interviews.

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#### Sustainable development

The host Party's DNA has yet to confirm the contribution of the project activity to the sustainable development of the host Party.

For details relating to this section, please refer to the Validation Protocol in Appendix F section 1.

### 4.5 Baseline and monitoring methodology

#### Applicability of the selected methodology to the project activity

The project activity applied the approved baseline and monitoring methodology ACM0002, "Consolidated baseline methodology for grid-connected electricity generation from renewable sources", Version 12.2.0.

LRQA confirms that the selected methodology is applicable to this project activity. The project applicability was confirmed against each condition in the approved methodology selected. Appendix F includes the list of each applicability condition, the steps taken to validate each one and the conclusions about its applicability to the proposed project activity .For details relating to this section, please refer to the Validation Protocol in Appendix F section 5.

#### **Project boundary**

The project boundary has been validated through documentation review on environmental permits, interviews, photographs and satellite images, which confirmed that the project is a greenfield plant and, as a result, there are no processes or equipment affected by the project activity.

Emissions related to the construction, transportation of employees and supporting facilities (e.g. restaurant) were identified and were neglected, according to the approved methodology ACM0002 Version 12.2.0. No significant emission sources were identified that may be affected by the project activity and are not addressed by the selected approved methodology.

Through the processes undertaken, the validation team confirmed that the identified project boundary, the selected sources and the gases were justified for the project activity and that they meet the requirements of the approved methodology.

For details relating to this section, please refer to the Validation Protocol in Appendix F section 5a.

#### Baseline identification

The baseline scenario identified in the PDD has been assessed against the requirements in the approved methodology ACM0002, Version 12.2.0, "Consolidated baseline methodology for grid-connected electricity generation from renewable sources".

LRQA can confirm that the procedure included in this methodology to identify the most reasonable baseline scenario has been correctly applied.

The steps taken to assess the baseline identification are described in the Validation protocol in Appendix F section 5b.

#### LRQA confirms that:

 All the assumptions and data used by the project participants are listed in the PDD, including their references and sources;

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- All documentation used is relevant for establishing the baseline scenario and correctly quoted and interpreted in the PDD;
- Assumptions and data used in the identification of the baseline scenario are justified appropriately, supported by evidence and can be deemed reasonable;
- Relevant national and/or sectoral policies and circumstances are considered and listed in the PDD;
- The approved baseline methodology has been correctly applied to identify the most reasonable baseline scenario and the identified baseline scenario reasonably represents what would occur in the absence of the proposed CDM project activity.

#### Algorithms and/or formula used to determine emission reductions

LRQA has confirmed that the steps taken and the equations applied to calculate project emissions, baseline emissions and emission reductions comply with the requirements of the approved methodology ACM0002 Version 12.2.0.

The steps taken to assess the algorithms and/or formula used to determine emission reductions are described in the Validation protocol in Appendix F section 5.c.

#### LRQA confirms that:

- All assumptions and data used by the project participants are listed in the PDD, including their references and sources;
- All documentation used by project participants as the basis for assumptions and source of data is correctly quoted and interpreted in the PDD;
- All values used in the PDD are considered reasonable in the context of the proposed CDM project activity;
- The baseline methodology has been correctly applied to calculate project emissions, baseline emissions, leakage and emission reductions;
- All estimates of the baseline emissions can be replicated using the data and parameter values provided in the PDD.

## 4.6 Additionality of a project activity

The project additionality was demonstrated by the PP using the "Tool for the Demonstration and Assessment of Additionality", Version 06.0.0.

#### Prior consideration of CDM.

The prior consideration of the benefits of the CDM in the decision to undertake the project activity was assessed by the validation team, following the "Guidelines on the Demonstration and Assessment of Prior Consideration of the CDM" EB41 Annex 46.

The adoption of the realisation of Brazilian 2<sup>nd</sup> Reserve Power auction as the project starting date (14<sup>th</sup> December 2009), as stated in PDD section C.1.1, was assessed and considered reasonable. Evidence of prior consideration of CDM has been validated as the prior consideration form sent to the Host Party DNA on 09<sup>th</sup> June 2010 and to the UNFCCC secretariat on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

The validation team is of the opinion that the proposed project activity complies with the requirements of the latest version of the "Guidelines on the Demonstration and Assessment of Prior Consideration of the CDM".

The steps taken to assess the prior serious consideration of the CDM are described in the Validation protocol in Appendix F section 6a.

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#### Identification of alternatives

The list in the Validation Protocol – Appendix F section 6.b shows the alternatives given in the PDD and clearly states how LRQA has validated whether these alternatives are credible and complete.

It is the opinion of LRQA that the list of alternatives provided in the PDD are credible and complete considering the technology and circumstances of the proposed Project activity as well as the investor's business.

#### **Investment analysis**

The Investment analysis option has been used to demonstrate the additionality of the proposed project activity. LRQA confirms that the PDD provides evidence that this project activity would not be the most economically or financially attractive alternative.

The PPs have shown that the project activity is additional by demonstrating that the financial returns of the proposed project activity would be insufficient to justify the required investment (equity IRR *versus* Benchmark).

For assessing the additionality of this project activity LRQA has complied with the latest version of the "Guidelines on the Assessment of Investment Analysis" as provided by the CDM Executive Board and with other relevant guidance including the latest guidelines on plant load factors "Guidelines for the Reporting and Validation of Plant Load Factors". For details about the validation of the parameters used in the financial calculations and assessment of the benchmark applied, please refer to the Validation protocol in Appendix F section 6c.

LRQA confirms that the underlying assumptions for the investment analysis are appropriate and that the financial calculations are correct.

#### **Common practice analysis**

LRQA confirms that the proposed CDM project activity is not widely observed and commonly carried out in Brazil.

The common practice analysis presented in the PDD Version 3 followed the latest version of the Guidelines on Common Practice. Reasonable arguments were presented for considering that there are essential distinctions between these activities and the proposed CDM project.

For details about the validation of the geographical scope, the assessment of the existence of similar projects and also the assessment of the essential distinctions between the proposed project activity and any similar projects, please refer to the Validation protocol in Appendix F section 6e.

# 4.7 Monitoring Plan

The PDD Version 3 includes a Monitoring Plan based on the approved consolidated methodology ACM0002, "Consolidated baseline methodology for grid-connected electricity generation from renewable sources", Version 12.2.0.

A minor modification was made by the PP during the validation technical review to the PDD Version 1, to state that the monitoring data will be archived electronically and kept at least for 2 years after the end of the last crediting period.

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LRQA confirms that the Monitoring Plan described in the PDD Version 3 complies with the requirements in the Monitoring Methodology and that the PPs will be able to apply this Monitoring Plan following the monitoring arrangements described in it.

For details about the validation of the Monitoring Plan, please refer to the Validation protocol in Appendix F section 7.

#### 4.8 Local stakeholder consultation

The PPs invited Local Stakeholders to comment on the proposed project activity on the 28<sup>th</sup> July 2010, prior to the publication of the PDD on the UNFCCC website. Copies of invitations for comments posted by the PP to the local stakeholders, as well as the corresponding acknowledgments of receipt, were assessed and found in accordance with the Brazilian DNA's resolution No. 7 of 5<sup>th</sup> March 2008.

LRQA confirms that the stakeholder consultation process targeted stakeholders and was appropriate for identifying stakeholders' opinions about the project and collecting their views.

For details about the steps taken to assess the adequacy of the Stakeholder consultation, please refer to the Validation protocol in Appendix F section 8.

### 4.9 Environmental impacts

LRQA has confirmed that the PPs have undertaken an analysis of environmental impacts.

The PPs have submitted documentation to LRQA on the analysis of the environmental impacts of this project activity in accordance with paragraph 37 (c) of the CDM modalities and procedures.

For details about the document review and determination of whether the PPs have undertaken the analysis of environmental impacts, please refer to the Validation protocol in Appendix F section 9.

# 4.10 Summary of Changes

A number of changes on the PDD Version 1 were made as result of the CARs and CLs raised during the validation process:

- The significant environmental impacts and the corresponding mitigation measures have been included in the PDD. References to the environmental permits were also included. Please refer to CL 3 and CAR 1.
- Monitoring procedure has been detailed following the applied methodology and good practice. Please refer to CAR 2.
- The common practice analysis has been provided following the guideline Guidelines on Common Practice" Version 01.0 (Annex 12, EB63). Please refer to CAR 3.

The above changes were to address the issues raised by the validation team in response to the CAR/CL raised during the validation process.

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### 5 Comments by parties, stakeholders and NGOs

In accordance with the requirement of the Procedures for Processing and Reporting on Validation of CDM project activities, the PDD is to be made publicly available for 30 days subject to confidentiality provisions agreed with the PP, to enable comments to be received from Parties, stakeholders and UNFCCC accredited NGOs on the validation and registration requirements.

The PDD was made publicly available in accordance with the requirements of the procedure for the period of 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2011 – 20<sup>th</sup> April 2011 as per <a href="http://cdm.unfccc.int/Projects/Validation/DB/U03YYJFSXUCGYPG9KHHJE8JX63EX30/view.html">http://cdm.unfccc.int/Projects/Validation/DB/U03YYJFSXUCGYPG9KHHJE8JX63EX30/view.html</a>

No comment was received during this period.

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### **6** Validation Opinion

LRQA has undertaken the validation of the proposed project activity "Renova Area 6-8 Wind Power Project" based on the requirements of CDM as set out in Article 12 of the Kyoto Protocol, the CDM M&P, the present annex, subsequent decisions made by the COP/MOP and CDM-EB, and the other rules applicable to the proposed project activity including the host country's legislation and its specific requirements for sustainable development.

The proposed activity is a greenfield project located in the municipalities of Caetité and Igaporã, state of Bahia, Brazil. The project will generate electricity by implementing and operating 81 horizontal-axis wind turbines, each with 1.6 MW (total nominal capacity: 129.2 MW). In the baseline, electricity delivered to the grid by the project activity would have been generated by the operation of grid-connected power plants and by the addition of new generation sources. Hence, the project activity will promote GHG emission reductions by displacing fossil fuel-based electricity generation that would otherwise occur.

The project participants are Renova Energia S/A and Key Consultoria e Treinamento Ltda.

The project applies the approved baseline and monitoring methodology ACM0002 Version 12.2.0, "Consolidated baseline methodology for grid-connected electricity generation from renewable sources".

In order to arrive at the final validation conclusions and opinion, LRQA carried out desk review, visit to the PP's head office, interview with the staff involved and independent research of alternative information sources in order to cross-check and validate the information, assumptions, calculations and statements presented in the PDD.

The validation team concluded that the description of the project activity in the PDD Version 3 is accurate and complete and that all applicability criteria of the methodology ACM0002 Version 12.2.0 are met; the baseline scenario has been correctly identified and the assumptions adopted are sound; the monitoring plan complies with the applicable methodology, with feasible arrangements and sufficient means of implementation to ensure that the emission reductions resulting from the proposed CDM project activity can be reported *ex post* and verified.

The Project Activity is additional as demonstrated by the financial and common practice analysis; all parameters used in the emission reductions calculations had their sources verified, were correctly interpreted and are conservative choices.

It is reasonably demonstrated that the project is not a probable baseline scenario and that emission reductions attributable to the project are additional to any that would occur in the absence of the project activity.

Local stakeholders, such as the Town Council, the City Hall, the Brazilian forum of NGOs, neighbouring community representatives, state and federal prosecutors and the environmental city prosecutor, were invited to comment on the project, in accordance with the requirements of Resolution 7 of the Brazilian DNA, as verified by the correspondent protocols of receipt. One comment was received from the federal prosecutor, which was satisfactorily dealt with. No change in the PDD was needed.

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There are no project components or issues excluded from the validation other than the LoA, which has yet to be issued following DNA review of the Validation Report.

Through the validation process, the validation team identified 3 CARs, 3 CLs and 1 FAR. The PP has taken action on the raised issues and submitted to LRQA the revised PDD and other supporting evidences. Further details on this can be found in the section "Findings", at the end of Appendix F.

The validation team is of the opinion that the proposed project activity conforms to all the relevant UNFCCC requirements for the CDM as well as the host country's national requirements except for the absence of LoA.

Prior to the submission of the Project Design Document and the Validation Report to the CDM Executive Board, the project shall receive the written approval of voluntary participation from the DNA of Brazil, including the confirmation that the Project assists the country in achieving sustainable development.

If implemented as designed, the project is likely to achieve the validated emission reductions of 117,424 tCO<sub>2</sub>e as annual average during the first crediting period and contribute to the sustainable development of the host country. LRQA has decided to request the registration of the activity "Renova Area 6-8 Wind Power Project" to the CDM Executive Board as a CDM project activity, after the issuance of LoA following DNA review of the Validation Report.

**Decision Maker** 

Andrew Ritchie

Climate Change Services Manager

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### 7 Appendices

- 7.1 Appendix A: Letter of approval for the project by the host DNA

  Letter of Approval from the Comissão Interministerial de Mudança Global do Clima has yet to be received
- 7.2 Appendix B: List of documents reviewed

  Category A documents (documents prepared by the PP
  - 1. Electricity Tariff price\_Renova Area 6-8\_Energy Auction Complete Result
  - 2. Power Energy Purchase Agreement for Candiba
  - 3. Memorandum of understanding for the sale of power generation equipment and related services including transportation and erection
  - 4. Memorandum of understanding for the sale of power generation equipment and related services including transportation and erection, first amendment.
  - Project cost estimation study, Laureano & Meirelles Engenharia Ltda. (Portuguese)
  - 6. Lifetimes of assets and facilities in the electricity sector, ANEEL (Portuguese)
  - 7. Energy Production Assessment\_Garrad Hassan Study\_Igaporã
  - 8. Energy Production Assessment\_Garrad Hassan Study\_Ilhéus
  - 9. Energy Production Assessment\_Garrad Hassan Study\_Nossa Senhora da Conceição
  - 10. Energy Production Assessment\_Garrad Hassan Study\_Pajeú do Vento
  - 11. Energy Production Assessment\_Garrad Hassan Study\_Planaltina
  - 12. Energy Production Assessment\_Garrad Hassan Study\_Porto Seguro
  - 13. O&M Service Proposal\_Enex
  - 14. Electricity Sector Benchmark calculation spreadsheet, "Electricity Sector Benchmark Renova A6&8"
  - 15. Ex-ante emission reductions calculation worksheet "renova6\_8\_ex\_ante.xls"
  - 16. Spreadsheets "Investment analysis\_Renova 6&8" and "Investment analysis Renova 6&8 New Capacity"
  - 17. Environmental Installation Permits of wind farms Porto Seguro, Igaporã, N. S. Conceição, Ilhéus, Pajéu do Vento and Planaltina,
  - 18. Environmental Impact Assessment\_Renova 6 and 8, "Identificação e Avaliação dos Impactos Ambientais", conducted by Renova Energia S.A.
  - 19. Environmental installation permits for the six wind farms
  - 20. Evidence of local stakeholders consultation (letters)
  - 21. Acknowledgements of receipt from local stakeholders
  - 22. Modalities of Communication Form
  - 23. Project Design Document of Renova Area 6-8, Version 1
  - 24. Project Design Document of Renova Area 6-8, Version 2
  - 25. Project Design Document of Renova Area 6-8, Version 3
  - 26. Prior Consideration Form sent to DNA and acknowledgement of receipt

#### Category B documents (other documents referenced)

- UNFCCC Parties and Observer States Brazil Ratification Status http://maindb.unfccc.int/public/country.pl?country=BR
- 2. Clean Development Mechanism Validation and Verification Manual (Version 01.2) http://cdm.unfccc.int/Reference/Manuals/accr\_man01.pdf

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- Guidelines for Completing the Project Design Document (CDM-PDD) and the Proposed New Baseline and Monitoring Methodologies (CDM-NM) Version7 http://cdm.unfccc.int/Reference/Guidclarif/pdd/PDD\_guid04.pdf
- 4. CDM "Consolidated baseline methodology for grid-connected electricity generation from renewable sources", ACM0002, version 12.2.0.
- Tool for the demonstration and assessment of additionality Version 06.0.0 <a href="http://cdm.unfccc.int/methodologies/PAmethodologies/tools/am-tool-01-v6.0.0.pdf">http://cdm.unfccc.int/methodologies/PAmethodologies/tools/am-tool-01-v6.0.0.pdf</a>
- 6. Guidelines on the demonstration and assessment of prior consideration of CDM version 4 http://cdm.unfccc.int/Reference/Guidclarif/reg/reg\_guid04.pdf
- 7. Guidelines on the assessment of investment analysis Version 05
- Tool to calculate the emission factor for an electricity system", Version 02.2.0 <a href="http://cdm.unfccc.int/methodologies/PAmethodologies/tools/am-tool-07-v2.2.1.pdf">http://cdm.unfccc.int/methodologies/PAmethodologies/tools/am-tool-07-v2.2.1.pdf</a>
- 9. Guidelines for the Reporting and Validation of Plant Load Factors", Version 1 <a href="http://cdm.unfccc.int/Reference/Guidelarif/meth/meth\_guid35.pdf">http://cdm.unfccc.int/Reference/Guidelarif/meth/meth\_guid35.pdf</a>
- 10. Clarifications on the treatment of national and/or sectoral policies and regulations (paragraph 45 (e) of the CDM Modalities and Procedures) in determining a baseline scenario, EB 16 Annex
  - 13, <a href="http://cdm.unfccc.int/Reference/Guidclarif/meth/meth\_guid08.pdf">http://cdm.unfccc.int/Reference/Guidclarif/meth/meth\_guid08.pdf</a>
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- 15. Electric Energy National Agency (ANEEL), resolution #77, 18 Aug 2004 (Electricity Transmission System usage fee)
- 16. Electric Energy National Agency (ANEEL), resolution #907, 11 Nov 2009 (Electricity Transmission System usage fee)
- 17. ANEEL Energy Generation Data Bank, BIG- Banco de Informações de Geração de Energia (2011 03 23)
- 18. CIMGC Clarification note regarding the emission factors of the national integrated system
- 19. Brazilian National Treasury: <a href="http://www.tesouro.fazenda.gov.br/tesouro\_direto/">http://www.receita.fazenda.gov.br/principal/Ingles/SistemaTributarioBR/Taxes.htm</a>
- 20. BM&FBOVESPA: http://www.bmfbovespa.com.br
- 21. Capital asset pricing , ISAE/FGV,
  Brazil <a href="http://www.carbonnews.com.br/downloads/wacc.pdf">http://www.carbonnews.com.br/downloads/wacc.pdf</a>
- 22. Electricity tariff [BRL/MWh], Rosário and Rosário
  3: <a href="http://www.ccee.org.br/cceeinterdsm/v/index.jsp?contentType=RESULTADO\_LEILAO&vgnextoid=49f7364a3ef75210VgnVCM1000005e01010aRCRD&qry\_RESULTADO-LEILAO-CD-RESULTADO-LEILAO=9a9945">http://www.ccee.org.br/cceeinterdsm/v/index.jsp?contentType=RESULTADO\_LEILAO&vgnextoid=49f7364a3ef75210VgnVCM1000005e01010aRCRD&qry\_RESULTADO-LEILAO-CD-RESULTADO-LEILAO=9a9945</a>
- 23. ISAE/FGV, Brazil: http://www.carbonnews.com.br/downloads/wacc.pdf.

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#### 24. Electrobras: list of activities qualified for

PROINFA: <a href="http://www.eletrobras.gov.br/ELB/services/eletrobras/ContentManagementPlus/FileDownload.ThrSvc.asp?DocumentID={9B6832B3-F317-4BF6-A663-E466A250B8A7}&ServiceInstUID={9C2100BF-1555-4A9D-B454-2265750C76E1}&InterfaceInstUID={18F15ED9-1E73-4990-8CC6-F385CE19FF17}&InterfaceUID={72215A93-CAA7-4232-A6A1-2550B7CBEE2F}&ChannelUID={B38770E4-2FE3-41A2-9F75-DFF25AF92DED}&PageUID={ABB61D26-1076-42AC-8C5F-64EB5476030E}&BrowserType=IE&BrowserVersion=6</a>

### 7.3 Appendix C: List of persons interviewed

Bruna Neves Napoli	Renova	Environmental Manager
Daniel T. Famano	Renova	Finance Planning Manager
Iris Gobato Gercov	Key Associados	Consultant
Laura Araújo Alves	Key Associados	Project Manager
Marcela P. Paranhos	Key Associados	Carbon Market Analyst
Matheus L. A. Brito	Key Associados	Carbon Market Analyst
Rodrigo Bota	Renova	Implantation Superintendent

### 7.4 Appendix D: How due account has been taken to the public input made to the validation requirements

The PDD was made publicly available in accordance with the requirements of the Procedures for processing and reporting on validation of a CDM project activity for the period of 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2011 – 20<sup>th</sup> April 2011 as per

http://cdm.unfccc.int/Projects/Validation/DB/XMPL2JRB0KUCLA2A31XXO20P0YLASJ/view.html .

No comment was received during this period.

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# 7.5 Appendix E: Certificate of Appointment

# Validation of "Renova Area 6-8 Wind Power Project"

We hereby certify that the following personnel have engaged in the validation process that has fully satisfied the competence requirements of the validation of the CDM project activity.

Name of Person	Assigned Roles
Cláudia Freitas	Team Leader until 20th July 2011
Iuri de A. Barroso	Team Member and Leader from 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2011
Márcio Pragana	External Sector expert supporting the validation team
Prabodha C. Acharya	Technical Reviewer / Sector Expert
Andrew Ritchie	Decision Maker Reviewer

Signed by

Andrew Ritchie

Climate Change Services Manager

**Decision Maker** 

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# 7.6 Appendix F: Validation Protocol and findings log

This document has been produced by the LRQA Validation Team following the completion of the desk review and the site visit. It outlines the validated situation in relation to a number of criteria, including those defined in the Validation and Verification Manual (VVM) produced by the CDM Executive Board.

The questions within this document must be completed in full and in your own words. The purpose of this protocol is to record LRQA's opinion and LRQA's findings.

Where LRQA has identified issues requiring corrective action or clarification, a reference is made in the 'Conclusion' column, and details are stated in the section marked 'Findings'.

		Validated situation	Conclusion
SECT	ON 1. Approval		
Host (	Country Approval		
1.	Has the Host country DNA provided a written approval?	Yes No NA	Pending
	••	According to the Brazilian DNA's rules, the issuance of the Letter of Approval is conditioned to the presentation of the DOE's validation report by PP to the DNA (Resolution No. 1 of September 11, 2003).	
2.	Confirm that the letter has been issued by the Party's DNA and is valid for the proposed CDM project activity under validation	Yes No NA  According to the Brazilian DNA's rules, the issuance of the Letter of Approval is conditioned to the presentation of the DOE's validation report by PP to the DNA (Resolution No. 1 of September 11, 2003).	Pending
3.	Mention the means of validation employed to assess the authenticity of the Letter of Approval. Indicate the source of the LoA (e.g. PP or directly from the DNA)	To be completed after presentation of the LoA, at the final stage of validation.	Pending

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		Validated situation	Conclusion
4.	following:  (a) The Party is a Party to the Kyoto Protocol (including ratification);  (b) Participation is voluntary;  (c) The proposed CDM project activity contributes to the sustainable development of the country;  (d) It refers to the precise proposed CDM project activity title in the PDD being	Yes No NA  To be completed after presentation of the LoA, at the final stage of validation.	Pending
5.	submitted for registration.  Is the letter of approval unconditional with respect of (a) to (d) above	Yes No NA  To be completed after presentation of the LoA, at the final stage of validation	Pending
6.	Does the LoA from the host party acknowledge the bundle activity (if applicable)	Yes No NA  To be completed after presentation of the LoA, at the final stage of validation.	Pending
Annex	I Party Approval		
7.	Has the Annex I country DNA provided a written approval?	Yes No NA  The project has currently been proposed as a unilateral CDM project and the Annex I Party has not yet been identified. In line with the provision of paragraph 57 of the 18th meeting of the CDM-EB, registration of a project activity can take place without an Annex I party being involved at the stage of registration.	N/A
8.	Confirm that the letter has been issued by the Party's DNA and is valid for the proposed CDM project activity under validation	Yes □ No □ NA⊠	N/A

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	Validated situation	Conclusion
9. Mention the means of validation employed to assess the authenticity of the Letter of Approval Indicate the source of the LoA (e.g. PP or directly from the DNA)	Yes ☐ No ☐ NA⊠	N/A
10. Does the written Letter of Approval confirm the following:  (e) The Party is a Party to the Kyoto Protocol (including ratification);  (f) Participation is voluntary;  (g) It refers to the procise proposed CDM.	Yes □ No □ NA⊠	N/A
<ul><li>(g) It refers to the precise proposed CDM project activity title in the PDD being submitted for registration.</li></ul>		
11. Is the letter of approval unconditional with respect of (a) to (c) above	Yes ☐ No ☐ NA⊠	N/A
Host Country and Annex I Party Approval		
<ul> <li>12. Do any of the Letters of Approval contain additional specification of the project activity? Like:</li> <li>PDD Version number</li> <li>Validation report version number</li> <li>Make sure that the request for registration is made on the basis of the documents specified in any of the letters.</li> </ul>	To be completed after presentation of the LoA, at the final stage of validation.	Pending

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		Validated situation		Conclusion
SE	CTION 2. Participation			
1	Confirm that the PPs are listed in a tabular form in section A.3 of PDD and that this information is consistent with the contact details provided in Annex 1 of the PDD and with the contact details in the MoC.	Host Party PP name in PDD/ A.3	Renova Energia S/A and Key Consultoria e Treinamento Ltda.	ОК
		Host Party PP name in PDD/ Annex 1	Renova Energia S/A and Key Consultoria e Treinamento Ltda.	1
		Host Party PP name in MoC	Renova Energia S/A and Key Consultoria e Treinamento Ltda.	
		Annex 1 Party PP name in PDD/ A.3	The project has currently been proposed as a unilateral CDM project and the Annex I Party has not yet	
		Annex 1 Party PP name in PDD/ Annex 1		
		Annex 1 Party PP name in MoC	been identified. In line with the provision of paragraph 57 of the 18th meeting of the CDM-EB, registration of a project activity can take place without an Annex I party being involved at the stage of registration.	
2	Confirm that each of the PPs has been approved by at least one Party involved	Yes No NA  To be completed after presentation of the LoA, at the final stage of validation. According to the Brazilian DNA's rules, the issuance of the Letter of Approval is conditioned to the presentation of the DOE's validation report by PP to the DNA (Resolution No. 1 of 11th September 2003).		Pending

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	Validated situation	Conclusion
Confirm that no entities other than those approved as PPs are included in section A.3 of PDD.	Yes No NA	Pending
	To be completed after presentation of the LoA, at the final stage of validation.	
Ensure that the approval of participation has been issued from the relevant DNA and if in doubt verify this with the corresponding DNA.	To be completed after presentation of the LoA, at the final stage of validation.	Pending

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		Validated situation	Conclusion
5	<ul> <li>Has the MoC been completed as per the latest "Procedures for MoC between the project participants and the Executive Board"?</li> <li>No modifications to the template/form should be made and each document should be clearly dated</li> <li>Title of the project and names of project participants and focal points should be fully consistent with those indicated in all other project documentation</li> <li>Focal point scopes should be clearly and correctly indicated</li> <li>Contact details and specimen signatures of focal point entities including those of project participants in Annex 1 should be correctly entered. Only one telephone, fax, e-mail contact should be entered per authorized signatory. In cases where additional contact details are included, only the first indicated information will be taken into account and only the official business address of the proposed entity should be provided on the F-CDM-MOC form.</li> <li>The Statement of Agreement in Section 3 should be signed by one authorized signatory for each project participant; signatures made available in Section 3 should correspond to those indicated in the related Annex 1 document; focal point entities who are not designated as project participants should not sign Section 3.</li> </ul>	The document "MoC_Renova 6&8_signed.pdf" was assessed and approved.  Joint focal point authority was assigned to Key Consultoria e Treinamento Ltda. (primary signatory Mr. Carlos Delpupo and alternate signatory Mr. Matheus Alves de Brito) and Renova Energia S.A. (primary signatory Mr. Daniel Famano and no alternate signatory).  The Statement of Agreement was appropriately signed by the PPs.  MoC is consistent with the PDD and the information is in accordance with the form F-CDM-MOC and the requirements of the procedures.	OK

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	Validated Situation	Conclusion
SECTION 3. Project design document		
Is the project activity Small Scale or Normal Scale	Normal Scale Small Scale Bundled Small Scale	ОК
	Nominal power > 15 MW (decision 17 CP.7).	
Has the PDD used the latest template and guidance from the CDM Executive Board available on the UNFCCC CDM Website?	Yes ⊠ No ☐ CDM-PDD template Version 03 and Guidelines for Completing CDM-PDD Version 07, which are the current versions available in UNFCCC CDM website,	ОК
Check outputs from the completeness check.	are used, which follows the Guidelines for completing the project design document (CDM-PDD) and the proposed new baseline and monitoring methodologies Version 7 - EB 41 Annex 12	

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	Validated situation	Conclusion
SECTION 4. Project description		
Describe the process undertaken to validate that the description of the proposed CDM project activity as contained in the PDD sufficiently covers all relevant elements, is accurate and that it provides the reader with a clear understanding of the nature of the proposed CDM project activity.	CL 01:  • Issue raised: The role of the "National Electric System Operator (Operador Nacional do Sistema Elétrico - ONS) - 12 <sup>th</sup> module" is not clearly described in the PDD.  • Assessment of response: The role of the National Electric System Operator -12 <sup>th</sup> module was adequately explained in the PDD section B.7.2. The CL1 was closed out.  Description of project activity (PA): the technical description of PA was assessed against the approved methodology (ACM0002). The description of the project activity was validated based on review of the PDD and supporting documents, field interviews with PP that included the overall design document, technical specification, estimation of electricity generation by the third party contractor, power purchase agreements, etc.  Similar registered projects (Osório Wind Power Plant Project – Brazil, ref. 0603, Liaoning Fuxin Gaoshanzi 100.5MW Wind Power Project – China, ref. 3344 and Zafarana 8 - Wind Power Plant Project, Arab Republic of Egypt, ref. 3501), were considered as a way to confirm that no material information was missing.	CL 01, closed OK

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	Validated situation	Conclusion
<ol><li>Confirm that the exact project location is provided in the PDD with Geographical coordinates and check the accuracy of them.</li></ol>	The Renova Area 6-8 Wind Power Project is a greenfield project located in the municipalities of Caetité and Igaporã, state of Bahia, Brazil. The reference geographic coordinates of the units of the project activity, in decimal degrees, are given below:	
Please include here the Geographical coordinates:	Unit Name Latitude Longitude	
	Porto Seguro         - 13.8629         - 42.6727           Igaporã         - 13.8606         - 42.6574	
	N. S 13.8957 - 42.6769 Conceição	
	Ilhéus       - 13.8823       - 42.6631         Pajéu do Vento       - 14.0147       - 42.6339	
	Planaltina - 13.9879 - 42.6389	
	The coordinates in the PDD were verified against those in the wind study certification reports. The conversion of data between the two coordinate systems (from UTM SAD 69 to decimal degrees) was made with the conversion tool available in the site <a href="http://www.carto.eng.uerj.br/cgi/index.cgi?x=utm2geo.htm">http://www.carto.eng.uerj.br/cgi/index.cgi?x=utm2geo.htm</a> .	
	The plant load factors considered by the PP were validated through the analysis of the wind study reports prepared by the subcontracted engineering company Garrad Hassan.	
<ol> <li>Confirm that the physical site inspection reflects the description in the PDD of the proposed CDM project activity.</li> </ol>	It was confirmed through interviews with PP's personnel, photographs and satellite images that the site reflects the description in the PDD, i.e., that no renewable power plant was operated prior to the implementation of the project activity (greenfield plant).	OK

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	Validated situation	Conclusion
4. If the team did not undertake a physical site inspection, describe the justification as approved by the CDM Quality Manager. (VVM 01.2: 60-61)  Describe briefly the physical site inspection: Travel details and installations, facilities and buildings visited.	Considering that, according to the PP, the project activity is a greenfield site and that the construction of foundations was still in progress, the validation team decided to conduct the visit in the PP's office in São Paulo, where the project description was assessed through review of the project design, wind availability study, investment decision, discussion with key persons, site photographs and satellite images of the identified project site. All elements of the project description were validated during the visit to the PP's head office. The process followed was in line with the requirements stated in the paragraph 62 of the VVM Version 01.2  It was confirmed that no renewable power plant was operated prior to the implementation of the project activity (greenfield site).  The PP has provided the wind studies for determining the plant load factor, where the description of the methodology applied is described, including the wind monitoring equipment and the sources of raw data. The contracted engineering company has a good reputation in the sector and was considered trustworthy. This followed the requirements stated in the guidelines for reporting and validation of plant load factors.  The process of local stakeholders' consultation was validated through the letters of invitation and the corresponding confirmations of receipt. As stated in the validation protocol in appendix F section 8, the team confirmed during the visit that the consultation process was conducted as per resolution no 7 of the Brazilian DNA.  The PP's approach to the environmental issues (installation permits, environmental impacts assessment and mitigation measures plan) was validated during the site visit, as stated in the validation report in appendix F section 9.	OK

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5.	If the proposed CDM project activity involves the alteration of an existing installation or process, ensure	Pre-project	Project activity	ОК
	that the project description clearly states the differences resulting from the project activity compared to the pre-project situation.	N/A. The project activity does not involve or process. According to the PDD and proposed project activity consists in renewable power generation facility at was operated prior to the implementation		
6.	Annex I shall not be a diversion of official development	According to the PDD, A.4.5, there is no activity.	o public funding involved on this project	ок
	assistance (ODA).	parties or from ODA. The resources fo	will be no public funding from Annex I r the project will come from equity and Economic and Social Development –	
7.	If the project activity is a small scale one, confirm that it is not a debundled component of a large scale project, in accordance with appendix C of the simplified M&P for SSC CDM project activities and the Guidelines for assessment of de-bundling for SSC project activities.	The project is not a small scale one. The 129.2 MW, according to PDD A.2) is gre	e output capacity (total nominal capacity: ater than 15 MW (decision 17 CP.7).	N/A

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SECTION 5. Baseline and monitoring methodology		
Has the baseline and monitoring methodologies selected by the project participants been previously approved by the CDM Executive Board, i.e. does it appear on the methodologies page of the UNFCCC website?	Yes ☑ No ☐ NA☐  Consolidated baseline methodology for grid-connected electricity generation from renewable sources ACM0002 Version 12.2.0 is applied. <a href="http://cdm.unfccc.int/methodologies/DB/C505BVV9P8VSNNV3LTK1BP3OR24Y5L">http://cdm.unfccc.int/methodologies/DB/C505BVV9P8VSNNV3LTK1BP3OR24Y5L</a> The methodology refers to the below methodological tools.  • Tool to calculate the emission factor for an electricity system;  • Tool for the demonstration and assessment of additionality;  • Combined tool to identify the baseline scenario and demonstrate additionality;  • Tool to calculate project or leakage CO₂ emissions from fossil fuel applications.	ОК
	combustion.  The project activity follows the Tool for the demonstration and assessment of additionality (Additionality tool) and Tool to calculate the emission factor for an electrical system.  Combined tool to identify the baseline scenario and demonstrate additionality is not applied.  Tool to calculate project or leakage CO <sub>2</sub> emissions from fossil fuel	
	combustion is not applied as the project activity does not involve fossil fuel combustion.	
<ol><li>If the project activity is a Small Scale one; does it qualify within the threshold of the three possible types of small scale projects? Confirm information provided in the PDD.</li></ol>	The project is not a small scale one. The output capacity (total nominal capacity: 129.2 MW, according to PDD A.2) is greater than 15 MW (acc. to decision 17 CP.7).	N/A
<ol> <li>If the project activity is a Small Scale one; which approved small scale methodology does the project apply? Confirm that the SSC meth is applied in conjunction with the general guidelines to SSC CDM methodologies.</li> </ol>	The project is not a small scale one. The output capacity (total nominal capacity: 129.2 MW, according to PDD A.2) is greater than 15 MW (acc. to decision 17 CP.7).	N/A

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Determine whether the methodology selected is applicable to the project activity including that the used version is valid Describe steps taken to assess the relevant information contained in the PDD in the table below	The proposed project activity was confirmed as meeting the applicability conditions of the selected methodology and methodological tools as below.  Out of the tools referenced in the applied methodology, the Combined tool to identify the baseline scenario and demonstrate additionality is not used in the project case.  The project activity follows the ACM0002 Version 12.2.0, the Tool to calculate the emission factor for an electricity system Version 02.2.0 and the Tool for the demonstration and assessment of additionality (Additionality tool), Version 06.0.0.	OK

No.	Applicability and inapplicability conditions in the ACM0002 Version 12.2.0.	Information in the PDD	Steps taken to assess PDD information	Conclusion
Appl	icability condition of ACM0002			
1	The project activity is the installation, capacity addition, retrofit or replacement of a power plant/unit of one of the following types: hydro power plant/unit (either with a run-of-river reservoir or an accumulation reservoir), wind power plant/unit, geothermal power plant/unit, solar power plant/unit, wave power plant/unit or tidal power plant/unit.	PDD B.2: "The project activity is the installation () of a wind power plant ()";	The project activity was confirmed as installation of wind power plant by reviewing the project documentation, including the overall design document and PPA.	ОК
2	In the case of capacity additions, retrofits or replacements (except for wind, solar, wave or tidal power capacity addition projects which use Option 2: on page 10 to calculate the parameter $EG_{PJ,y}$ ): the existing plant started commercial operation prior to the start of a minimum historical reference period of five years, used for the calculation of baseline emissions and defined in the baseline emission section, and no capacity expansion or retrofit of the plant has been undertaken between the start of this minimum historical reference period	PDD B.2: "The proposed project activity consists in the installation of a grid-connected renewable power generation facility at a site where no renewable power plant was operated prior to the implementation of the project activity".	The project activity was confirmed as a new wind power plant by reviewing the project documentation and site visit/discussion with PP and review of project documents, satellite images.	ОК

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	and the implementation of the project activity.			
3	<ul> <li>In case of hydro power plants, one of the following conditions must apply:</li> <li>The project activity is implemented in an existing reservoir, with no change in the volume of reservoir; or</li> <li>The project activity is implemented in an existing reservoir, where the volume of reservoir is increased and the power density of the project activity, as per definitions given in the Project Emissions section, is greater than 4 W/m²; or</li> <li>The project activity results in new reservoirs and the power density of the power plant, as per definitions given in the Project Emissions section, is greater than 4 W/m².</li> </ul>	PDD B.2: "The project activity does not involve:  • Switching from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources at the site of the  • project activity; • Biomass fired power plants; • Hydro power plants that result in new reservoirs or in the increase in existing reservoirs where the power density of the power plant is less than 4 W/m²."	N/A	-
Inapp	licability condition of ACM0002			
4	Project activities that involve switching from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources at the site of the project activity, since in this case the baseline may be the continued use of fossil fuels at the site.	PDD B.2: "The project activity does not involve:  • Switching from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources at the site of the  • project activity;  • Biomass fired power plants;  • Hydro power plants that result in new reservoirs or in the increase	The project activity is a greenfield development of a wind power plant and no fossil fuel fired power plant existed at the project site. This was confirmed by reviewing the project documentation and interviewing the PP.	OK
5	Biomass fired power plants.	in existing reservoirs where the	N/A	-
6	Hydro power plants that result in new reservoirs or in the increase in existing reservoirs where the power density of the power plant is less than 4 W/m².	power density of the power plant is less than 4 W/m2."	N/A	-
	cability condition of "Tool to calculate the emission factor for ectricity system"			
7	The geographic and system boundaries for the relevant electricity grid can be clearly identified and information on the	PDD, Calculation of EF <sub>grid,CM,y</sub>	DNA of the host country publishes official information of	OK

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chara	acteristics of the grid is available.	The project plants will serve Brazilian Interconnected System (SIN). The	the national grid system to meet the requirements of the	
		Brazilian DNA has published the delineation of SIN to be adopted for	Tool.	
		the purposes of CDM projects. As		
		per Resolution Nº8 of the Brazilian DNA, the electric grid considered in		
		this project activity is considered as a		
		single system consisted by the sub- markets of SIN as the definition of		
		the electric system of the project.		

	Validated situation	Conclusion
<ol> <li>Confirm that any specific guidance provided by the CDM         Executive Board in respect to an approved methodology has been correctly applied.     </li> </ol>	The guidance provided by the CDM Executive Board in respect to the approved methodology has been correctly applied.	ОК
	The "Guidelines for the reporting and validation of Plant Load Factors" Version 1 were considered to validate the plant load factor (used for the calculation of ex-ante baseline emissions and the financial analysis). The plant load factor was determined by a third party contracted by the project participants.	
<ol> <li>If a determination regarding the applicability of the selected methodology to the proposed CDM project activity cannot be made, request clarification of the methodology in accordance with the guidance provided by the CDM Executive Board</li> </ol>	N/A	-
Describe the clarification request and response.		

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7. If the Validation Team determines that the proposed CDM project activity does not comply with the applicability conditions of the methodology the Team may proceed by means of requesting revision to or deviation from the methodology in accordance with the guidance provided by the CDM Executive Board.	N/A	-
Describe the request for revision or deviation and approval by the CDM Executive Board.		
8. If there are any GHG emissions occurring within the proposed CDM project activity boundary, which are not addressed by the applied methodology and which are expected to contribute more than 1% of the overall expected average annual emissions reductions as a result of the implementation of the project but a determination is made that the approved methodology(ies) is/are applicable to the project activity, provide here information about them in relation to the applicability criteria and justify the determination.	There were no identified emissions from the project activity besides those addressed by the methodology.	ОК

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SECTI	ON 5a. Project boundary		
1.	Does the project boundary include physical, geographical site of the industrial facility, processes or equipment that are affected by the project activity?	Yes No NA NA It was confirmed through interviews with PP's personnel, photographs and satellite images that the project is a greenfield plant. As result, there are no processes or equipment that could be affected by the project activity.	ОК
2.	Confirm that all sources and GHGs required by the methodology have been included within the project boundary.	All sources and GHGs required by the methodology have been included within the project boundary. (CO <sub>2</sub> from the grid for the baseline; No emissions for the project activity).	ОК
	Describe here if any emission source that will be affected by the project activity and is not addressed by the approved methodology, has been identified. In such case request clarification of, revision to or deviation from the methodology in accordance with EB guidance.  Use the table below for this purpose:	No additional emission source was identified during the desk review or the site visit. As a zero emission electricity generation project, CO <sub>2</sub> emissions in the baseline scenario only are the gas and emission source included in the project boundary. This was confirmed appropriate as detailed below.	

Gases And Sources Included In The Project Boundary							
	Source	Gas	Inc./Exc. PDD	Justification PDD	Steps Taken To Assess PDD Justification	Conclusion	
BASELINE	Power plants supplying energy to SIN	CO <sub>2</sub>	Yes	Main emission source	According to ACM0002 and the Tool to calculate the emission factor for an electricity system	ОК	
		CH <sub>4</sub>	No	Main emission source	- racioi for an electricity system	ОК	

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Gases And Sources Included In The Project Boundary						
	Source	Gas	Inc./Exc. PDD	Justification PDD	Steps Taken To Assess PDD Justification	Conclusion
		N <sub>2</sub> O	No	Main emission source		ОК
CT	For geothermal power plants, fugitive emissions of CH <sub>4</sub> and CO <sub>2</sub> from noncondensable gases contained in geothermal steam.	CO <sub>2</sub> , CH <sub>4</sub> and N <sub>2</sub> O	No	Not applicable	Verification during site visit (description of the project activity as mentioned in documents such as environmental permits). This is in accordance with the similar registered project Osório Wind Power Plant Project, ref 0603.	ОК
PROJECT	CO <sub>2</sub> emissions from combustion of fossil fuels for electricity generation in solar thermal power plants and geothermal power plants.	CO <sub>2,</sub> CH <sub>4</sub> and N <sub>2</sub> O	No	Not applicable	Verification during site visit (description of the project activity as mentioned in documents such as environmental permits).	ОК
	For hydro power plants, emissions of CH <sub>4</sub> from the reservoir.	CO <sub>2</sub> , CH <sub>4</sub> and N <sub>2</sub> O	No	Not applicable	This is in accordance with the similar registered project Osório Wind Power Plant Project, ref 0603.	ОК

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SECTION 5b. Baseline identification					
1.	Determine whether the PDD provides a verifiable description of the identified baseline scenario, including a description of the technology that would be employed and/or the activities that would take place in the absence of the proposed CDM project activity.	The identified baseline scenario and the description of the activities that would take place in the absence of the proposed CDM project activity are clearly described in item B.4 of PDD and are in accordance with ACM 0002 version 12.2.0.	ОК		
2.	Confirm that any procedure contained in the methodology to identify the most reasonable baseline scenario, has been correctly applied.	According to the Tool for the demonstration and assessment of additionality, project activities that apply the Tool in context of approved consolidated methodology ACM0002, only need to identify that there is at least one credible and feasible alternative that would be more attractive than the proposed project activity. Among other alternative scenarios, provision of equivalent amount of electricity by the grid system is considered as a credible and feasible alternative that satisfies the requirement of the methodology/tool.  According to the ACM0002, if the project activity is installation of a new grid-connected renewable power plant/unit, the baseline scenario is the following:  Electricity delivered to the grid by the project activity would have otherwise been generated by the operation of grid-connected power plants and by the addition of new generation sources, as reflected in the combined margin (CM) calculations described in the "Tool to calculate the emission factor for an electricity system".	OK		
		Electricity delivered to the grid by the project activity would have otherwise been generated by the operation of grid-connected power plants and by the addition of new generation sources, as reflected in the combined margin (CM) calculations			

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3	Check each step in the procedure described in the PDD to identify the baseline scenario against the requirements of the methodology. (Note that if the methodology requires use of tools, i.e. such as the tool for the demonstration and assessment of additionality and the combined tool to identify the baseline scenario and demonstrate additionality, the guidance in the methodology shall supersede it in the tool.)	Step 1 of the Tool for the demonstration and assessment of additionality is followed as appropriate.	OK
4	Based on financial expertise and local and sectoral knowledge, determine whether all scenarios that are considered by the project participants and are supplementary to those required by the methodology, are reasonable in the context of the proposed CDM project activity and that no reasonable alternative scenario has been excluded. Use the table below for this purpose:	Provision of equivalent amount of electricity by the grid system is considered as a credible and feasible alternative that satisfies the requirement of the methodology/tool.	OK

Alternative Scenario Ref.	Description in the PDD	Cross-checked with	Validation Opinion
#1	The project activity undertaken without being registered as a CDM project activity.	This is a scenario that the proposed project activity would be implemented without a help of CDM and all the project documentation except that applying carbon financing is applicable.	This is considered in the assessment of the additionality. Investment analysis concludes that the project activity does not provide enough financial return to meet the benchmark and therefore cannot be considered as a baseline scenario.
#2	The continuation of the current situation (no project activity undertaken).	ACM0002 and a similar registered project activity (Osório Wind Power Plant Project, Brazil – ref. 0603).	This alternative shows the current situation that has no issue of compliance with the mandatory laws and regulations of the host country and faces no barrier to implementation hence is considered as reliable and credible.

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5.	Determine whether the baseline scenario identified is reasonable by validating the assumptions, calculations and rationales used, as described in the PDD. It shall be ensured that documents and sources referred to in the PDD are correctly quoted and interpreted. Cross check the information provided in the PDD with other verifiable and credible sources, such as local expert opinion. The table above may be used for this purpose.	The baseline scenario identified in PDD, i.e. the operation of grid-connected power plants and the addition of new generation sources, is the current practice and conforms to the methodology applied (ACM0002 Version 12.2.0)  No other plausible and credible alternatives to the project activity were identified, which are economically attractive and technically feasible.  Provision of equivalent amount of electricity by the grid system is considered as a credible and feasible alternative and it satisfies the requirement of the methodology/tool.	ОК
6.	Is the identified baseline scenario in line with regulatory or legal requirements and takes into account relevant national and/or sectoral policies?	Yes. The scenario is legally compliant and is current practice.  The Electricity Regulatory Agency determines a sectoral policy of 50% reduction on tariffs for the use of electrical systems for energy transmission and distribution by wind power plants.	ОК
7.	Is this identification supported by official and/or verifiable documents (e.g. studies, web pages, certificates, etc?	Yes. The scenario is legally compliant and is current practice.	ОК

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SECTION 5c. Algorithms and/or formulae used to determine emission reductions				
Compare the equations and parameters in the PDD to those in the selected approved methodology and determine if they have been correctly applied to calculate project emissions, baseline emissions, leakage and emission reductions.  Confirm that adequate justification has been provided for	The equations and parameters in the PDD were compared to those in the methodology ACM0002 Version 12.2.0 and were found to have been correctly applied.  There was no need for selection between options.	OK		
selection between different options.				

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2. Verify the justification given in the PDD for the choice of data and parameters used in the equations to determine estimated emission reductions.

If data and parameters will not be monitored throughout the crediting period and will remain fixed, assess that all data sources and assumptions are appropriate and calculations are correct, applicable to the proposed CDM project activity and will result in a conservative estimate of the emission reductions.

If data and parameters will be monitored on implementation and hence become available only after validation of the project activity, confirm that the estimates provided in the PDD for these data and parameters are reasonable.

List all data and parameters provided in the PDD in the tables in next column.

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Data/Parameter title: EG facility,y	Comments	OK.
Title in line with methodology?	yes	The estimates
Fixed throughout the crediting period?	No	provided in the PDD
Data unit correctly expressed?'	yes	for this data and these
Appropriate description of parameter?	yes	parameters are
Source clearly referenced?	yes	reasonable and are
Value provided is considered reasonable?	yes (ex ante value)	based on the wind
Has this value been verified?	yes (ex ante value)	certification reports
Choice of data correctly justified?	yes	(plant load factor →
Measurement method correctly described?	yes	$EG_{facility,y}$ ) and the
		"Tool to calculate the
Data/Parameter title: <i>EF</i> <sub>grid, OM, y</sub>	Comments	emission factor for an
Title in line with methodology?	yes	electricity system"
Fixed throughout the crediting period?	No	version 02.2.0
Data unit correctly expressed?	yes	$(EF_{grid,OM,y}, EF_{grid,BM,y},$
Appropriate description of parameter?	yes	and $EF_{grid,CM,y}$ ).
Source clearly referenced?	yes	
Value provided is considered reasonable?	yes (ex ante value)	
Has this value been verified?	yes (ex ante value)	
Choice of data correctly justified?	yes	
Measurement method correctly described?	yes	
Data/Parameter title: <i>EF</i> <sub>grid,BM,y</sub>	Comments	
Title in line with methodology?	yes	
Fixed throughout the crediting period?	No	
Data unit correctly expressed?	yes	
Appropriate description of parameter?	yes	
Source clearly referenced?	yes	
Value provided is considered reasonable?	yes (ex ante value)	
Has this value been verified?	yes (ex ante value)	
Choice of data correctly justified?	yes	
Measurement method correctly described?	yes	

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		Data/Parameter title: <i>EF</i> <sub>grid,CM,y</sub> Title in line with methodology? Fixed throughout the crediting period? Data unit correctly expressed? Appropriate description of parameter? Source clearly referenced? Value provided is considered reasonable? Has this value been verified? Choice of data correctly justified? Measurement method correctly described?	yes No yes yes yes yes yes yes (ex ante value) yes (ex ante value) yes yes	
3.	Confirm that all assumptions and data used by PPs are listed in the PDD including their references and sources, and that the documentation used as the basis for these assumptions and source of data is correctly quoted and interpreted in the PDD.	All assumptions and data used by the PP are their references and sources. The sources of interpreted in the PDD in section B.6.		OK
4.	Confirm that all estimates of the baseline emissions can be replicated using the data and parameter values provided in the PDD.	The calculation of estimates of the baseline e based on the data sources mentioned in the I		OK

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SECTION 6. Additionality of a project activity		
Does the PDD clearly describe how the proposed CDM project activity is additional?	Yes  No  The identification of alternative scenarios, investment analysis (project IRR versus expected (equity) IRR), and discussion of common practice, as assessed during the desk review and the site visit. For details, please refer to the items 6.a to 6.e below in this protocol.  - Evidence or prior consideration of CDM - prior consideration forms sent to the Host Party DNA on 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2010 and to the UNFCCC secretariat on 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2010 ( <a href="http://cdm.unfccc.int/Projects/PriorCDM/notifications/index_html">http://cdm.unfccc.int/Projects/PriorCDM/notifications/index_html</a> ), according to the "Guidance on the demonstration and Assessment of Prior Consideration of the CDM".	ОК
List the documents and tools provided by the CDM Executive Board used to demonstrate the additionality	<ol> <li>Tool for the demonstration and assessment of additionality, version 06.0.0</li> <li>Guidance on the demonstration and assessment of prior consideration of the CDM, Version 4</li> <li>Guidelines on the assessment of investment analysis, Version 05</li> </ol>	OK

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ECTION 6a. Prior consideration of the clean development	ent mechanism	
Does the PDD clearly indicate the start date of the project activity in format: dd/mm/yyyy and it is in accordance to the Glossary of CDM Terms?	Yes No The starting date of the project activity (14 <sup>th</sup> December 2009, the realisation of Brazilian 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reserve Power is mentioned in the PDD, in section C.1.1.)  According to the CDM Glossary, the start date shall be considered to be the date on which the PP has committed to expenditures related to the implementation or related to the construction of the project activity. The binding effect of the MoU between the PP and the seller regarding the manufacturing, delivering, erecting and commissioning of wind turbine generators would only take place in the case the PP won the auction held on 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2009. The MoU was necessary to define the CAPEX, which represents the majority of the total investment. Only during the auction, with the information on the price of the energy to be contracted, is that the investors had all the information for the investment decision making. Thus, although the binding document was signed on 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2009, the event which made this commitment effective only occurred on 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2009, which was considered the project start date.	ОК

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2.	For a project activity with a start date on or after
	the 2 <sup>nd</sup> August 2008, confirm that the PPs have
	informed the host party DNA and the UNFCCC
	secretariat in writing of their intention to seek
	CDM Status

If such a notification has not been provided by the PPs within six months of the project activity start date, determine that the CDM was not seriously considered in the decision to implement the project activity

The starting date of the project activity (14 <sup>th</sup> December 2009 see PDD section B.5)
was defined by the PP as the date of realisation of Brazilian 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reserve Power
Auction (2º Leilão de Energia de Reserva - Leilão nº 003/2009 - LER-20094), in
which the six electricity generation facilities Porto Seguro, Igaporã, N. S. Conceição,
Ilhéus, Pajéu do Vento and Planaltina had its energy contracted.). This auction
legally binds the PP to supply the agreed amount of energy. Specific Power
Purchase Agreements (PPAs) will be signed for each farm.

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The Host Party DNA and UNFCCC were notified using F-CDM-Prior Consideration (standard prior consideration forms) sent to the Host Party DNA on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2010 and to the UNFCCC secretariat on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2010. http://cdm.unfccc.int/Projects/PriorCDM/notifications/index\_html.

The validation team confirmed the display on the UNFCCC CDM website and acknowledgement letter issued by the Host country DNA dated 14<sup>th</sup> June 2010 and by the UNFCCC vide mail dated 6<sup>th</sup> July 2010.

The prior consideration of the benefits of the CDM in the decision to undertake the project activity was assessed and validated by the validation team following the Guidance on the Demonstration and Assessment of Prior Consideration of the CDM. The adoption of the realisation of Brazilian 2<sup>nd</sup> Reserve Power auction as the project starting date was assessed and considered reasonable. As the DNA and UNFCCC were notified within the 6 months period from the project activity start date, the prior consideration requirement is therefore validated.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Reserve Power Auction (2º Leilão de Energia de Reserva - Leilão nº 003/2009 - LER-2009) http://www.ccee.org.br/cceeinterdsm/v/index.jsp?vgnextoid=ec41d74d98114210VgnVCM1000005e01010aRCRD - Accessed in 13/07/2010



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<ul> <li>3. For a project activity with a start date before the 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2008, check the following requirements through document reviews to assess the PPs prior consideration of the CDM: <ul> <li>(a) Evidence that must indicate that awareness of the CDM prior to the project activity start date, and that the benefits of the CDM were a decisive factor in the decision to proceed with the project.</li> <li>(b) Reliable evidence from project participants that must indicate that continuing and real actions were taken to secure CDM status for the project in parallel with its implementation.</li> </ul> </li> <li>The time gap between the documented evidence of prior CDM consideration and continuing and real actions shall be within the period required by the Guidance on prior consideration of the CDM</li> <li>If evidence to support the serious prior consideration of the CDM as indicated above that is authentic is not available, determine that the CDM was not considered in the decision to implement the project activity.</li> </ul>	N/A	N/A

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SECTION 6b. Identification of alternatives				
Does the PDD identify credible alternatives to the  project activity in order to determine the most		LIST OF	ALTERNATIVES	ОК
project activity, in order to determine the most realistic baseline scenario?  Assess this list of alternatives and ensure that:  (a) The list of alternatives includes as one of the options that the project activity is undertaken without being registered as a proposed CDM project activity;  (b) The list contains all plausible alternatives considered to be viable means of supplying the outputs or services that are to be supplied by the proposed CDM project activity;  (c) The alternatives comply with all applicable and enforced legislation.	No	Description in the PDD	Describe why it is credible and complete	The list of alternative
	1	The project activity undertaken without being registered as a CDM project activity (PDD, page 12)	This is considered in the assessment of the additionality. If barriers prevent the implementation, this cannot be considered as a baseline scenario	scenarios contains all plausible alternatives, considering the current practice in the sector.
	2	The continuation of the current situation (no project activity undertaken).PDD page 12.	This alternative shows the current situation that has no issue of compliance with the mandatory laws and regulations of the host country and faces no barrier to implementation hence is considered as reliable and credible.	

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SECTION 6c. Investment analysis		
<ol> <li>Verify the accuracy of financial calculations carried out for the investment analysis:         <ul> <li>(a) Conduct a thorough assessment of all parameters and assumptions used in calculating the relevant financial indicator, and determine the accuracy and suitability of these parameters;</li> <li>(b) Cross-check the parameters against third-party or publicly available sources, such as invoices or price indices;</li> <li>(c) Review feasibility reports, public announcements and annual financial reports related to the proposed CDM project activity and the project participants;</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	The financial assumptions, parameters and calculations were assessed during the desk review and the site visit and were considered reasonable and accurate.  The period of assessment (24 years) reasonably reflects the period of expected operation of the underlying project activity (technical lifetime) and is according to the "Guidelines on the assessment of the Investment Analysis".  A 24-year period was considered for the calculation of equity IRR, being 2 years for the construction, 20 years for the operation and 2 additional years for the completion of the billing of receivables (as explained in the PDD page 17). "The "Annex II – Reserve Power Contract" of the Auction Rules states that the end of the reserve power contract is set in 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2032 and that this date does not affect rights or obligations of the parts that occurred previously to this event (paragraphs 4.1 and 4.6). As the variable income is received in 24 monthly instalment payments of the next quadrennium (paragraph 8.14 of the Annex II – Reserve Energy Contract), two years must be added after the end of the PPA in order to account variable income receivables".  A 20-year operation period was considered in the financial analysis with no residual value, which is in accordance with the 20-year lifetime validated by the sector expert and the 5% depreciation considered as per the ANEEL regulations. Please refer to line 48 of the Investment analysis worksheet (Contracted Energy). The operation period includes 6 months in 2012, plus 19 years between 2013 and 2031 and another 6 months in 2032, from 1 <sup>st</sup> January to 30 <sup>th</sup> June.	OK

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	Validated situation	Conclusion
Continuation	The reason for splitting the project into 6 wind farms is the existence of a fiscal benefit that is applicable to renewable energy entrepreneurships with up to 30MW of nominal capacity: the Federal Government concedes a 50% subsidy on the Transmission tariff (TUST). Thus, for the reasons stated above the decision was made taking into account a single complex, but the project is developed as 6 wind farms in order to have access to TUST fiscal benefit. It is noteworthy that this benefit is an E- policy, and thus the investment analysis presented to demonstrate the additionality of the project activity does not consider such benefit.	ОК
	Other reasons for considering the present project activity as a sole Wind Farm Complex instead of 6 different Wind Farms.	
	<ul> <li>The electricity to be generated by the project activity was fully commercialised through a sole bid at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brazilian Auction of Reserve Energy. Thus, the project activity was considered as one sole Wind Farm Complex during the investment decision.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>All wind farms belonging to Area 6-8 are located in the same region and share many physical structures, such as substation, connection bay and transmission. The implementation of these structures individually for 6 different Wind Farms would dramatically increase CAPEX and make each complex financially unfeasible. In a similar way, other costs, such as O&amp;M and administrative costs, also benefit from economies of scale, which means that the unitary costs tend to reduce as the size of the complex increases.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Further to that, quotation and commercial proposals for equipment and services were ordered to Area 6 - 8 Complex, not to the 6 different wind farms. Please refer, for instance, to the Memorandum of Understanding with General Electric, which accounts alone for approximately to 70% of the CAPEX. This MoU defines the commercial terms for the supply of 87 aero generators to Area 6&amp;8 Complex. Thus, the project activity was considered as one sole Wind Farm Complex since its inception.</li> </ul>	

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	Validated situation	Conclusion
Continuation	Special attention was given in the assessment to the estimation of plant load factor, whose underestimation could adversely impact the financial analysis and demonstration of additionality, as well as the ex-ante baseline emission calculations. The plant load factors were determined by a third party contracted by the project participants, according to the "Guidelines for the reporting and validation of the plant load factors". The plant load factors were validated through the assessment of the studies of energy production forecast, prepared by Garrad Hassan for each of the six wind farms in the project.  The project activity presents a change between the date of investment decision making and the beginning of project implementation, regarding the nominal capacity of the wind turbine model used on the wind farms. Since the project's date of decision making (14th December 2009, the date of the 2nd Energy Reserve Auction), the turbine model was changed from a 1.5MW to a 1.6MW and one wind turbines was added to the wind farms. In its former configuration, the project presented a CAPEX of 3,640,650.18 R\$/MW and a Real Equity IRR of 9.18 %, which was considered for the investment decision making. Due to the increase of the wind turbine nominal capacity and to the acquisition of one additional turbine, reaching a total of 81 wind turbines, the project had an increase of the nominal capacity from 120 MW to 129.2 MW, already approved by ANEEL (National Energy Agency) on the 11th February 2011. In the new arrangement, the project presents a CAPEX of 3,905,036.35 R\$/MW and a Real Equity IRR is 7.12 %.  Taking into consideration that the calculated benchmark used for the project is of 15.28 % real equity IRR, the validation team concluded that the change in the installed capacity of the wind farms does not compromise the project's additionality.  The validation team concluded that the Change in the installed capacity of the wind farms does not compromise the project's additionality.  The validation team has verified that t	OK

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	Validated situation				Conclusion
(continuation)	WIND FARM	Nominal installed capacity (MW), before and after capacity increase	Estimated Load Factor (P50), %	Net Energy production, GWh/year	ОК
	Porto Seguro	6→ 6.4	41.3	23.2	
	Igaporã	28.5 → 30	47.9	126.0	
	N. S. Conceição	25.5 → 28.8	48.6	122.7	
	Ilhéus	10.5 → 11.2	47.6	46.8	
	Pajéu do Vento	24 → 25.6	54.8	123.0	
	Planaltina	25.5 → 27.2	54.6	130.2	
	Т	otal estimated net e	nergy production:	571.9 GWh/year	
	through the consultation to sites in the internet ( <a href="http://www.ukenergyinbrazil.com/br-compauk-profile.php?show=170">http://www.axystechnologies.com/News/NewsEvents/WindSentineltouseGLGarradHaProtocol/tabid/345/Default.aspx</a> ).  The lack of long-term wind data measurements in the region of the project activity a hinders the estimation of energy production in Brazil. Despite the technical limitation refrom it, which increases the uncertainties of energy production forecasts, the validation concluded that the best available resources and practices were applied in estimating production of energy by the project. Also, the estimated values of mean energy production considered at 50% surplus probability (P50), which can be considered adequate frostandpoint of demonstration of additionality.  One aero generator of Igaporã wind farm will be limited by 0.4 MW (there will be in the factor of 1.6 MW plus 1 WTG of 1.6 MW limited during its installation to a maximum of 1.2 This is due to the existence of a fiscal benefit that is applicable to renewable entrepreneurships with up to 30MW of nominal capacity: the Federal Government concessions of the project of th			of the project activity actually the technical limitation resulting a forecasts, the validation team were applied in estimating the of mean energy production were considered adequate from the ation to a maximum of 1.2 MW). Oplicable to renewable energy ederal Government concedes a am considers that this limitation by.	

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		Validated situation	Conclusion
2.	Assess the correctness of computations carried out and documented by the project participants	The financial assumptions, parameters and calculations (worksheets "Investment analysis_Renova 6&8.xls" and " Investment analysis_Renova 6&8_New Capacity.xls)" were assessed during the desk review and the site visit and were considered reasonable and accurate.	ОК
3.	Assess the sensitivity analysis by the project participants to determine under what conditions variations in the result would occur, and the likelihood of these conditions	The choice of the variables considered in the sensitivity analysis, the calculations and the reasoning presented in the PDD were assessed. The arguments presented were considered reasonable. Reference documentation was used as reference (electricity tariff, O&M costs, procurement contracts, etc.)	OK

Use the table below to list all the inputs to the investment analysis and to describe how each parameter has been validated:

Parameter/input	Symbol/Unit	Value	Source	Means of validation	Conclusion
Model for calculation of expected IRR (Capital Asset Pricing Model)			ISAE/FGV, Brazil: http://www.carbonnews.com.br/downloads/wacc.pdf. Accessed in: 04/03/2011.	ISAE/FGV, Brazil: http://www.carbonnews.com.b r/downloads/wacc.pdf Accessed on 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2011.  Paper "Revisiting The Capital Asset Pricing Model", http://www.stanford.edu/~wfs harpe/art/djam/djam.htm . Accessed on 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2011.  The validation team agrees that the model use for asset price determination is widely used and accepted in the market.	ОК
Rf=Expected Return on a Risk Free Asset . Data used: Long	%	7.19	Brazilian National Treasury: http://www.tesouro.fazenda.gov.br/tesouro_di_reto/	Brazilian National Treasury: <a href="http://www.tesouro.fazenda.gov.br/tesouro_direto/">http://www.tesouro.fazenda.gov.br/tesouro_direto/</a> , average expected return on long term Treasury Bonds	ОК

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Term Brazilian Treasury Bond (type NTN-B) of years 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009.				type NTN-B of years 2006-2009. The source of information, the Brazilian National Treasury, was validated.	
Rm= Expected Return on a Risky Asset (Market Return) Data used: Daily Return of Bovespa Index of years 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 (until 11 Dec 2009).	%	Variable. Mean value in the considered period: 15.18%	BM&FBOVESPA: http://www.bmfbovespa.co m.br	http://www.bmfbovespa.com.br/indices/ResumoIndice.aspx?Indice=IBOVESPA&Idioma=pt-BR, values of stock market indexes on 29 <sup>th</sup> December 2005 and 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2009. The source of information, the Brazilian National Treasury, was validated.	ок
Ri= Expected Return on an Energy Sector Asset <u>Data used</u> : Daily  Return of  BM&FBOVESPA's  Electric Power Index (IEE) of years 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009.	%	Variable	BM&FBOVESPA: http://www.bmfbovespa.co m.br	http://www.bmfbovespa.com.br/indices/ResumoIndice.aspx?Indice=IEE&Idioma=pt-BR, values of energy sector stock market indexes on 29 <sup>th</sup> December 2005 and 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2009. The source of information, BMF&BOVESPA, was validated.	ок
Ke, Expected rate of return IRR achieved with the assumptions described and calculated in the "Electricity Sector Benchmark_Renova A6&8" spreadsheet.	%	15.28 on real terms	Spreadsheet "Electricity Sector Benchmark_Renova A6&8"	Cross-checking of calculations in the worksheet "Electricity Sector Benchmark_Renova A6&8"	ОК
Electricity Tariff	R\$/MWh	146.94	Document published by CCEE regarding the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reserve Power Auction (December/2009)	Direct verification of data on the official site for the 6 wind farms:	ОК

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Parameter/input	Symbol/Unit	Value	Source	Means of validation	Conclusion
			results	http://www.ccee.org.br/cceeinterdsm/v/index.jsp?contentType=RESULTADO_LEILAO&vgnextoid=49f7364a3ef75210VgnVCM1000005e01010aRCRD&qryRESULTADO-LEILAO-CD-RESULTADO-LEILAO=9a994595ece85210VgnVCM1000005e01010a&x=13&y=11The source of information is a primary source, and was validated.	
Expected energy generation	GWh/year	530.9 (before capacity increase) 571.9 GWh/y (after capacity increase)	Wind Certification made by Garrad Hassan	The values of net annual energy yield in the wind study carried out by Garrad Hassan were assessed and considered reliable. The values of net annual energy production considered in the financial analysis are for 50% surplus probability (P50), which was considered satisfactorily conservative from the standpoint of demonstration of additionality. The values in the Garrad Hassan reports were crosschecked against those in the financial analysis spreadsheet.	ОК
Contracted energy	MW	55.00	Clause 6 of the "Annex II – Reserve Energy Contract" of the "2 <sup>nd</sup> Reserve Power Auction Rules".	Cross-checking of calculations	ОК
Capital Expenditure (CAPEX)	BR\$	436,878,022 (before capacity increase) 504,530,697 (after capacity increase)	- Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the project proponent and the wind turbine generator supplier (original MoU of 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2009 and its first amendment of 21 <sup>st</sup> January 2010) and	Cross checking of calculations	ОК

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Parameter/input	Symbol/Unit	Value	Source	Means of validation	Conclusion
			- "Implementation Study and Cost Estimative"		
ICG (shared transmission costs from the plant to the integrated national system)	BR\$/(MW. month)	3,000.00	Presentation conducted by PSR Consultancy, slide # 30 : ICG = 3 BR\$/(kW.month), on the results of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reserve Energy Auction.	References of the third party PSR Consultoria: http://www.chesf.gov.br/portal/page/p ortal/chesf_portal/paginas/comunicac ao/comunicacao_ultimas_noticias/co nteiner_noticias?p_pag_inicio=11&p _pag_fim=20&p_id_noticia=267054  http://www.psr- inc.com.br/portal/psr_pt_BR/iframe.ht ml?altura=4000&url=/app/publicacoe s.aspx  The value of ICG was cross-checked with the investment analysis calculation spreadsheet.	OK
TUST (transmission costs within the integrated national system)	TUST	Variable, according to the resolution ANEEL # 907, 11 Nov 2009.	Technical Note 092/2009 from 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2009	Cross-checking of calculations The validation team agrees that incentive created by the Brazilian Electricity Regulatory Agency (which determines a sectoral policy of 50% reduction on tariffs for the use of electrical systems for energy transmission and distribution by wind power plants, among others, can be classified as a Type E- policy, according to the "Clarifications on the consideration of national and/or sectoral policies and circumstances	ОК

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Parameter/input	Symbol/Unit	Value	Source	Means of validation	Conclusion
				in baseline scenarios" (EB22, annex 3,Version 2).	
Operational Revenues		Variable	This parameter is calculated from the parameters above, "Electricity Tariff" and "Expected energy generation"	Verification of calculations from the values of contracted energy, Contracted price, Excess Energy inside the tolerance limit and Excess Energy out of the tolerance limit (30% price discount) values.  Spreadsheets "Electricity Sector Benchmark_Renova A6&8" and "Investment analysis_Renova 6&8_New Capacity"	ОК
Cost and Expenses – O&M	BR\$/year/tur bine	85,000.00	O&M third party (ENEX) service proposal and     Schaeffer, R.; Szklo, S.A., 2000.     Future electric power technology choices of Brazil: a possible conflict between local pollution and global climate change, Energy Policy 29 (2001) 355-369  (information available on page 13, O&M costs for wind generation)	The sources provided by the PP were assessed by the validation team and were considered reliable based on LRQA sector expertise.	ОК
Deductions from Revenues (COFINS, Contribution to Social Security Financing and PIS, Social Integration Program)	%	3.65	http://www.receita.fazenda.gov.br/principal/Ingles/SistemaTributarioBR/Taxes.htm	The source provided by the PP is an official source and was considered reliable based on LRQA sector expertise.	ОК

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Parameter/input	Symbol/Unit	Value	Source	Means of validation	Conclusion
Sectoral Charges and Operational Expenses		Variable	This parameter is calculated from the parameters above, "Cost and Expenses – O&M", "ICG", "TUST".	Cross-checking of calculations	ОК
Income Taxes	%	25% over a presumed profit of 8% of revenues	http://www.receita.fazenda.gov.br/pessoajuridica/dipj/2000/orientacoes/DeterminacaoLucroPresumido.htm; http://www.receita.fazenda.gov.br/aliquotas/contribpj.htm	The source provided by the PP is an official source and was considered reliable based on LRQA sector expertise.	ОК
CSLL (social contribution on net income)	%	9% over a presumed profit of 12% of revenues	http://www.receita.fazenda.gov.br/pessoajuridica/dipj/2000/orientacoes/DeterminacaoLucroPresumido.htm; http://www.receita.fazenda.gov.br/Publico/estudotributarios/estatisticas/32PrestacaoServicosnoLucroPresumido.pdf; http://www.receita.fazenda.gov.br/pessoajuridica/dipj/2005/pergresp2005/pr617a633.htm	The source provided by the PP is an official source and was considered reliable based on LRQA sector expertise.	ок
Cash flow - Investments	BR\$	Disbursement of CAPEX over the years 2010 (40%), 2011 (31%) and 2012 (29%)	This parameter is calculated from the CAPEX. The disbursement regime was defined by the PP.	The parameter CAPEX was validated above. The validation team considers that the disbursement regime assumed by the PP is reasonable.	ок
Cash flow - BNDES Amortizations	BR\$/year	22,099,631.00 (before capacity increase) 25,521,865.00 (after capacity increase)	Payment of BNDES loan over 14 years. The total BNDES loan was assumed by the PP as 63.0 % of CAPEX	The validation team has validated the assumption of 63.0% leverage, which reasonably reflects the BNDES loan conditions.	ок

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Parameter/input	Symbol/Unit	Value	Source	Means of validation	Conclusion
Cash flow - BNDES Interest Payment	BR\$	Variable	The PP has considered in the calculation a BNDES loan interest of 8.4% (6% of long term interest rate and a spread of 2.4%).	The validation team agrees that these values reasonably reflect the BNDES´ practices.	

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4. Confirm the suitability of any benchmark applied in the investment analysis:  (a) Determine whether the type of benchmark applied is suitable for the type of financial indicator presented;  (b) Ensure that any risk premiums applied in determining the benchmark reflect the risks associated with the project type or activity;  (c) Determine whether it is reasonable to assume that no investment would be made at a rate of return lower than the benchmark by, for example, assessing previous investment decisions by the project participants involved and determining whether the same benchmark has been applied or if there are verifiable circumstances that have led to a change in the benchmark.	The suitability of the benchmark applied in the investment analysis was assessed:  The model applied for capital asset pricing (CAPM) is common practice in the market (sources ISAE/FGV, Brazil: <a href="http://www.carbonnews.com.br/downloads/wacc.pdf">http://www.carbonnews.com.br/downloads/wacc.pdf</a> ., accessed 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2011and the paper "Revisiting The Capital Asset Pricing Model", <a href="http://www.stanford.edu/~wfsharpe/art/djam/djam.htm">http://www.stanford.edu/~wfsharpe/art/djam/djam.htm</a> . Accessed on 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2011.)  The risk premium applied in the calculation of benchmark was deemed adequate, as it considers the expected return on a risky asset as is in accordance with the aforementioned model, (in this case the Bovespa Index). The leveraged beta was considered for electricity utilities, applied to companies under the presumed profit regime.  Although the new Guidelines on the Assessment of Investment Analysis version 4, EB61 Annex 13 was published after the project starting date, the default value presented in it as an approximate expected return on equity was considered as a basis for comparison with the project's benchmark value. The project fits in group 1 (energy industries). The expected return on equity according to the guideline is 11.75% (in real terms), which is higher than the equity IRR of 9.18% calculated on the decision-making date.	ОК

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<ul> <li>5. In case the project participants rely on values from a Feasibility Study Report (FSR) approved by any national authority, the team is required to ensure that: <ul> <li>(a) The FSR has been the basis of the decision to proceed with the investment in the project, i.e. that the period of time between the finalization of the FSR and the investment decision is sufficiently short for the DOE to confirm that it is unlikely in the context of the underlying project activity that the input values would have materially changed;</li> <li>(b) The values used in the PDD and associated annexes are fully consistent with the FSR, and where inconsistencies occur the DOE should validate the appropriateness of the values;</li> <li>(c) On the basis of its specific local and sectoral expertise, confirmation is provided, by cross-checking or other appropriate manner, that the input values from the FSR are valid and applicable at</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	N/A  N/A	N/A
the time of the investment decision. Use the table below to cross-check input		
values and describe here the results of the comparison.		

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Comparison to similar registered project in the region (there is only one similar CDM registered project in the host country):

CDM Ref	Investment cost	Tariff	O&M cost	Capacity	Output	Investment cost per output	Load factor	O&M relative to investment	O&M per output
Osório Wind Power Plant Project , ref 0603	645,533.000.00	Not available	Not available	150 MW	425GWh/year	4,303,553.00 R\$/MW	Not available	Not available	Not available

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		Validated situation			Conclusion		
SECTION 6d. Barrier analysis							
Does the PDD demonstration project activity faces barringlementation and do not implementation of one of Provide here an overall docredibility of the barrier at Use the below table to list eat in the PDD and to describe his their validation.	riers that prevent its of prevent at least the the alternatives? determination of the nalysis.	The barrier analysis was not applied, once the investment sensitivity analysis concluded that the proposed CDM project activity is unlikely to be financially attractive.					
	ounds for demonstration	of additionality if they would pro	rom pursuing the implementation of event potential project proponents				
	Description in the PDD						
Type of Barrier		Barriers are real	Prevent implementation of PA	Do not prevent implementation of BL	Conclusion		
Access to finance							
Risks related barriers							
Technological	N.A.						
Due to prevailing practice							
Other							
First of its kind	]						

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SECTION 6e. Common practice analysis		
Describe how the geographical scope of the common practice analysis has been validated.     Assess whether the geographical scope (e.g. the defined region) of the common practice analysis is appropriate for the assessment of common practice related to the project activity's technology or industry type.	CAR 3:     Issue raised: The description of the common practice analysis and its validation is not following the latest version of the "Guidelines on Common Practice" (version 01.0, Annex 12, EB63)     Assessment of response: The common practice analysis was reviewed by the PP in the PDD Version 3 section B.5, and conforms to the Guidelines on Common Practice version 01.0. CAR 3 was closed out.  The common practice analysis followed the latest version of the Guidelines on Common Practice.  All the projects currently operating in Brazil were considered in the analysis. The arguments presented to show that the project activity is not common practice were deemed credible.  The host country (Brazil) was considered as the geographical scope for the analysis. This scope was validated, once all projects in the country have similar access to financing and technology and are all subject to the same regulatory environment. The operational requirements are defined and controlled by ANEEL. There are no significant differences within the country regarding the environmental control exerted by the government. All projects in the country deliver the energy to the same integrated transmission system (SIN).	CAR 3, closed. OK

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		Validated situation	Conclusion
2.	Determine to what extent similar and operational projects (e.g. using similar technology or practice),	The reasoning followed in the PDD version 3 and the sources consulted for their validation are presented below:	ОК
	other than CDM project activities, have been undertaken in the defined region	- Sub-step 4a: Analyze other activities similar to the proposed project activity:	
		The information regarding all the similar projects in operation in Brazil was obtained from the official source ANEEL from the site <a href="http://www.aneel.gov.br/aplicacoes/capacidadebrasil/GeracaoTipoFase.asp?tipo">http://www.aneel.gov.br/aplicacoes/capacidadebrasil/GeracaoTipoFase.asp?tipo</a> =7&fase=3	
		- Sub-step 4b: Discuss any similar Options that are occurring: The options presented in the PDD which satisfy the criterion of +/- 50% (from 64.6 to 193.8 MW) of the project activity's design output (129.2 MW) were validated from the same source as above (ANEEL's Energy Generation Data Bank, <a href="http://www.aneel.gov.br/aplicacoes/capacidadebrasil/GeracaoTipoFase.asp?tipo=7&amp;fase=3">http://www.aneel.gov.br/aplicacoes/capacidadebrasil/GeracaoTipoFase.asp?tipo=7&amp;fase=3</a> ). It was confirmed that only Praia Formosa wind power plant project satisfies the criterion, with 104.4 MW installed. This remains true even if all the projects put into operation to date are included in the analysis.	
3.	If similar and operational projects, other than CDM project activities, are already widely observed and commonly carried out in the defined region, assess whether there are essential distinctions between the proposed CDM project activity and the other similar activities	It was confirmed, from the official site of the Ministry of Mines and Energy, that the Praia Formosa project has benefited from PROINFA ( <a href="http://www.mme.gov.br/programas/proinfa/galerias/arquivos/apresentacao/PROINFA-ANEXO1-InstitucionalMME.pdf">http://www.mme.gov.br/programas/proinfa/galerias/arquivos/apresentacao/PROINFA-ANEXO1-InstitucionalMME.pdf</a> , slide # 13), i.e. this project differs from the proposed project activity by the subsidies received from the government.  For this project, F=0 and N <sub>all</sub> -N <sub>dif</sub> =0.	ОК
		Following the Guidelines on Common Practice, the project is not common practice if $F<=0.2$ or $N_{all}-N_{dif}<=3$ .	

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# **SECTION 7. Monitoring plan**

1. Compliance of the monitoring plan with the approved methodology. Confirm that the MP contains all the necessary parameters and that they are monitored in accordance to the approve Methodology using the following table:

Parameter	Monitoring Meth description	PDD description	Validated situation	Conclusion
EG <sub>facility,y</sub>	Data unit: MWh/yr	Data Unit: MWh	Data unit and description are described correctly.	OK
	<b>Description:</b> Quantity of net electricity generation supplied by the project plant/unit to the grid in year <i>y</i>	Description: Quantity of net electricity generation supplied by the project plant/unit to the grid in year y	The net electricity generation is determined by direct measurement, according to ANEEL procedures. The ex-ante value is indicated based on the estimated generation by the third party during the plant load factor determination.	
	Source of data: Project activity site  Measurement procedures (if any): Electricity meters  Monitoring frequency: Continuous measurement and	Source of data to be used: Measurements at project activity site.  Value of data: 571,338  Description of measurement		
	at least monthly recording  QA/QC procedures: Cross check measurement results with records for sold electricity	methods and procedures to be applied: This parameter will be continuously analyzed and monitored values will be averaged monthly and yearly. Corresponds to the sum of the electricity generation by the six units of the project activity.		

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			Validated situation	
EE	Data unit: tCO2/MWh	QA/QC procedures: Measurement results will be cross-checked through data available at the CCEE databank.		OK
EF grid,CM,y	Data unit: tCO2/MWh  Description: Combined margin CO2 emission factor for grid connected power generation in year y calculated using the latest version of the Tool to calculate the emission factor for an electricity system.  Source of data: As per "Tool to calculate the emission factor for an electricity system".  Measurement procedures (if any): As per "Tool to calculate the emission factor for an electricity system".  Monitoring frequency: As per "Tool to calculate the emission factor for an electricity system".  QA/QC procedures: As per "Tool to calculate the emission factor for an electricity system".	Data Unit: tCO <sub>2</sub> /MWh  Description: Combined margin CO <sub>2</sub> emission factor for grid connected power generation in year y Source of data to be used: Brazilian Interministerial Commission on Global Climate Change  Value of data: 0.2055  Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied: As per the most recent version "Tool to calculate the emission factor for an electricity system". This parameter will be calculated from the parameters F <sub>grid,OM,y</sub> and EF <sub>grid,BM,y</sub> QA/QC procedures: As per the most recent version of the "Tool to calculate the emission factor for an electricity system".		OK

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				Validated situation	Conclusion
Fgrid,OM,y	Data unit: tCO <sub>2</sub> /MWh  Description: Operating margin CO <sub>2</sub> emission factor for the project electricity system in year y  Source of data: As per "Tool to calculate the emission factor for an electricity system".  Measurement procedures (if any): As per "Tool to calculate the emission factor for an electricity system".  Monitoring frequency: As per "Tool to calculate the emission factor for an electricity system".  QA/QC procedures: As per "Tool to calculate the emission factor for an electricity system".	Desconding South Braze Comment Character Character System Braze Comment	retiption: rating margin CO <sub>2</sub> recof data to be used: ratinal interministerial ratinssion on Global Climate ratinge recof data: 0.2476 replication of measurement recommendation of measurement recommendation of the most recent version recommendation of the meters F <sub>grid,OM,y</sub> and rid,BM,y  RC procedures: recommendation of the most recent version recommendation of the most recommendat	The value of F <sub>grid,OM,y</sub> is supplied by the Brazilian Interministerial Commission on Global Climate Change on the site http://www.mct.gov.br/index.php/content/view/74689.html	OK
EF <sub>grid,BM,y</sub>	Data unit: tCO <sub>2</sub> /MWh  Description: Build margin CO <sub>2</sub> emission factor for the project electricity system in year y  Source of data:	Desc Build factor	a Unit: tCO <sub>2</sub> /MWh cription: If margin CO <sub>2</sub> emission or in year y cree of data to be used: ilian Interministerial	The value of EF <sub>grid,BM,y</sub> is supplied by the Brazilian Interministerial Commission on Global Climate Change on the site <a href="http://www.mct.gov.br/index.php/content/view/74689.html">http://www.mct.gov.br/index.php/content/view/74689.html</a>	ОК

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		Valid	dated situation	Conclusion
As per "Tool to calcul emission factor for an electricity system".  Measurement procedures (if any): As per "Tool to calcul emission factor for an electricity system".  Monitoring frequence As per "Tool to calcul emission factor for an electricity system".  QA/QC procedures: "Tool to calculate the factor for an electricity system".	Va  Va  De ate the be be compared by As per emission y  Va  Va  De ate the be be be pa EF  As per emission QA  Va  Va  As As Per	nmission on Global Climate ange  ue of data: 0.0794  cription of measurement chods and procedures to applied: per the most recent version of to calculate the emission or for an electricity arem. This parameter will calculated from the ameters F <sub>grid,OM,y</sub> and prid,BM,y  (QC procedures: per the most recent version are "Tool to calculate the		
Implementation of the plan. confirm that t	ele	ssion factor for an tricity system". CAR 02:		CAR 02, closed
arrangements described in the monitoring feasible within the project design Describe the steps undertaken to assess this	g plan are	and the emergency prepared  • Assessment of response: The preparedness arrangements CAR02 was closed out.  The feasibility of the monitoring plate other similar registered projects (Os Água Doce Power Generation Projects)	ne monitoring procedure and the emergency is were provided and detailed in the PDD. The an was assessed through the cross-check with sorio Wind Power Plant Project, ref. 0603, and ect, ref. 0575). The arrangements proposed in The validation team concluded that the	OK

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		Validated situation	Conclusion
3.	Implementation of the Plan: confirm that the means of implementation of the MP, including the data management and quality assurance and quality control procedures, are sufficient to ensure that the emission reductions achieved by/resulting from the proposed CDM project activity can be reported ex post and verified	The validation team concluded that the arrangements proposed in the PDD are sound.  A. <u>EG facility.v.</u> : the fact that the produced energy will be sold to the National Electric System Operator (ONS) bounds the PP to its official monitoring and measurement procedures (ref.: "Grid Procedures Module 12, Measurement for Invoicing",) which covers in detail, among others, the arrangements and procedures required for	OK
		<ul> <li>Installation of measurement system for invoicing</li> </ul>	
		Maintenance of measurement system	
		· Measuring data collection	
		<ul> <li>Certification of work measurement standards</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>Configuration of measurement system for invoicing</li> </ul>	
		Measurement: technical requirements according to the Brazilian Association of Technical Standards and the International Electrotechnical Commission – IEC.	
		Accuracy of energy meters according to Metrological Technical Regulation ( <i>Regulamento Técnico Metrológico – RMT</i> ) for Class 0.2 of energy meters (error in measurements of up to ± 0.2%).	
		QA/QC: electricity measurements cross-checked against the records for sold electricity and/or with the data provided in the Electricity Commercialization Chamber ( <i>Câmara de Comercialização de Energia Elétrica</i> – CCEE) database.	
		Verified source of Grid Procedures Module 12: <a href="http://www.ons.org.br/procedimentos/modulo_12.aspx">http://www.ons.org.br/procedimentos/modulo_12.aspx</a>	
		B. <u>EF grid,OM, y and EF grid,BM,y</u> : The Brazilian DNA is responsible for calculating the OM and BM emission factor in Brazil. It applies the Tool to calculate the emission factor for an electricity system. <a href="http://www.mct.gov.br/index.php/content/view/74689.html">http://www.mct.gov.br/index.php/content/view/74689.html</a>	

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		Validated situation	Conclusion
SECTI	ON 8. Local stakeholder consultation		
1.	Determine whether comments by local stakeholders that can reasonably be considered relevant for the proposed CDM project activity, have been invited	Copies of invitations for comments posted by the PP to the local stakeholders, as well as the corresponding acknowledgments of receipt (post receipt), were assessed and found in accordance with DNA's Resolution No. 7 of 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2008. It was found evidence of acknowledgments of receipt of invitations made to:  NGOs ("Fórum Brasileiro de ONGs e Movimentos Sociais para o Meio Ambiente e Desenvolvimento").  ABEAMA (Associação Brasileira de Energias Renováveis e Meio Ambiente)  WWF do Brasil  Greenpeace no Brasil  ABES (Associação Brasileira de Engenharia Ambiental)  Subprocuradora-geral da República  Prefeito do Município de Caetité  Presidente da Câmara de Vereadores de Caetité  Coordenador da Comissão Pastoral de Meio Ambiente de Caetité  Associação do Movimento Ambientalista Terra (AMATER)  Secretário Municipal de Meio Ambiente de Caetité  Secretário Estadual de Meio Ambiente do Estado da Bahia  Promotor de Justiça de Meio Ambiente de Caetité  Prefeito do Município de Guanambi  Presidente da Câmara de Vereadores de Guanambi  ONG PRISMA (Proteção e Revitalização Integrada e Sustentável da Serra de Monte Alto)  Secretário Municipal de Agricultura e Meio Ambiente de Guanambi  One comment has been received from the Federal Prosecution. The comment did not demand any change to the PDD.  The consultation of stakeholders conforms to the Procedures for processing and reporting on validation CDM project activities.	CL 02, closed OK

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		Validated situation	Conclusion
		CL02 was raised during the validation and was closed based on review of submitted information.	
2.	Confirm that the summary of the comments received as provided in the PDD is complete	The summary of the comments received from local and global stakeholder consultation is complete in the PDD.	ОК
3.	Confirm that the project participants have taken due account of any comments received and have described this process in the PDD	Yes, the assessment team confirms that letters inviting stakeholder comments with the correct content were sent on 28 <sup>th</sup> July 2010 to all relevant stakeholders as per resolution no 7 of the Brazilian DNA.	OK
		Evidence of due account of comments received from local and global stakeholder consultation was assessed. One comment was received from local stakeholders (Federal Prosecutor). No change in the PDD was needed.	

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		Validated situation	Conclusion
SECTI	ON 9. Environmental Impacts		
1.	Is an EIA required by the environmental legislation of the host country? Describe the legislation applicable.	CAR 01:  • Issue raised: The PP must provide installation permits for review. References to the environmental permits are not made in the PDD.  • Assessment of response: The environmental permits were provided to the validation team. References to the environmental permits were included in the PDD version 2. The CAR 01 was closed.  CL 03  • Issue raised: The significant environmental impacts and the corresponding mitigation measures are not mentioned in the PDD.  • Assessment of response: The environmental significant impacts and mitigation measures were included in the PDD version 2. The CL 03 was closed out.  The environmental installation permits for the six wind farms, valid until the 1st February 2016, were assessed.  No legislation specific to wind farms was identified.	CAR 01, closed CL 03, closed OK
2.	Confirm whether the project participants have undertaken an analysis of environmental impacts and, if required by the host Party, an environmental impact assessment	An analysis of environmental impact was undertaken and verified by the validation team.	ОК
3.	Confirm that environmental impacts considered significant by the PPs or the Host country are described in the PDD, including mitigation measures.	The environmental impacts considered significant by the PP or the Host country are described, including mitigation measures, in the PDD section D. The proposed mitigation measures were considered acceptable.	ОК

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# Findings<sup>5</sup>

1. Grade / Ref:	CAR 1	2. Date:	02/06/2011		3. Status:	Closed	
4. Requirement: VVM 01.2 paragraph 131							
5. Nature of the Iss	5. Nature of the Issue Raised:						
References to the en	References to the environmental permits are not made in the PDD. Provide installation permits for review.						
6. Nature of respon	nses provided by the project partici	pants:					
Copies of the enviror	References to the installation permits were included in PDD, section D.1. Copies of the environmental permits were provided to the DOE.						
7. Assessment of s	such responses:						
	All the environmental installation permits for the plants Igaporã, Ilhéus, N. S. da Conceição, Planaltina, Porto Seguro and Pajéu do Vento were provided by the PP and those are mentioned in the PDD. The permits were reviewed and confirmed as meeting the host country regulations.						
8. References to re	8. References to resulting changes in the PDD or supporting annexes:						
Inclusion of installation permits in the PDD, section D.1. Installation permits sent in annexes: Igaporã, Ilhéus, N. S. da Conceição, Pajeú do Vento, Planaltina and Porto Seguro.							

3. New, Open, Closed

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2. Date of Original Finding3. No7. Evaluation from the Validation team

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Explanation of the Findings Log structure:

1. Grading and Sequential Number of the finding

6. Details of PP's response

4. Requirement (VVM, PDD-CDM, etc)5.8. List of changes made as a result of the finding

5. Reference to Protocol



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1. Grade / Ref:	CAR 2	2. Date:	02/06/2011	3. Status:	Closed
4. Requirement:		VVM 01.2 paragraph 123b			

The PDD does not mention the monitoring plan procedures and the emergency preparedness arrangements

# 6. Nature of responses provided by the project participants:

The monitoring plan procedure and emergencies preparedness, based essentially in the National System Operator (ONS) Grid Procedures described in the PDD, have been supplemented through an internal monitoring procedure. This more complete description is now included in the PDD, section B.7.2. Both the new version of the PDD and the internal monitoring procedure were sent in annex.

### 7. Assessment of such responses:

The monitoring procedure and the emergency preparedness arrangements were provided and detailed in the PDD. The monitoring procedures and emergency preparedness arrangements, regulated by ANEEL, seem feasible and robust. CAR02 was closed out.

### 8. References to resulting changes in the PDD or supporting annexes:

PDD. Section B.7.2.

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1. Grade / Ref:	CAR 3	2. Date:	10/11/2011	3. Status:	Closed
4. Requirement:		Guidelines on Com	mon Practice" (Version 01.0, Annex 12,	EB63)	

The description of the common practice analysis and its validation is not following the last version of the "Guidelines on Common Practice" (version 01.0, Annex 12, EB63)

# 6. Nature of responses provided by the project participants:

The common practice analysis was rephrased in the PDD

# 7. Assessment of such responses:

The common practice analysis was reviewed by the PP in the PDD Version 3 section B.5, and conforms to the Guidelines on Common Practice version 01.0. CAR 03 was closed out.

# 8. References to resulting changes in the PDD or supporting annexes:

PDD section B.5, Common Practice Analysis

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1. Grade / Ref:	CL 01	2. Date:	02/06/2011	3. Status:	Closed		
4. Requirement:		VVM 01.2 paragraph 123b					

The role of the "National Electric System Operator (Operador Nacional do Sistema Elétrico - ONS) - 12<sup>th</sup> module" is not clearly described in the PDD.

## 6. Nature of responses provided by the project participants:

The role of the 12<sup>th</sup> module of ONS Grid Procedures (measurements of electricity production for invoicing) was explained in the PDD, section B.7.2. It was included a footnote in this section, referencing the resolution role #109/04 of ANEEL (National Agency of Electric Energy), which defines, in its 1<sup>st</sup> article, that the Grid Procedures are "documents designed by ONS with participation of the agents and approved by ANEEL, that establish the procedures and technical requirements necessary to planning, implantation, use and operation of SIN; and the responsibilities of ONS and of the agents". The same article defines all agents, including generation agents as "holder of concession, permission or authorization for electric energy generation", which clearly shows that the project participant shall follow the ONS Grid Procedures. This resolution role was sent in annex.

# 7. Assessment of such responses:

The roles of the National Electric System Operator and 12<sup>th</sup> module were adequately explained in the PDD section B.7.2. The CL01 was closed out.

# 8. References to resulting changes in the PDD or supporting annexes:

Inclusion of footnote referencing the legal requirement to follow the ONS Grid Procedures in PDD, section B.7.2.

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1. Grade / Ref:	CL 02	2. Date:	02/06/2011	3. Status:	Closed
4. Requirement:		VVM 01.2 paragraph 128			
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An inconsistency was found between the PP's names in the PDD and the name of the company on whose behalf the invitation letters were sent. Letters for stakeholders were sent by "Muduscarbo", which is not identified in the PDD as a project participant.

# 6. Nature of responses provided by the project participants:

"MundusCarbo" is a company owned by the same economic group of PP "Key Consultoria e Treinamento Ltda." A merge between the carbon business unit of this PP and "MundusCarbo" began in June 2010, and was fully realized in December 2010. The merge aims to transfer all carbon business of "Key Consultoria e Treinamento Ltda" to "MundusCarbo". When the Local Stakeholder consultation was carried out, the operations of both companies were already integrated and both companies worked as a single entity. As a result, stakeholders consultation letters made reference to "MundusCarbo" instead of "Key Consultoria e Treinamento Ltda".

The modification of "MundusCarbo" LLC agreement as a result of the merge is dated of December 21<sup>st</sup> 2010, while "Key Consultoria e Treinamento Ltda" one is dated of February 9<sup>th</sup> 2011, and such Agreement Modifications are sent in annex. As a result of the merge, "MundusCarbo" became a shareholder of In "Key Consultoria e Treinamento Ltda" as it can be attested by the latter's LLC Agreement modification already referred.

## 7. Assessment of such responses:

The relation of "MundusCarbo" with the PP "Key Consultoria e Treinamento Ltda" was clarified and supported by documentation, which legitimises the participation of Munduscarbo in the consultation process. The CL 02 was closed out.

# 8. References to resulting changes in the PDD or supporting annexes:

No changes in the PDD.

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PDD section D.

1. Grade / Ref:	CL 03	2. Date:	02/06/11	3. Status:	Closed	
4. Requirement: VVM 01.2 paragraph 131			•	•		
5. Nature of the Iss	sue Raised:					
The significant environment	onmental impacts and the cor	responding mitigation mea	asures are not mentioned in	the PDD.		
6. Nature of respon	nses provided by the projec	t participants:				
The description of the main environmental impacts and the corresponding mitigation measures was included in the PDD section D.						
7. Assessment of s	such responses:					
	ignificant impacts and mitigati Board (CEPRAM) as propose			nental impact mitigation progra	ms, as required by the	
8. References to re	sulting changes in the PDD	or supporting annexes				

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1. Grade / Ref:	FAR 01	2. Date:	22/11/2011	3. Status:	Open		
4. Requirement:		Environmental Permits for all the 6 wind farms					
5. Nature of the Issue Raised:							
The environmental permit issued by Environmental State Board of Bahia State (CEPRAM) includes conditions for the implementation of socio-economic monitoring, environmental education and bird monitoring programs. The implementation of which to be verified during the operation of the project activity to ensure that the project activity remains in compliance with the host country regulations.							
6. Nature of responses provided by the project participants:							
7. Assessment of such responses:							
8. References to resulting changes in the PDD or supporting annexes:							

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