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**Answers to UNFCCC „Request for review - Request for registration 4921 Bac Ha
Hydropower Project, Vietnam “**

UNFCCC:

1. The DOE should clarify how it has validated the reliability and credibility of the evidences related to the continuing and real actions taken to secure the CDM status of the project activity in parallel with its implementation, in particular, what specific CDM deliverables and/or actions were carried out under the various CDM agreements, dated 18 December 2006, 15 May 2008 and 24 June 2009, without which the gap between the project start date (21 February 2005) and the starting date of validation (September 2010) would be more than 5 years, in line with the EB 49, Annex 22 “Guidelines on the demonstration and assessment of the prior consideration of the CDM” and para. 102 (b) of the VVM (version 01.2).

Answer SQS:

Validation report dated 21/06/2011 lists and validates the evidences of continuing and real actions to secure CDM status. Since the time between MoU with Carbotech on 18/12/2006 and MoU with Ecotawa on 15/05/2008 is one and a half year and the realization of the project nows delays, SQS agrees with EB that supplementary documents, not listed as supporting documents in EB 49 Annex 22 and VVM (Version 01.2) paragraph 102b, gives more evidence for the validation.

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2. The DOE should provide further explanation on the common practice analysis in line with the VVM (version 01.2) para. 120 (c) and the “Tool for the demonstration and assessment of additionality” sub-steps 4a and 4b; in particular, whether inflation can be considered a sufficient reason to rule out similar activities.

Answer SQS:

SQS agrees that in the Validation report, dated 21/06/2011, the analysis requested in Sub-step 4a and 4b of the *Tool for the demonstration and assessment of additionality” has not been explained sufficiently. The updated report includes the analysis and their validation.

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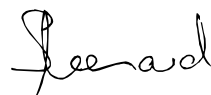
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