



Ministerio de Ambiente, Vivienda y Desarrollo Territorial  
Despacho de la Viceministra de Ambiente  
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Dear Mr. Márquez and Mr. Arango:

In response to the communication sent by Metro de Medellín Ltda. and Centro Nacional de Producción Más Limpia, requesting the national approval of the project "**Cable Cars Metro Medellín, Colombia**" as a potentially eligible activity for the Clean Development Mechanism of the Kyoto Protocol, and considering that:

- Decision 17<sup>th</sup> of the Seventh Conference of the Parties establishes that a Party not included in Annex I may participate in a CDM project activity if it is a Party to the Kyoto Protocol;
- Decision 17<sup>th</sup> of the Seventh Conference of the Parties further requires that prior to the submission of the validation report to the Executive Board, the designated operational entity has received from the project participants written approval of voluntary participation from the designated national authority of each Party involved, including confirmation by the host Party that the project activity assists it in achieving sustainable development.

I hereby declare that:

1. Colombia approved the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change through Law 164 of 1994; which was declared consistent with the Colombian Constitution through decision C-073 of February 23, 1995.
2. Colombia approved the Kyoto Protocol through Law 629 of December 27 of 2000, which was declared consistent with the Colombian Constitution through decision C-860 of April 15, 2001.



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3. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs through consular note dated May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2002 number DM/VAM/CAA No. 19335, addressed to the UNFCCC Secretariat, designated the Ministry of Environment, Housing and Territorial Development as the National Authority for the Clean Development Mechanism.

4. Colombia participates voluntarily in the Clean Development Mechanism of the Kyoto Protocol.


Additionally, pursuant to the principles, requirements, criteria and procedures for national approval defined by the Ministry of Environment, Housing and Territorial Development through Resolutions 0453 and 0454 on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2004 and considering that:

1. Metro de Medellin Ltda. and Centro Nacional de Producción Más Limpia, sponsors of the project "**Cable Cars Metro Medellín, Colombia**", on November the 7<sup>th</sup> of 2008, has sent to the Ministry the complete documentation in accordance to Annex 2A of Resolution 0453 / 2004 (under cover letter number 4120-F1-126853).
2. Based on such documentation, the Climate Change Mitigation Group of the Vice – Ministry of Environment has drafted the technical concept and sent it to the Inter-sectoral Steering Committee of Climate Change Mitigation – ISCCCM, according to schedule.
3. The ISCCCM, based on the Climate Change Mitigation Group's technical concept and other information that is considered to be pertinent, in an independent and unanimous way, decided that the project "**Cable Cars Metro Medellín, Colombia**" contributes to the sustainable development of the country, and therefore recommends to the Ministry the project approval.

Taking into account the previous issues, the Ministry of Environment, Housing and Territorial Development, acting as National Designated Authority, establishes that the project "**Cable Cars Metro Medellín, Colombia**" contributes to the country in the search of the sustainable development.

This letter does not involve judgment or any manifestation on the part of this Ministry on aspects different from the foreseen ones in the eighth article of the resolution 0453 of April 27 of 2004 and in particular about the property and/or ownership of the project and the potential emissions reductions derived from it. Likewise, it is necessary to stress that this letter is submitted in both, Spanish and English languages. In case of discrepancy the Spanish version will prevail.

Sincerely,

  
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Dear Mr. Márquez:

The Ministry of Environment, Housing and Territorial Development has received your communication sent the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July 2009 under cover letter number 4120-E1-75091 regarding some clarifications of the approval letter issued the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December 2008 under cover letter number 2000-2-146672.

Considering that the Letter of Approval for the project "Cable Cars Metro Medellín, Colombia" was already issued and taking into account the request made by Empresa de Transporte Masivo del Valle de Aburrá Ltda., the Ministry acting as Designated National Authority, acknowledges that the project participants are Empresa de Transporte Masivo del Valle de Aburrá Ltda. (ETMVA), Centro Nacional de Producción Más Limpia y Tecnologías Ambientales (CNPML) and Grütter Consulting AG.

Therefore, this letter should be considered valid for any CDM procedure at national or international level and is an addendum of the original Letter of Approval (cover letter number 2000-2-146672).

Sincerely,

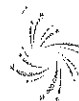
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Respetado doctor Márquez:

El Ministerio de Ambiente, Vivienda y Desarrollo Territorial ha recibido su solicitud del 3 de julio de 2009 con número de radicado 4120-E1-75091, en la que Empresa de Transporte Masivo del Valle de Aburrá Ltda. solicitó ajustes a la carta de aprobación nacional del proyecto denominado: “Cables Aéreos para Transporte Masivo en Medellín”, expedida el 23 de diciembre de 2008 con número de radicado 2000-2-146672. Una vez verificada esta solicitud, el Ministerio constata que los participantes del proyecto son Empresa de Transporte Masivo del Valle de Aburrá Ltda. (ETMVA), Centro Nacional de Producción Más Limpia y Tecnologías Ambientales (CNPML) y Grütter Consulting AG.

Por lo expuesto anteriormente, la presente comunicación debe considerarse válida para cualquier proceso nacional o internacional relacionado con el proyecto y hace parte de la Carta de Aprobación Nacional emitida originalmente (radicado número 2000-2-146672).

Atentamente,

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