

NON-TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION OF THE “SUSTAINABLE SMALL HYDROPOWER PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES (POA) IN VIET NAM”

The “Sustainable Small Hydropower Programme of Activities (PoA) in Viet Nam consists of CDM Programme Activities (CPAs) that each represents one or more small-scale hydropower plants built in Viet Nam with an installed capacity of up to 30MW. The PoA is a voluntary action being coordinated and managed by Vietnam PoA Carbon Management Joint Stock Company.

The objective of the PoA is to develop a platform for supporting the development of small hydropower projects in Viet Nam. In this way the PoA will promote the development of renewable energy and facilitate the abatement of greenhouse gas emissions through replacement of fossil-fuel based electricity.

A typical CPA under this PoA shall meet the following criteria:

- i. Be newly developed grid-connected hydro power plant located in Viet Nam.
- ii. Have a maximum installed capacity below or equal to 30 MW.
- iii. Use newly built equipment to generate electricity from hydro power.
- iv. Have start date after 23 December 2010 or between 22 June 2007 and 23 December 2010 (this will be invested on case-by-case basis)
- v. Not result into the diversion of official development assistance or public funding.
- vi. Not be registered as a CDM project activity nor included in another registered PoA.
- vii. Not be committed under another mechanism other than the Gold Standard one.
- viii. No announcement has been made previously of the CPA going ahead without the revenues from carbon credits.

Further investigation by Vietnam PoA Carbon Management Joint Stock Company may be necessary to ensure that the CPAs comply with CDM and Gold Standard requirements to be included in the PoA.