

 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CDM: Response form for request for clarification on Approved Methodologies (version 01.1)</b></p>	
<i>Date of A/R Working Group meeting:</i>	A/R Working Group 17; 07 - 09 November 2007
<i>Title and number of request for clarification</i>	AR-AM_CLA_0001: AR-AM0004; Candidate areas and boundary definition
<p><b>Summary of the query:</b></p> <p>Please use the space below to summarize the request for clarification on the related approved methodologies.</p> <p>The request for clarification concerns the definition of the project boundary using the provisions of the approved methodology.</p> <p>For this particular project, a larger candidate area is defined which complies with eligibility criteria (approximately. 65.000 ha). Out of this pool of land only a fraction will be reforested as part of the project. It is not possible to define the actual geographic position for the reforestation within the candidate area, a priori, as corresponding small holders opt into the project scheme successively (confirming their participation with a contract).</p> <p>The project participants provided evidence on (i) eligibility of the candidate areas and (ii) that the scheduled reforestation of 15.000 ha is in line with the technical capacities of the project. This approach would result in the (initial) inclusion of areas on which actually no reforestation activities occur. Throughout monitoring (III, section 1.3) the planted areas would be defined exactly with GPS and added to the project area under control (confirmed with monitoring / verification).</p> <p>Clarification is requested if under the approved methodology, the PDD can determine the total potential candidate land area as the project boundary and have the flexibility to incrementally incorporate new parcels from within the candidate land area, parcels not yet under the control of the project participant at the start of the project activity, as land owners become convinced of the merits of joining the umbrella CDM project.</p>	
<p><b>Recommendation by the A/R Working Group:</b></p> <p>Please use the space below to provide amendments /changes (in your expert view, if necessary).</p> <p>Please refer to the report of the 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of the A/R Working Group for suggested changes to the methodology.</p>	

**Answer to authors of the request for clarification by the A/R Working Group :**

Please use the space below to provide an answer to the authors of the above query

As per Decision 5/CMP1, the “project boundary” of an A/R project activity geographically delineates the A/R CDM project activity under the control of the project participants. Section I.4i of the methodology states that the project boundary is defined for all eligible discrete parcels of land to be afforested or reforested, either under the control of the project participants or expected to come under control of the PPs during the crediting period.

From the description of the situation in the request for clarification it appears that the “larger candidate area” of approximately 65.000 ha will not be entirely afforested or reforested. As per definition of project boundary and the requirements of the methodology, all of this “larger candidate area” can therefore not be considered as the project boundary.

The project boundary could only contain land area that will be afforested or reforested. If this area can not be geographically delineated, the PP may want to consider developing this project as a Programme of Activities.



Signature of AR WG Chair .....

Date: 13/11/2007

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Signature of AR WG Vice-Chair .....

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