



**Input for JISC 21**

**Joint Implementation Action Group**

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# JIAG – The Voice of JI

- The Joint Implementation Action Group (JIAG) has been established to promote JI as an effective mechanism for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in capped environments.
- JIAG believes that JI provides an incentive for entrepreneurs to reduce emissions.
- JIAG aims to contribute to further improving the way JI works in the first commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol and to ensure the continuation of a project-based mechanism in any post-2012 agreement



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- JIAG encourages the JISC to adopt recommendations for applying the concept of materiality
- It can in particular be applied to the calculation and the measurement of the project's emission reduction figures at the relevant stages in the JI project cycle:
  - Determination of a project by an Accredited Independent Entity (AIE);
  - Review of determination (JISC level);
  - Verification of a project (AIE level); and
  - Review of verification (JISC level);
- JIAG recommends the approach taken under the EU ETS as both mechanisms operate in a capped environment
  - 5% threshold for projects with less than 300,000 tCO<sub>2</sub>e output, and 2% threshold for larger projects

**Applying the concept of materiality will lead to solid, clear and reliable emission reduction calculations while avoiding onerous efforts in monitoring and verification processes**

# Revisions to JI documents during project implementation

- Changes to a project can occur after the determination is deemed final and existing JISC documents offer only limited guidance
- We are at the beginning of a learning phase in which strict boundaries for permissive deviations might prove counterproductive
- JIAG believes that modifications in the project design should be acceptable in the following situations (non-material changes):
  - a project's GHG emission sources remain unchanged;
  - its baseline scenario remains the same;
  - changes can be justified by the project developer as not having any effect on the compliance of the project with relevant JI guidance;
  - the applicability of the methodology or the JI specific approach to the project activity remains unaltered;
  - The revision does not change the physical location of the project as described in section A.4.1 of the PDD;
- AIE's should in the above instances be allowed to approve without the need for re-determination/registration

# Revisions to JI documents during project implementation (2)

- If a deviation proves material but leads to a decrease in reductions the determination/verification should be accepted without changes
- If a deviation proves material and leads to an increase in reductions
  - Re-determination/verification should not be required if the project participants subtract the amount of reductions in question.
  - Alternatively, rectification of the determination can be addressed in the monitoring report or through the verification alone.
  - In any case full re-determination should be avoided.
- **Examples where further guidance could make a difference:**
  - A wind power facility where e.g. 5 x 4 MW turbines are used instead of 10 x 2 MW originally envisaged in the documentation
  - Energy efficiency improvements to industrial furnaces scaled up to all furnaces where only part of furnaces was envisaged in the documentation
  - A wind power facility with 40 MW license and initial plan to erect 20 MW and where conditions fall into place to erect 40 MW

# Applicability of guidance documents

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- Currently there is not full clarity on which version of guidance documents should be applied when a project is submitted to have its determination deemed final
- The Secretariat have stated that in absence of guidance from the JISC on when a new version come into effect, the most recent version has to be applied.
- For instance 197 project have been made public before the latest revision to “Guidance on criteria for baseline setting and monitoring”
- Projects may have to renew virtually all project documentation including re-issuing determination report and letters of approval.
- JIAG will welcome clarification from the JISC on when specific versions of guidance documents come into effect.
- JIAG recommends that the version applicable at the date of publication of the PDD for public stakeholder consultation is to be valid and applicable, and with a grace period of two months.

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# Thank you

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