



# SUSTAINABILITY VALIDATION REPORT

for the GS - CDM Project Activity

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Zhejiang Jingxing Paper Joint  
Stock Co. Ltd.

in

P. R. China

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## I. Project description:

**Project title:** Biogas Utilization Project in Zhejiang Jingxing Paper Joint Stock Co. Ltd.  
**Host Country:** P.R.China  
**Methodology:** AMS-III.H Version 15 and AMS-I.F Version 01  
 Large Scale  Small Scale  
**Annual average emission reductions (estimate):** 60.577 tCO<sub>2</sub>e/yr  
**GHG reducing measure/technology:** Methane avoidance and displacing fossil-uel based electricity supply through biogas recovery

Party	Project Participants	Party considered a project participant
P.R.China	Zhejiang Jingxing Paper Joint Stock Co. Ltd.	No
Switzerland	Swiss Carbon Assets Ltd.	No

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## Abbreviations

Explain any abbreviations that have been used in the report here.

BM	Build Margin
CAR	Corrective Action Request
CDM	Clean Development Mechanism
CER	Certified Emission Reduction
CL	Clarification Request
CO <sub>2</sub>	Carbon Dioxide
CO <sub>2</sub> e	Carbon Dioxide Equivalent
DNA	Designated National Authority
DOE	Designated Operational Entity
DR	Document Review
EB	Executive Board
ECPG	East China Power Grid
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
ER	Emission Reduction
GHG	Greenhouse Gas(es)
GS	Gold Standard
GWP	Global Warming Potential
I	Interview
IETA	International Emission Trade Association
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
IRR	Internal Rate of Return
kW	Kilo Watt
kWh	Kilo Watt Hours
LoA	Letter of Approval
LoI	Letter of Intent
MP	Monitoring Plan
NCV	Net Calorific Value
NDRC	National Development and Reform Commission of P. R. China
NGO	Non-governmental Organization
ODA	Official Development Assistance
OM	Operating Margin
PDD	Project Design Document
t	Tonne
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
VAT	Value-added Tax
WWT	Wastewater Treatment

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## 1 REVIEWED DOCUMENTATION

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From 13 October 2010 to 15 October 2010, the Validation Team of TÜV Rheinland has performed personal interviews with representatives of the project owner and local authorities at Pinghu City, Zhejiang Province. The main topics of the interviews were:

- permits and approvals
- status of project implementation
- project training plan
- project site conditions and
- local stakeholder consultation process, and
- IRR and baseline emission calculation.

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/iii/	2010-10-14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Wu Huibin</li> </ul>	Environment Protection Bureau of Pinghu City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Environmental impact</li> <li>- Wastewater treatment status</li> <li>- Stakeholder consultation</li> </ul>
/iv/	2010-10-14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. LU Jinsong</li> </ul>	Economic and Business Trade Bureau of Pinghu City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Project approval</li> <li>- Sustainable development issue</li> </ul>
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## 2 PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

The proposed project involves installation of a biogas-capturing device and a biogas-based electricity generation system in the existing wastewater treatment systems at the paper mill of Zhejiang Jingxing Paper Joint Stock Co. Ltd., which has two production lines with total paper production capacity of 600,000 tons per year. The Zhejiang Jingxing Paper Joint Stock Co. Ltd. has two wastewater treatment plants (i.e. Plant 1 and Plant 2) with annual capacity of 5,100,000 tonnes, in which the anaerobic digesters integrated generate 13,000~15,000m<sup>3</sup> of biogas everyday. The biogas collected from the anaerobic digesters will be combusted for

electricity generation through four units of 500kW biogas engine according to the Feasibility Study Report (FSR)/26/ and registered PDD/7/. The amount of biogas captured but not used in the biogas-fired generators will be open flaring. The Project consists of biogas recovery system, biogas purification device, and power generation system. The project activity is expected to supply 10,914MWh of electricity per year, displacing fossil fuel based electricity from the grid.

The project has been registered as a CDM project by the Executive Board (EB) of the UNFCCC on 28 July 2011 with the registration reference number of 5042.

The project applies the “*AMS-III.H. Methane Recovery in Wastewater Treatment*” (Version 15)/11/ and “*AMS-I.F Renewable electricity generation for captive use and mini-grid*” (Version 01)/12/. The methodology applicability identified in PDD Section B.2 has been validated to be in accordance with the AMS-III.H. Version 15 paragraph 1~13 and AMS-I.F. Version 01 paragraph 1~11.

The host country is P.R. China, which ratified the Kyoto Protocol on 30 August 2002 and meets all relevant participation requirements in CDM. The Project will achieve greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reductions by the destruction of methane through biogas collection and combustion/flare, as well as displacing fossil-fuel based electricity from the Eastern China Power Grid (ECPG). The estimated GHG emission reduction of the Project is calculated to be average 60,577 tCO<sub>2</sub>e per year over the fixed 10-year crediting period.

As per Toolkit 1.2c/3/, the Project is a ‘methane recovery and utilization for electricity generation’ project and the electricity is for on-site consumption only displacing the same amount electricity from the grid. Therefore, the project activity will reduce emission of CH<sub>4</sub> by biogas capture and utilization and CO<sub>2</sub> by replacing equivalent electricity from the fossil based grid.

As per the FSR, the project activity is designed to fully utilize the biogas captured for electricity generation at 100%, which is greater than 65% as specified for biogas project in Toolkit Annex C/3/. Furthermore, as stated in GS passport Section G, the utilization ratios of biogas captured will be monitored over the monitoring period.

According to the PDD/7/, the project does not receive any public funding. An ODA declaration is presented in the Annex 1 of the Gold Standard (GS) Passport/1/ based on the ODA Declaration Template in the Annex D of Toolkit version 2.1, in which the project developer has declared the project’s non-use of ODA.

The project applies for Gold Standard under the retroactive project cycle since the construction of the project has been finished and the project has also been registered as a CDM project by the Executive Board of the UNFCCC.

### **3 DEVIATIONS IN GHG EMISSION REDUCTION ESTIMATION**

According to the validated PDD/7/, the project applies the approved baseline and monitoring methodology for small-scale CDM project activities AMS-III.H, Version 15-*Methane Recovery*

in Wastewater Treatment and AMS-I.F, Version 01- Renewable electricity generation for captive use and mini-grid/11//12/, which are the most recent version of the methodology available at the time of first submission of the project activity for Gold Standard (i.e. 30 July 2010) in line with the GS Requirement III.f.1/3/.

- Baseline emissions

As per paragraph 18 of AMS.III.H version 15/11/, in determining baseline emissions, historical records of at least one year or a measurement campaign in the baseline wastewater systems for at least 10 days prior to the project implementation shall be used. As reflected in the emission reduction calculation spreadsheets/8/, data records of a measurement campaign of 30 days (i.e. from 1 November to 30 November 2008) have been provided and the average value has been applied in the calculations, and the result has been multiplied by 0.89 to account for the uncertainty range (30% to 50%) in line with paragraph 19 (a) of AMS.III.H Version 15.

As per Paragraph 17 of AMS III.H Version 15, baseline emissions are calculated as follows:

$$BE_{methane,y} = \{BE_{power,y} + BE_{ww,treatment,y} + BE_{s,treatment,y} + BE_{ww,discharge,y} + BE_{s,final,y}\}$$

$BE_{methane,y}$  Baseline emissions due to methane avoidance in year  $y$  (tCO<sub>2e</sub>)

$BE_{power,y}$  Baseline emissions from electricity or fuel consumption in year  $y$  (tCO<sub>2e</sub>)

$BE_{ww,treatment,y}$  Baseline emissions of the wastewater treatment systems affected by the project activity in year  $y$  (tCO<sub>2e</sub>)

$BE_{s,treatment,y}$  Baseline emissions of the sludge treatment systems affected by the project activity in year  $y$  (tCO<sub>2e</sub>)

$BE_{ww,discharge,y}$  Baseline methane emissions from degradable organic carbon in treated wastewater discharged into sea/river/lake in year  $y$  (tCO<sub>2e</sub>)

$BE_{s,final,y}$  Baseline methane emissions from anaerobic decay of the final sludge produced in year  $y$  (tCO<sub>2e</sub>)

The project activity is only involving a biogas capture and utilization system without doing any changes to the existing wastewater treatment and sludge treatment system. Therefore, only  $BE_{ww,treatment,y}$  needs to be considered as baseline emissions for the project activity, which should be calculated as follows

$$BE_{ww,treatment,y} = \sum_i Q_{ww,i,y} * COD_{removed,i,y} * MCF_{ww,treatment,BL,i} * B_{o,ww} * UF_{BL} * GWP_{CH4}$$

$Q_{ww,i,y}$  Volume of wastewater treated in baseline wastewater treatment system  $i$  in year  $y$  (m<sup>3</sup>)

€  $COD_{removed,i,y}$  Chemical oxygen demand removed by baseline treatment system  $i$  in year  $y$  (tonnes/m<sup>3</sup>), measured as the difference between inflow COD and the outflow COD in system  $i$

$MCF_{ww,treatment,BL,i}$  Methane correction factor for baseline wastewater treatment systems  $i$  (MCF value for Anaerobic reactor without methane recovery is 0.8 as per table III.H.1)

$B_{o,ww}$  Methane producing capacity of the wastewater (IPCC value of 0.25 kg CH<sub>4</sub>/kg COD)

$UF_{BL}$  Model correction factor to account for model uncertainties (0.89)

$GWP_{CH4}$  Global Warming Potential for methane (value of 21)

As per paragraph 14 of AMS-I.F. Version 01/12/, baseline emissions for Type I component are the product of the amount of electricity displaced by the renewable generating unit and an emission factor. For the project activity, the electricity generated from biogas recovery displaces the equivalent electricity supply from the ECPG. Therefore, the emission factor of ECPG will be calculated as per the procedures provided in AMS-I.D. in line with paragraph 14 of AMS-I.F. Version 01.

As per AMS I.F version 01 paragraph 14: Baseline emissions for other systems are the product of amount electricity displaced with the electricity produced by the renewable generating unit and an emission factor:

$$BE_y = ER_y = EG_{BL,y} * EF_{CO_2,y}$$

$EG_{BL,y}$  Quantity of net electricity displaced as a result of the implementation of the CDM project activity in year  $y$  (MWh)

$EF_{CO_2,y}$  Emission factor (tCO<sub>2</sub>/MWh)

As per the FSR,  $EG_{BL,y}$  has been appropriately estimated with the methane generation, gas engines's efficiency and the NCV of the methane, which is assessed to be appropriate in Table 1. The emission factor of ECPG has been calculated as a combined margin (CM), consisting of the combination of operating margin (OM) and build margin (BM) according to the procedures prescribed in the *Tool to calculate the emission factor for an electricity system version 02/15/*. The OM and BM data is calculated in line with China DNA's guidelines dated on 20/12/2010/61/. Considering the CM emission factor of ECPG is 0.7690 tCO<sub>2</sub>/MWh and total annual on-grid output is 10,914 MWh, the emission reductions, which equals to the baseline emissions, are thus ex-ante estimated as 8,392 tCO<sub>2</sub> annually.

According to the GS Toolkit Sections 2.1 and 3.5.1/3/, the validation team confirms that the most conservative baseline scenario is selected, and the methodology that results in lowest baseline emissions is used.

- Project emissions

As per Paragraph 27 of ASM III.H Version 15, the project activity emissions due to methane avoidance are calculated as follows :

$$PE_{methane,y} = (PE_{power,y} + PE_{ww,treatment,y} + PE_{s,treatment,y} + PE_{ww,discharge,y} + PE_{s,final,y} + PE_{fugitive,y} + PE_{biomass,y} + PE_{flaring,y})$$

$PE_{methane,y}$  Project activity emissions due to methane avoidance in the year "y" (tCO<sub>2</sub>e)

$PE_{power,y}$  Emissions from electricity or fuel consumption in the year  $y$  (tCO<sub>2</sub>e).

$PE_{ww,treatment,y}$  Methane emissions from wastewater treatment systems affected by the project activity, and not equipped with biogas recovery, in year  $y$  (tCO<sub>2</sub>e).

$MCF_{ww,treatment,P,J,k}$  Methane correction factor for project wastewater treatment system  $k$

$COD_{removed,P,J,k,y}$  Chemical oxygen demand removed by project wastewater treatment system  $k$  in year  $y$  (t/ m<sup>3</sup>) measured as the difference between inflow COD and the outflow COD in system  $k$

$PE_{s,treatment,y}$	Methane emissions from sludge treatment systems affected by the project activity, and not equipped with biogas recovery, in year $y$ (tCO <sub>2</sub> e).
$PE_{ww,discharge,y}$	Methane emissions from degradable organic carbon in treated wastewater in year $y$ (tCO <sub>2</sub> e).
$PE_{s,final,y}$ (tCO <sub>2</sub> e).	Methane emissions from anaerobic decay of the final sludge produced in year $y$
$PE_{fugitive,y}$	Methane emissions from biogas release in capture systems in year $y$ , calculated as per paragraph 28 (tCO <sub>2</sub> e)
$PE_{biomass,y}$	Methane emissions from biomass stored under anaerobic conditions
$PE_{flaring,y}$	Methane emissions due to incomplete flaring in year $y$ as per the “Tool to determine project emissions from flaring gases containing methane”(tCO <sub>e</sub> )

As described in the validation report, wastewater treatment plant remains unchanged regardless of the construction and implementation of the project activity. Therefore, *emissions from fossil-fuel consumptions of existing wastewater treatment system*,  $PE_{ww,treatment,y}$  and  $PE_{ww,discharge,y}$  should not be taken into account.

Only electricity consumption from the newly intalled facilities (i.e. biogas recovery system, sulphur removal system and power generation system) should be taken into account for calculation of  $PE_{power,y}$ .

$PE_{s,treatment,y}$  and  $PE_{s,final,y}$  should not be considered since the sludge treatment is unaffected by the project activity as sludge is disposed in a controlled landfill, which is the same as in the baseline scenario.

$PE_{biomass,y}$  are all not applicable for the project activity as no biomass has been stored under anaerobic conditions .

The methane emissions from biogas release in capture systems (i.e.  $PE_{fugitive,y}$ ) is calculated as per paragraph 28 of AMS-III.H version 15.  $PE_{fugitive,s,y}$  should not be considered as the sludge treatment is not affected by the project activity.  $PE_{fugitive,ww,y}$  is calculated as follows:

$$PE_{fugitive,ww,y} = (1 - CFE_{ww}) \cdot MEP_{ww,treatment,y} \cdot GWP_{CH4}$$

$CFE_{ww}$  Capture efficiency of the biogas recovery equipment in the wastewater treatment systems (a default value of 0.9 shall be used)

$GWP_{CH4}$  Global Warming Potential for methane (value of 21 is used)

$MEP_{ww,treatment,y}$  Methane emission potential of wastewater treatment systems equipped with biogas recovery system in year  $y$  (tonnes) which is calculated according to the equation below:

$$MEP_{ww,treatment,y} = Q_{ww,y} * B_{o,ww} * UF_{PJ} * \sum_k COD_{removed,PJ,k,y} \cdot MCF_{ww,treatment,PJ,k}$$

$Q_{ww,y}$  Volume of wastewater treated in the year  $y$  (m<sup>3</sup>)

$B_{o,ww}$  Methane producing capacity of the wastewater (IPCC default value for domestic wastewater of 0.25kg CH<sub>4</sub>/kg COD)

$COD_{removed,PJ,k,y}$  The chemical oxygen demand removed by the treatment system  $k$  of the project activity equipped with biogas recovery in the year  $y$  (tonnes/m<sup>3</sup>)

$MCF_{ww,treatment,PJ,k,y}$  Methane correction factor for the project wastewater treatment system  $k$  equipped with biogas recovery equipment

$UF_{PJ}$  Model correction factor to account for model uncertainties (1.12)

The methane emissions due to incomplete flaring (i.e.  $PE_{flaring,y}$ ) are calculated as per the "Tool to determine project emissions from flaring gases containing methane"/16/ :

$$PE_{flare,y} = \sum_{i=1}^{8760} TM_{RG,h} * (1 - \eta_{flare,h}) * \frac{GWP_{CH_4}}{1000}$$

$PE_{flare,y}$ : Project emissions from flaring of the residual gas stream in a year  $y$ ; tCO<sub>2e</sub>  
 $TM_{RG,h}$  Mass flow rate of methane in the residual gas in the hour  $h$ ; kg/h  
 $\eta_{flare}$  Flare efficiency in hour  $h$ ; h

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$$TM_{RG,h} = FV_{RG,h} * fv_{CH_4, RG,h} * \rho_{CH_4,n}$$

$TM_{RG,h}$  Mass flow rate of methane in the residual gas in the hour  $h$ ; kg/h  
 $FV_{RG,h}$  Volumetric flow rate of the residual gas in dry basis at normal conditions in hour  $h$ ;  
 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h

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$fv_{CH_4, RG,h}$  Volumetric fraction of methane in the residual gas on dry basis in hour  $h$ ;  
 $\rho_{CH_4,n}$  Density of methane at normal conditions (0.7168 Kg/Nm<sup>3</sup>)

- Project leakage

As per methodology AMS-III.H, the leakage effect is not relevant to the proposed project activity as no transfer of used technology occurs due to the project activity.

As per methodologies AMS-I.F and AMS-I.D, the leakage effects are not relevant to the proposed project as no transfer of the used energy generating equipments occurs due to the project activity.

According to the GS Toolkit Sections 2.1 and 3.5.1/3/, the validation team checked also the assumption statements, calculation procedures and parameters applied from the reference documents in the estimation of baseline emissions. It is considered that there is no material uncertainty over the numerical data. The information is verifiably presented in the validated PDD/7/ with a sufficient degree of detail and transparency, so that the estimation of baseline emissions can be reproduced. The validation team checked that full transparency is applied with regard to the selected data based on the prerogative of conservativeness.

## 4 GOLD STANDARD CRITERIA ON ADDITIONALITY

According to Gold Standard, the project proponent is required to use one of the UNFCCC or Gold Standard approved additionality tools. As per the registered PDD, the evaluation of the project additionality is based on the *Attachment A to the Appendix B of the Simplified Modalities and Procedures for Small-scale CDM Project Activities/25/*, which is considered up-to-date and reliable at the time of registration as a CDM project (i.e. 28 July 2011).

As noted in the PDD/7/, the investment barrier was selected, and the application of benchmark analysis is carried out. The proposed project shall only generate revenue from the electricity saving. If the project is carried out without CDM support, the project IRR is 6.0% before tax, which is lower than the benchmark IRR of 13%, as stipulated in the benchmark reference *Economic Assessment Method and Parameters for Construction Project version*

03/55/, and makes the proposed project financially unattractive. If with CERs revenue, the project IRR is improved to 20.38%.

In summary, the validation team confirms that the guidelines and tools applied for the demonstration of additionality are correct, reliable and also updated at the time of registration as a CDM project. The calculation of the project IRR is confirmed to be conservative. The project activity can be considered as “not the most financially attractive” option. According to the clause 111 of the CDM VVM/13/, the project activity without any CDM revenue is proven as additional and the project activity would not have occurred anyway due to the investment barrier.

## 5 SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT

### *‘Do no harm’ assessment*

As indicated in the GS Passport, the ‘Do no harm’ assessment was carried out by the project proponent. According to the GS Toolkit Section 2.4.1/3/, the “Do no harm” assessment is based on the safeguarding principles of the UNDP in four aspects: Human Rights, Labor Standards, Environmental Protection and Anti-Corruption.

The potential risks alongside the safeguarding principles and the special guidance for proposed biogas recovery projects are listed in the Section F.1 of the GS Passport/1/. The “Do no harm” assessment is carried out according FSR/26/, EIA/28/ and relevant national laws.

The project activity was implemented inside the wastewater treatment plant which was owned by the same project owner. No resettlement is required for local residents and this is confirmed by onsite inspection. No significant impacts have been identified in the EIA report table/28/. The noise emerging from the biogas engines will be mitigated by installing silencer. Further, it was verified during onsite assessment the control room and workshops on the project site were isolated from noise. According to the EIA, the level of noise is compliance with environmental regulations, which was confirmed by the local environmental official/iii/.

Therefore, the validation team considers that the “Do no harm” assessment has been based on accurate information, with all the reference sources indicated in the revised GS Passport.

### *Sustainable Development matrix*

Detailed assessment has been applied to establish the sustainable development matrix in Section F.2 of the GS Passport/1/. Reference sources have been provided for the descriptions of all the indicators. According to GS Toolkit Section 2.4 and Annex I/3/, the validation of sustainable development (SD) matrix is tabulated below:

Indicator	Score in GS Passport	Validation Team’s Opinion
Air quality	0	The validation team has reviewed the Page 19 of the EIA report table/28/, the emissions are compliance with local

		environment regulations and does not result in negative impact to the local air quality.
Water quality and quantity	0	<p>As per Page 15 of the EIA report table/28/, no wastewater will be generated by the project except sewage water from employees. The sewage producing amount is about 272 m<sup>3</sup> per year and will be treated by sewage water treatment plant. The disposed sewage will meet the GB8978-1996 and will not impact the local water quality.</p> <p>The proposed project utilized the biogas to generate electricity. Only small quantity of water is used for normal operation of the biogas engines. As demonstrated in the EIA report table, the project will not impact the local water environment, including the water quantity.</p>
Soil condition	0	As per the Page 16 of the EIA report table, the implementations of the project activity will produce small amount of sulphur. However, all the sulphur will be recycled according to the onsite interview with the project owner. Therefore, it does not involve any final discharge of the solid waste.
Other pollutants	0	As per the EIA report table, the silencers have been installed to mitigation the noise impacts and the noise level will be in compliance with local regulations.
Biodiversity	0	The project will not impact the local biodiversity because the project site is located in an existing paper plant.
Quality of employment	0	As confirmed by onsite assessment, the biogas recovery plant was operated under centralized control system which was located at separate office from the power plant. Although the quality of employment was improved, a neutral score was scored and deemed conservative.
Livelihood of the poor	0	The project will supply additional job opportunities to local people. As the job opportunity is limited, no significant change compared to the baseline is caused by the project in this category in accordance with the requirements stipulated in the GS Toolkits/3/. Thus the score for "Livelihood of the poor" is confirmed to be "0".
Access to affordable and clean energy services	0	The project activity uses clean energy source (i.e. biogas recovery) to generate electricity and would increase the share of clean energy in the local power supply, the electricity is delivered to the grid and would not directly increase its access by the local people. Therefore, the "Access to affordable and

		clean energy services” is scored zero and deemed appropriate.
Human and institutional capacity	+	According to FSR Page 27/26/, 10 employees will be employed. Further, the project owner has employed female and special training has been provided. According to the payroll 2010/64/, 10 working positions were created due to the project activity, among which two females were employed as laboratory manager and statistic analyst respectively. Moreover, both of these two female employees are members of the labour union of Zhejiang Jingxing Paper Joint Stock Co. Ltd./65/ and they participate in union meetings regularly. It could be seen that the project brings positive impact in gender empowerment. Therefore, the “Human and institutional capacity” is scored positive and deemed appropriate.
Quantitative employment and income generation	+	According to the project owner, both temporary and permanent employments are created during the construction and operation periods of the proposed project. In total 10 people are employed permanently by this project. The proposed project would bring positive impact on the local residents especially those employed ones working at the plant. As per the statistical data from Zhejiang Provincial Bureau of Statistics <sup>1</sup> , the average salary of Zhejiang Province in 2010 is 30,650CNY covering all industrial sectors, and the average salary of private manufacturing industries is 22,256CNY. According to the 2010 payroll of the project activity/64/, the average salary (ten employees) is 34,283CNY, and this is 12% higher than the official level published. Therefore, the score for “Quantitative employment and income generation” is confirmed to be “+”.
Balance of payments and investment	0	It was confirmed that the project was 100% financed by self-owned equity and all the main generating equipment are domestically produced. The project will not impact the paper plant’s producing capacity or import equipment from abroad, therefore these issues will not impact the balance of payments. Therefore, the score is “0”.
Technology transfer and technological self-reliance	+	According to the interview with the local official, the proposed project is the only one paper plant installed with biogas recovery facilities <sup>2</sup> . Further, regular trainings and workshops are provided to the employees to improve the application of the biogas power plant. According the forum of the paper industry <sup>3</sup> , the biogas power plant project is a flagship project in the pulp and paper Industry that it provides a clean

<sup>1</sup> [http://www.zj.stats.gov.cn/art/2011/4/13/art\\_1181\\_45102.html](http://www.zj.stats.gov.cn/art/2011/4/13/art_1181_45102.html)

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.hengdazhipin.com/shyz/post/101.html>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.hengdazhipin.com/shyz/post/101.html>

		production and energy efficiency showcase to the entire industry. Special trainings and workshops have been hosted for experience sharing with and know-how transfer to external visitors. Therefore, the project activity brings positive impacts to the indicator of “Technology Transfer and Technological Self-reliance”.
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The project has used the sustainable development assessment matrix as required by the Gold Standard. The total score obtained is “+3”, based on the above validation of sustainable development indicators. The scoring in each section is summarized below:

- **Environment** indicators all score neutral;
- **Social development** scores a subtotal of +1 (from positive impact of “Human and institutional capacity”), while other indicators all score neutral;
- **Economic and technological development** scores a subtotal of +2 (from positive impacts of “Quantitative employment and income generation”, and “Technology transfer and technological self-reliance”), while other indicators all score neutral.

## 6 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The environmental impact of the Project has been reported in Section D of the PDD. The environmental impacts of the project were sufficiently assessed by means of an Environmental Impact Assessment Form. The environmental impact assessment (EIA) for the Project was carried out by Zhejiang City Qiushi Environmental Engineering Consulting Co., Ltd. and was approved by the Environment Protection Bureau of Pinghu City on 21 November 2008/29/.

The project site is located within the existing wastewater treatment plant and no land expropriation is needed. The conclusion of the EIA of the Project has been described in the PDD. According to the environmental impact assessment required by the host country, China, it can be verified that the impacts are not considered significant.

In addition, the project operation has improved the local air quality by avoiding direct emissions of the biogas according to local resident/v/ through onsite interview. No environmental complaint was received since the project commences its construction according to onsite interview.

## 7 GOLD STANDARD CRITERIA FOR STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

As per the PDD/7/ and GS Passport/1/, a physical consultation meeting was carried out near the project site during at June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010, in which opinions from local stakeholders were collected and possible risks incurred by the Project activity were mitigated. In total, there are 24 participants attend the meeting, and 24 questionnaires were filled-in and collected. There

were no single negative comments received and all positive impact of the implementations of the project activity was specified.

Stakeholder feedback round was performed based on the interviews to the stakeholders listed on the participants list in Stakeholder Consultation Report/2/ in August 2011. 24 interviews were processed by the project participants, and there was no negative comment received from that. The project participants explained to the stakeholders that the project activity will be implemented according to the EIA report and continuously contribute to the local sustainable development.

No question/comment was raised during the stakeholder consultation meeting. After the meeting, the participants filled out questionnaires. Relevant records of both two stakeholder consultations, including the meeting agenda, photos, signed attendance list and completed questionnaires, have been confirmed valid. A summary of the second round of stakeholder consultation has been described in Section E.2 of the GS Passport.

## 8 PRE-FEASIBILITY ASSESSMENT

The project proponent has applied fast-track options as confirmed in the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)/4/ signed between The Gold Standard Foundation & Swiss Carbon Assets Ltd. on 2 August 2010. As demonstrated above, the project is a small-scale biogas project under CDM rules. Based on the validation results in Section 2 of this report, the validation team confirms the relevant GS eligibility criterions of the proposed project have been fulfilled.

## 9 SUSTAINABILITY MONITORING PLAN

The monitoring of the project activity consists of the monitoring of the emission reductions and the monitoring of the contribution to sustainable development. The monitoring of emission reductions is described in the PDD according to the AMS-III.H, Version 15 and AMS-I.F, Version 01/11//12/. The sustainability monitoring plan is included in the GS Passport as per the requirements in the GS Toolkit Annex I. According to GS Toolkit 2.4.3, all non-neutral indicators must be monitored, and any indicators that were neutralized (i.e. originally scored negative, but now score neutral due to a suitable mitigation measure) must also be included. Moreover, any sensitive issue brought up during the stakeholder consultation must also be included. In the end, four indicators are included in the monitoring plan, including three indicators which score “+” in the SD Matrix and one eligibility criteria (i.e., Ratio of biogas consumed by the generators). The validation of monitored indicators is tabulated as follows:

No.	Indicator	Validation Team’s Opinion
1.	Ratio of biogas consumed by the generators	As per the validated PDD/7/, the biogas utilized and flared will be continuously monitored. Therefore, it is reasonable that the ratio of biogas consumed by the generators is continuously monitored.

2.	Human and institutional capacity	As per the final GS Passport/1/, the “numbers of female employed and details of their positions” will be yearly monitored by the HR manager. The validation team agrees that the “numbers of female employed and details of their positions” is suitable monitoring parameters.
3.	Quantitative employment and income generation	As per the final GS Passport/1/, “employment created” and “income generation of the employees” will be yearly monitored by HR manager. The validation team agrees that “employment created” and “income generation of the employees” are two suitable monitoring parameters as they can reflect the actual amount of employment opportunities created by the project monitoring and the improvement of income generation.
4.	Technology transfer and technological self-reliance	As per the final GS Passport/1/, “trainings provided, and external workshops, visits organized if there are any” will be yearly monitored by reviewing the training records. The validation team agrees the “trainings provided, and external workshops, visits organized if there are any” is suitable parameter to be monitored for “Technology transfer and technological self-reliance”.
5.	Other pollutant	As per the final GS Passport/1/, “noise (dB)” will be yearly monitored by authorized entity. The validation team agrees the “noise (dB)” is suitable parameter to be monitored for “Other pollutant”.
6.	Soil condition	As per the final GS Passport/1/, “status of sludge disposal” will be yearly monitored by field manager. The validation team agrees the “status of sludge disposal” is suitable parameter to be monitored for “Soil condition”.

In conclusion, the validation team considers that all the chosen parameters are relevant to sustainable development indicators and the sustainable monitoring plan is feasible.

## 10 VALIDATION OPINION

The Swiss Carbon Assets Ltd. has commissioned the DOE TÜV Rheinland (China) Ltd. to perform a validation of the GS CDM Project Activity “Biogas Utilization Project in Zhejiang Jingxing Paper Joint Stock Co. Ltd.”. The validation is based on the information made available to the validation team, and the validation engagement only covered the project components detailed in this report. The validation team of TÜV Rheinland would not be held liable by any party for decisions made or not made based on the validation opinion, which will go beyond that purpose.

According to the GS requirements and toolkit Version 2.1, the chosen parameters and the justification of scores have been fully demonstrated in the SD Matrix and the corresponding sustainability monitoring plan. The additionality of the project is demonstrated in the PDD according to the requirements of the UNFCCC for CDM projects. The validation team has checked that the project correctly applies AMS-III.H, Version 15-*Methane Recovery in Wastewater Treatment* and AMS-I.F, Version 01- *Renewable electricity generation for captive use and mini-grid*. Further, the AMS-III.H, Version 15 and AMS-I.F, Version 01 are the most recent version of the methodology available at the time of first submission of the project activity for Gold Standard (i.e. 30 July 2010), which is in line with the GS Requirement III.f.1. The total emission reductions from the project are estimated to be on the average 60,577 tCO<sub>2</sub>e/yr over the fixed 10-year crediting period.

In summary, the validation team concludes that the GS-CDM Project Activity “Biogas Utilization Project in Zhejiang Jingxing Paper Joint Stock Co. Ltd.” in the P. R. China, as described in the PDD Version 02.2 of 13 July 2011 and GS Passport of 9 April 2012 meets all relevant requirements of the Gold Standard version 2.1 for the GS CDM project activities. The DOE therefore requests the registration of the project as a GS-CDM project activity.

# **Appendix A**

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## **SUSTAINABILITY VALIDATION PROTOCOL - FOR GOLD STANDARD PROJECTS -**

**Biogas Utilization Project in Zhejiang Jingxing Paper Joint Stock Co. Ltd.  
In  
P. R. China**

**REPORT No. 01 997 9105061560**

**Table 1: Validation requirements**

(based on the GS Toolkit, GS Requirements and their relevant Annexes)

Checklist question	Ref.	MoV*	Findings, comments, references, data sources	Draft conclusion	Final conclusion
<b>1. Project Eligibility</b>					
1.1 Has the correct project size been selected?	/1//7/	DR	Yes, the installed capacity of the biogas engines is totally 2MW, which is below the 15MW. The project is qualified as small-scale project under CDM rules.		OK
1.2 Does a written statement (e.g. in the PDD) clearly describe that the project is not a de-bundled part of a large or small scale project?	/1/	DR I	Yes, it is confirmed that the project is not a de-bundled part of a large or small scale project.		OK
1.3 If there is an applicable cap-and-trade scheme in the project's host country, has an arrangement been made to cancel allowances in the applicable scheme?	/1/	DR I	Not applicable since the proposed project has not involved in any applicable cap-and-trade scheme in China.		OK
1.4 Does the project clearly demonstrate its eligibility under Gold Standard?	/1//2//3/	DR	CL1 Please refer to GS Passport Section C.3, the PP should justify the eligible project activity as per Toolkit 1.2c. CL2 Please refer to GS Passport Section C.5, the start date of construction is not correct. Please revise it as per the validated PDD.	CL1 CL2	OK (Refer to Table 2)

\* MoV = Means of Verification, DR = Document Review, I = Interview, www = internet search.

1.5	Does the project reduce an applicable GHG?	/1//2//3/	DR	Yes.		OK
1.6	Does the project clearly demonstrate that no ODA has been used under the condition that the credits coming out of the project are transferred to the donor country?	/1//2//3/	DR	Yes. According to Annex 2 of the PDD, the project does not receive any public funding. An ODA declaration is presented in the Annex 1 of the Gold Standard (GS) Passport based on the ODA Declaration Template in the Annex D of Toolkit version 2.1, in which the project developer has declared the project's non-use of ODA.		OK
1.7	Does the project apply the correct project cycle (regular vs. prefeasibility assessment)?	/1//2//3/	DR	Yes. The project applies for Gold Standard under the retroactive project cycle since the construction of the project has been finished.		OK
1.8	Is the project being registered under any other certification scheme for the same or overlapping crediting periods?	/1//2//3/	DR www	The project has been registered as CDM project since 28 July 2011 as per the UNFCCC website. The project has not claimed any other certification scheme and no overlapping crediting period was identified.  ( <a href="http://cdm.unfccc.int/Projects/DB/TUEV-RHEIN1311661043.38/view">http://cdm.unfccc.int/Projects/DB/TUEV-RHEIN1311661043.38/view</a> )		OK
<b>2. Deviations in GHG Emission Reduction Estimation (Gold Standard Conservativeness Principle)</b>						
2.1	Has the baseline scenario been constructed in a conservative manner (i.e. assumptions are made explicitly and choices are substantiated)?	/1//2//3/	DR	Yes.		OK

2.2	Does the PDD use the latest version of the methodology and the latest interpretation form the EB at the time of first submission to the GS?	/1//2//3/	DR	No, the PDD uses AMS-III.H Version 15 and AMS-I.F. Version 01, which are not the latest as per EB website. The AMS-III.H. Version 15 was valid until 8 December 2010. The AMS-I.F Version 01 was valid until 16 June 2011. CL3 It should be clearly stated in the GS Passport Section H.2 on which version of the methodology is applied. Further, please clarify why the AMS-I.F. is not referred.	<del>CL3</del>	OK (Refer to Table 2)
2.3	Does the PDD describe the baseline methodology?	/1//2//3/	DR	Yes.		OK
2.4	Does the PDD describe the quantified baseline scenario?	/1//2//3/	DR	Yes.		OK
2.5	Does the PDD include and overview of the current and known future legally binding regulatory instruments and assess whether the project would be implemented anyway because of these?	/1//2//3/	DR	Yes.		OK
2.6	Does the PDD provide evidence based on which "common practice" of the technology used can be assessed?	/1//2//3/	DR	No, the "common practice" analysis is not required for small scale projects under CDM rules.		OK
2.7	Does the PDD address leakage issues as part of the baseline and project boundary?	/1//2//3/	DR	Yes.		OK

2.8	Does the project apply the methodology that results in the lowest baseline emission?	/1//2//3/	DR	Yes.		OK
2.9	Are all likely baseline scenarios developed and quantified in the PDD?	/1//2//3/	DR	Yes.		OK
2.10	Are there any material uncertainties over the numerical data sets applied (e.g. generator efficiencies, and fuel types and resulting emission factors, etc.)?	/1//2//3/	DR	No, there is no material uncertainty over the numerical data sets applied.		OK
2.11	Is there a systematic referencing to publicly available information or to expert or expert opinions?	/1//2//3/	DR	Yes.		OK
2.12	Is information verifiably presented with a sufficient degree of detail and transparency?	/1//2//3/	DR	Yes.		OK
2.13	Is it fully transparent from the PDD which sets of data were selected based on the prerogative of conservativeness?	/1//2//3/	DR	Yes.		OK
2.14	Does the PDD include full references to sources of data used?	/1//2//3/	DR	Yes.		OK
2.15	Are data uncertainties clearly stated, if possible, with associated margins of error?	/1//2//3/	DR	Not applicable.		OK
<b>3. Gold Standard Criteria on Additionality</b>						

3.1	Has the PP selected and applied the correct tool for demonstrating additionality?	/1//2//3/	DR	Yes, the Additionally of the Project is demonstrated by using the investment barrier analysis in line with Attachment A of Appendix B to the Simplified Modalities and Procedures for Small-scale CDM Project Activities.		OK
3.2	Is the line of argumentation used by the PP to demonstrate additionality correct?	/1//2//3/	DR	Yes.		OK
3.3	Are the references used to demonstrate additionality up-to-date and reliable?	/1//2//3/	DR	Yes.		OK
3.4	Has the PP compared the proposed project activity with normal practice in the region (especially if similar projects have already been implemented on a commercial basis in the region)?	/1//2//3/	DR	Not applicable since common practice analysis is not required fro small scale CDM projects under CDM rules.		OK
3.5	Are assumptions (qualitative or quantitative) used to demonstrate additionality conservative?	/1//2//3/	DR	Yes.		OK
<b>4. Sustainability Assessment</b>						
4.1	Is "Do no harm" assessment based on accurate information?	/1//2//3/	DR	Yes.		OK
4.2	Has a sustainable development matrix been developed? If yes, is it prepared according to the guidance under GS Toolkit Section 2.4.2, Table 3.2 and Annex I?	/1//2//3/	DR	Yes.		OK

<p>4.3 Is the matrix based on existing sources of information (data from existing reports, results from stakeholder consultation, experiences with similar projects in similar situations, expert judgement if data are unavailable or are of poor quality, etc)?</p>	<p>/1//2//3/</p>	<p>DR</p>	<p>CL4 As for the indicator of "Soil Condition", the impacts of sludge disposal should be discussed. CL5 It should be clarified with supporting evidence on how the noises impacts from the biogas generation facilities were effectively reduced. CL6 The supporting evidence should be provided for justification of the indicators of "Human and Institutional Capacity", "Quantitative employment and income generation" and "Technology Transfer and Technological Self-reliance".</p>	<p>CL4 CL5 CL6</p>	<p>OK (Refer to Table 2)</p>
<p>4.4 Are data and expert opinions presented in a sufficient degree of detail and transparency? Are they verifiable?</p>	<p>/1//2//3/</p>	<p>DR</p>	<p>Please refer to 4.3.</p>	<p>CL4 CL5 CL6</p>	<p>OK (Refer to Table 2)</p>
<p>4.5 Are data uncertainties clearly stated with associated margins of error?</p>	<p>/1//2//3/</p>	<p>DR</p>	<p>No data uncertainty was identified in the GS Passport.</p>		<p>OK</p>
<p>4.6 Is 'scoring' reproducible and verifiable?</p>	<p>/1//2//3/</p>	<p>DR</p>	<p>Yes.</p>		<p>OK</p>
<p>4.7 Are at least two of the sub-totals (categories) positive? Is the third sub-total at least neutral?</p>	<p>/1//2//3/</p>	<p>DR</p>	<p>Please refer to 4.3.</p>	<p>CL4 CL5 CL6</p>	<p>OK (Refer to Table 2)</p>

4.8	Is there a clear explanation on 'how the matrix was completed together with the stakeholders'?	/1//2//3/	DR	CL7 Please provide a clear explanation on "how the matrix was completed together with the stakeholders".	CL7	OK (Refer to Table 2)
<b>5. Environmental Impact Assessment</b>						
5.1	Does the project activity conform to host country (local, regional or national) requirements concerning environmental impact assessment?	/1//2//3/	DR	Yes, the EIA report table was accomplished Jiaxing City Qiushi Environment Engineering Consulting Co., Ltd. in November 2008 and was subsequently approved by Pinghu City Environment Protection Bureau on 21 November 2008.		OK
5.2	For micro-scale projects, is there an owner declaration that guarantees that the project complies with local environmental regulations?	/1//2//3/	DR	Not applicable since the project is not micro-scale project.		OK
<b>6. Gold Standard Criteria for Stakeholder Consultation</b>						
<b>6.1 Stakeholder Consultation</b>						
6.1.1	Have PPs fulfilled the GS requirements, set out in GS Toolkit Section 2.6 and 2.11, regarding stakeholder consultation?	/1//2//3/	DR I	Yes, the stakeholder consultation records and lo have been reviewed and the GS Toolkit Section 2.6 and 2.11 is fulfilled.		OK
6.1.2	Has an Invitation tracking table been filled out?	/1//2//3/	DR I	Yes.		OK

6.1.3 Are copies of invitations published/sent out available?	/1//2//3/	DR 	CAR1 The total number of the questionnaires in the GS Passport is 30. However, only 23 questionnaires have been provided. The outcome analysis of the questionnaires shall also be clarified on how it is accounted.	CAR1	OK (Refer to Table 2)
6.1.4 Is a non-technical summary included in the Local Stakeholder Consultation report?	/1//2//3/	DR 	Yes.		OK
6.1.5 Is a participant list available?	/1//2//3/	DR 	Yes.		OK
6.1.6 Are stakeholder evaluation forms available?	/1//2//3/	DR 	Yes.		OK
6.1.7 Are minutes of the meeting(s) available?	/1//2//3/	DR 	Yes.		OK
6.1.8 Has due account been made on comments received?	/1//2//3/	DR 	Yes.		OK
6.1.9 If stakeholders required a revisit of the sustainable development assessment, has this been done?	/1//2//3/	DR 	No, the stakeholders did not require revisit of sustainable development assessment.		OK
6.1.10 Is the consolidated sustainable development matrix presented based on own 'preliminary' scoring and the matrix from the outcome of the blind stakeholder exercise?	/1//2//3/	DR	Yes.		OK
<b>6.2 Stakeholder Feedback Round</b>					

6.2.1 Is there evidence clearly showing that the latest version of the complete PDD (including the EIA, if applicable) was made publicly available for a period of two months prior to completion of the validation in a readily accessible form?	/1//2//3/	DR www	The latest version of the complete PDD is still undergoing completeness check by the UNFCCC secretariat. The proposed project has been listed with GS869 on the GS website. <a href="https://gs1.apx.com/mymodule/mypage.asp">https://gs1.apx.com/mymodule/mypage.asp</a>		OK
6.2.2 Is there evidence clearly showing that the non-technical summary of the project (in appropriate local language(s)) was made publicly available for a period of two months prior to completion of the validation in a readily accessible form?	/1//2//3/	DR	Idem.		OK
6.2.3 Is there evidence clearly showing that all relevant supporting information (if available, in appropriate local language(s)) was made publicly available for a period of two months prior to completion of the validation in a readily accessible form?	/1//2//3/	DR	Idem.		OK
6.2.4 Does the Passport include a description of the procedure followed to invite comments, including addressing all the details of the oral hearing such as place, date, participants, language, local or national GS NGO supporters, etc.?	/1//2//3/	DR	CL8 The GS Passport should describe the procedure followed to invite comments, including addressing the details of the oral hearing such as place, date, participants, language, local or national GS NGO supporters.	CL8	OK (Refer to Table 2)

6.2.5 Does the Passport include all written or oral comments received?	/1//2//3/	DR	Idem	CL8	OK (Refer to Table 2)
6.2.6 Does the Passport include the argumentation on whether or not comments are taken into account and the respective changes to the project design?	/1//2//3/	DR	No negative comments have been received during the stakeholder consultation meeting.		OK
<b>7. Pre-Feasibility Assessment</b>					
7.1 Has the feedback from GS been followed-up?	/1//2//3/	DR I	No feedback from GS has been identified during the validation process.		OK
<b>8. Sustainability Monitoring Plan</b>					
8.1 Are chosen parameters relevant to the indicators?	/1//2//3/	DR	Please refer to 4.3.	CL4 CL5 CL6	OK (Refer to Table 2)
8.2 Is the sustainability monitoring plan unambiguous about who will monitor with what frequency?	/1//2//3/	DR	Please refer to 4.3.	CL4 CL5 CL6	OK (Refer to Table 2)
8.3 Is there any concern regarding the feasibility of the plan?	/1//2//3/	DR	Please refer to 4.3.	CL4 CL5 CL6	OK (Refer to Table 2)

**Table 2: List of Requests for Corrective Action (CAR) and Clarification (CL)**

Observation (CAR/CL)	Reference	Summary of project owner response	Validation team conclusion
CAR1 The total number of the questionnaires in the GS Passport is 30. However, only 23 questionnaires have been provided. The outcome analysis of the questionnaires shall also be clarified on how it is accounted.	6.1.3	There were 24 questionnaires received during the Stakeholder Consultation meeting. Relevant paragraph in Gs passport on p9 has been revised accordingly.	OK. The 24 questionnaires have been received. The GS Passport has been revised. The CAR is therefore closed.
CL1 Please refer to GS Passport Section C.3, the PP should justify the eligible project activity as per Toolkit 1.2c.	1.4	The analysis of project eligibility has been added in GS passport Section C.3 as Toolkit 1.2c and Toolkit Annex C.	OK. It is revised. The CL is therefore closed.
CL2 Please refer to GS Passport Section C.5, the start date of construction is not correct. Please revise it as per the validated PDD.	1.4	The start date of the construction has been revised in GS passport Section C.5 p7. Feb. 4 <sup>th</sup> . 2009 is the start date of the construction and it is correspondingly in line with the validated PDD.	OK. It is revised and consistent with the validated PDD. The CL is therefore closed.
CL3 It should be clearly stated in the GS Passport Section H.2 on which version of the methodology is applied. Further, please clarify why the AMS-I.F. is not referred.	2.2	The version of the methodology used in for the project has been added in GS Passport Section H.2 p20, and it is also in line with the validated PDD.	OK. It is revised. The CL is therefore closed.
CL4 As for the indicator of “Soil Condition”, the impacts of sludge disposal should be discussed.	4.3 4.4 4.7 8.1~8.3	The discussion in terms of sludge disposal has been added in GS Passport Section F.2 on p14. As the sludge disposal remain unchanged during the project scenario. There is no additional solid waste (except for very limited amount of living waste) generated	OK. It is revised. The CL is therefore closed.

		from the project activity. Therefore, we score this indicator as "0".	
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<p>CL5 It should be clarified with supporting evidence on how the noises impacts from the biogas generation facilities were effectively reduced.</p>	<p>4.3 4.4 4.7 8.1~8.3</p>	<p>The description of noise has been revised in GS Passport Section F.2 p14. There are mainly two ways to reduce the level of noise: a. silencers were installed to reduce the level of noise (EIA p16, 17,21); b. the workshops are isolated as observed during the site validation. As per the EIA and monitoring report of noise in 2009 and 2010, the level of noise is compliance with local environmental regulations. Therefore, the PP concluded that the impact of the noise is limited, and this indicator is scored as "0".</p>	<p>OK. It is revised. The CL is therefore closed.</p>
<p>CL6 The supporting evidence should be provided for justification of the indicators of "Human and Institutional Capacity", "Quantitative employment and income generation" and "Technology Transfer and Technological Self-reliance".</p>	<p>4.3 4.4 4.7 8.1~8.3</p>	<p>According to the information provided by the forum of the paper industry (<a href="http://www.hengdazhipin.com/shy z/post/101.html">http://www.hengdazhipin.com/shy z/post/101.html</a>), the project participant applied biogas power plant that is defined as an adoption a new technology to unproven circumstances in Pulp&amp;Paper Industry. Additionally, regular trainings and workshops are provided to the employees (including two female) to enhance of the application of the biogas power plant, and trainings shall include operation and maintenance, monitoring, information about the technology of biogas for energy, etc. Therefore, the PP concluded that</p>	<p>OK. The clarification is acceptable and It is revised in the GS Passport. The CL is therefore closed.</p>

	<p>the adaptation of the project activity gives positive impacts to the indicator of “Technology Transfer and Technological Self-reliance”.</p> <p>As for the indicator “Human and Institutional Capacity” and “Quantitative employment and income generation”, payroll of the employees (10 employees) hired for the project activity has been provided, and it shows that two female are included in the list. Therefore, the PP concluded that the project activity gives positive impacts these indicators.</p> <p>The descriptions of these three indicators in GS Passport Section F.2 p15, 16 has been revised accordingly.</p>	
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<p>CL7 Please provide a clear explanation on “how the matrix was completed together with the stakeholders”.</p>	<p>4.8</p>	<p>Three SD Matrix were filled:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The PP filled one SD matrix with their opinions on the indicators;</li> <li>2. The Stakeholders filled one SD Matrix according to their knowledge</li> <li>3. A consensus score will be reached by the intensive discussions between PP and stakeholders.</li> </ol> <p>Detailed information can also be found in Stakeholder Consultation Report p22.</p>	<p>OK. It is revised. The CL is therefore closed.</p>
<p>CL8 The GS Passport should describe the procedure followed to invite comments, including addressing the details of the oral hearing such as place, date, participants, language, local or national GS NGO supporters.</p>	<p>6.2.4 6.2.5</p>	<p>The information regarding to the details of the physical Stakeholder Consultation Meeting is addressed in the Stakeholder Consultation Report Section B and C.</p>	<p>OK. It is revised. The CL is therefore closed.</p>