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1. GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK

TÜV NORD CERT GmbH offers validation services for projects under UNFCCC Sectoral Scopes 1 – 17 with additional competence based on project specific knowledge, training and experience as an accredited Designated Operational Entity (DOE).

TÜV NORD CERT GmbH as well as all international subsidiaries make use of TÜV NORD CERT GmbH accreditations, approvals, notifications etc. and/or when delivering TÜV NORD CERT GmbH services. This procedure is applicable to all A6.4M Programme of Activities (PoAs) and projects under the Climate Project Standards certification programme.

TÜV NORD CERT GmbH employs a risk-based approach in the validation, focusing on the identification of significant risks for project implementation and the generation of certified emission reductions (CERs). The service of TÜV NORD CERT GmbH will not include any consulting service. Nevertheless, the client may certainly perceive TÜV NORD CERT GmbH's possible requests for clarifications and/or corrective actions to the client as indicators of possible potential for improvement in the project design.

The validation is based on the information made available to TÜV NORD CERT GmbH and on the contract conditions. TÜV NORD CERT GmbH cannot be held liable by any entity for making its validation opinion based on any false or misleading information supplied to it during the course of validation. The validation will follow the procedures of TÜV NORD CERT GmbH's Climate Project Standards Quality manual, which is a customized version of the Validation and Verification Standard (VVS).

1.1. TEAM COMPOSITION

An experienced team will carry out the validation of the project/PoA.

The validation team will consist of experienced (lead) auditors and experts covering technical, methodological, environmental, host country and socio-economic competence.

Details of the validation team, technical experts and internal technical reviewers involved, together with their roles in the validation activity and, where conducted, details of who conducted the on-site inspection will be included in the final validation report.

The final team composition will be announced after the conclusion of contract and in the course of the audit planning. The client has the right to reject any team member with sufficient justification. Related CVs of the audit team will be provided upon request vide operations.carbon@tuev-nord.de.

1.2. VALIDATION PROCESS

The validation and subsequent registration process of the proposed A6.4M projects shall follow the sequence of steps presented below in accordance with the "Article 6.4 validation and verification standard"¹:

1.2.1. Global Stakeholder Consultation

TÜV NORD CERT GmbH shall make sure that the project documents are publicly available on the UNFCCC website and third Parties, stakeholders and NGOs were invited to comment on the project activity within twenty eight (28) days². The submitters of the comments shall provide the name and

¹ Article 6.4 validation and verification standard for programmes of activities <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/A6.4-STAN-AC-005.pdf>

² Article 6.4 mechanism activity cycle procedure for projects - [paragraph 16 & 17](#)

contact details of the individual or organization on whose behalf the comments are submitted. Comments from stakeholders shall:

(a) Be specific to the proposed A6.4 project;

(b) Be related to the compliance with applicable Article 6.4 mechanism rules and regulations³.

After the deadline for receipt of comments, TÜV NORD CERT GmbH will check whether authentic and relevant comments submitted in the global stakeholder consultation and published on the UNFCCC website in accordance with the activity cycle procedure have been taken into due account in the PDD/PoA-DD of the proposed A6.4 project/PoA.

1.2.2. Assessment using a Validation Protocol

For cost-effective and systematic validations of A6.4M projects, one generic protocol will be used as the documented backbone of a transparent validation process. The protocol shows, in a transparent manner, criteria and requirements, means of validation and the results from pre-validating the identified criteria.

1.2.3. Review of Documents

The project documentation submitted by the client and supporting background documents related to the project design and baseline study as well as monitoring plan will be reviewed. Furthermore, the validation team may use additional documentation or checklist by third parties like host-party legislation, technical reports referring to the project design or to the basic conditions and technical data. The document review shall establish to what degree the presented documents meet the established validation criteria. The findings of initial document review will be presented to the client.

1.2.4. On site visit and follow-up interviews

Visits of the project site / PP's offices will be carried out in line with the VVS requirements. At minimum the team leader or team member(s) qualified in the technical area(s) of the A6.4 project or PoA being validated or verified/certified shall participate. TÜV NORD CERT GmbH shall notify the supervisory body, through a dedicated interface on the UNFCCC website, of the timing of the site inspection of the proposed A6.4 project, which is to be conducted in accordance with the "Article 6.4 mechanism validation and verification standard for projects", no later than four weeks prior to the inspection.⁴ To ensure an efficient validation process the client has to provide all necessary information and documentation during the site visit and grant access to relevant sites and persons. If TÜV NORD CERT GmbH finds that the information provided by the Client is not sufficient to perform the validation, TÜV NORD CERT GmbH may, at TÜV NORD CERT GmbH's sole discretion, request follow-up interviews with project stakeholders, project developers, consultants and/or technical staff, or financially responsible persons.

³ Article 6.4 mechanism activity standard for projects https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/a64-sb006-a03_.pdf paragraph 17

⁴Article 6.4 mechanism activity cycle procedure for projects - [Paragraph 37](#)

1.2.5. Draft-Validation reporting

The draft validation report will facilitate the joint effort between the client and TÜV NORD CERT GmbH to develop and document answer(s) and conclusions to requirements, which are considered applicable for A6.4M projects. The independent validation exercise and subsequent discussions given in the report shall enable the client to address any concerns TÜV NORD CERT GmbH may have raised related to the project, and how these may be clarified.

In order to remedy any mistakes, problems or any other outstanding issues that needed to be clarified for positive conclusion on the project design, Corrective Action Requests (CAR) or Clarification Requests (CL) may be raised. All CLs & CARs are reported and elaborated in terms of implication of CLs & CARs issued in the draft validation report. In the event of issuance of CARs / CLs the client will have to close CARs and respond to CLs before the validation is completed.

The validation team will also take into account the comments received during the global stakeholder consultation process in a separate section of the pre-validation report. The consultation process with the stakeholder, as described separately above, will be simultaneously carried out from beginning of the pre-validation process.

1.2.6. Resolution of CARs & CLs

The CARs and CLs stated in the draft validation report will have to be resolved by the client, if these are issued. The requests can be resolved or "closed out" by the client by modifying the project design and by rectifying and updating the project design documentation. If this is not done in the final stages of the validation, it may cause the project not be recommended for UNFCCC registration, or cause the expected emission reductions not to be subsequently validated and certified.

The number of DOE Assessments on the corrective actions for closure of CARs and CLs raised should be limited to two consecutive rounds. For further resolution, the client and TÜV NORD CERT GmbH may enter into an amendment for additional man-days required.

1.2.7. Validation Report

The final validation report will reflect the results and any adjustments made to the project after the submission of draft validation report. This final validation report will reflect the responses to corrective action and clarification requests, discussions and revisions of project documents. Thus, the final validation report should give the final conclusions regarding the projects conformance with relevant UNFCCC requirements. The validation report may raise issues that need to be subsequently addressed during project implementation like the implications of any remaining corrective action requests not resolved during the validation.

The final validation report shall include a validation opinion which either forms the basis for UNFCCC registration of the project or which explains the reason for non-acceptance if the project is judged not to fulfil validation requirements. In addition, the opinion will be an important decision factor for the client whether to proceed or not with the project.

For PoA, the FVR will address the additionality, eligibility criteria for inclusion of proposed CPAs in the registered PoA (including criteria to be used for the demonstration of additionality of a CPA), operational and management arrangements, consistencies between the programme of activities and the generic CPA to be used for inclusion of a CPA in the registered PoA.

TÜV NORD CERT GmbH will take into account and reflect the comments received during the 28 days stakeholder consultation process in a separate section of the FVR.

Finally TÜV NORD CERT GmbH's validation opinion either forms the basis for UNFCCC registration of the PoA/project (in which case it constitutes a "Positive Validation Opinion"), or it explains the reason for its non-acceptance in case the PoA/project is judged as not fulfilling the validation requirements (in which case it constitutes a "Negative Validation Opinion"). In case TÜV NORD CERT GmbH arrives at a Negative Validation Opinion, TÜV NORD CERT GmbH will check with the client on whether or not to proceed with the PoA. The Client shall provide TÜV NORD CERT GmbH with their final decision within ten (10) days after TÜV NORD CERT GmbH has informed the Client about the Negative Validation Opinion.

1.2.8. Technical review & Final Approval

Before the submission of the final validation report, a technical review and final approval of the whole validation procedure will be carried out.

During the technical review process, the validation opinion and the specific assessments as prepared by the validation team may have been confirmed or revised. Furthermore, reporting improvements might have been achieved.

The technical review follows an overall (esp. procedural) assessment of the complete validation carried out by a qualified auditor located in the accredited premises of TÜV NORD CERT GmbH.

1.2.9. Submission to the UNFCCC A6.4M Supervisory Body

Registration is the formal acceptance by the UNFCCC A6.4M Supervisory Body (SBM) of a project as a A6.4M project activity/PoA. Registration is the prerequisite for the verification, certification and issuance of CERs related to that project activity/ PoA.

TÜV NORD CERT GmbH will submit a request for registration of the project to the supervisory body through a dedicated interface on the UNFCCC website, including the reference to the prior consideration notification of the project published and attach:

- validation report including the project design document,
- the written approval of the host country(ies) and,
- further project relevant documents, like Modalities of Communication, Emission reduction and financial calculation.

A proposed project activity that is not accepted may be reconsidered for validation and subsequent registration, after appropriate revisions, provided that it follows the corresponding UNFCCC procedures and meets the requirements for validation and registration, including those related to public comments.

1.3. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TÜV NORD CERT GmbH is prepared to begin the work on the validation of the A6.4M project/ PoA within 10 working days upon receipt of all necessary project-related documents such as but not limited to the PDD/ PoA-DD, the financial calculation spreadsheet (if applicable), the emission reduction calculation and the emission factor calculation upon receipt of Client's valid acceptance of the Offer.

The Client shall submit all necessary project-related documents at least six (6) weeks before TÜV NORD CERT GmbH's (first) site visit. If the client fails to meet the aforementioned timeline or fails to submit any project related documents that it should reasonably have submitted to TÜV NORD CERT GmbH, TÜV NORD CERT GmbH may, at its sole discretion, postpone its site visit(s).

The client shall notify TÜV NORD CERT GmbH on a mutually confirmed site visit timing at least five (5) weeks prior to the inspection to meet the related UNFCCC requirement on onsite timing notification of four weeks ahead thereof.

TÜV NORD CERT GmbH will use reasonable efforts to forward the DVR including the CARs and CLs to the Client within four (4) weeks of its (final) site visit.

Upon the Client's submission of its response to CARs and CLs, TÜV NORD CERT GmbH will use reasonable efforts to finalise the FVR within three (3) weeks of TÜV NORD CERT GmbH's receipt of the final documents submitted by the Client.

TÜV NORD CERT GmbH will use reasonable efforts to conduct the Technical Review and Final Approval within six (6) weeks after finalisation of the FVR.

1.4. RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF TÜV NORD CERT GMBH

In addition to performing the service detailed in the offer TÜV NORD CERT GmbH shall:

Issue a validation report in line with scheme requirements, which will state whether, in the DOE's opinion, the project activity fulfils the requirements of the scheme.

Arrive at its opinion upon consideration of the following matters and reporting as to any aspect with which TÜV NORD CERT GmbH is not satisfied, namely whether:

- All relevant scheme requirements are met
- the monitoring system and procedures are in line with the applied methodology.
- the project/PoA is additional
- environmental analysis and Stakeholder Consultation Procedure is in line with the scheme
- whether, based on the A6.4 Environmental and social safeguards risk assessment form, A6.4 Environmental and social management plan form and A6.4 Sustainable development impact form, the A6.4 activity results in no harm and contributes to Sustainable Development;

TÜV NORD CERT GmbH shall be entitled to Interview attorneys, engineers, analysts, accountants, or other parties deemed by TÜV NORD CERT GmbH to have the qualifications necessary to assist in the performance of the service without any extra fees/charge payable on this account by the client. TÜV NORD CERT GmbH may select and engage such persons without the clients prior approval save that, should the client advise TÜV NORD CERT GmbH that a conflict of interest exists, TÜV NORD CERT GmbH will take all necessary measures to engage alternate advisors. TÜV NORD CERT GmbH may also consult with stakeholders to assist in the performance of the service. Stakeholders shall include the public, including individuals, groups or communities affected, or likely to be affected, by the activity in question.

TÜV NORD CERT GmbH shall perform the service in an efficient, prompt, skillful and careful manner in accordance with the current industry standards, practices and accredited procedures. In performing the service, TÜV NORD CERT GmbH shall observe and obey all applicable laws, regulations, rules and

standards imposed by any government or other duly constituted authority having jurisdiction in the host country.

TÜV NORD CERT GmbH by accepting the offer neither automatically guarantees a positive validation opinion nor the registration of the project/PoA by the Supervisory Body (SBM).

TÜV NORD CERT GmbH has the right to subcontract members of the TÜV NORD A6.4M Climate Project Standards certification programme of other entities and external individuals.

1.5. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CLIENT

The client is responsible for:

- Preparing a Project/PoA Design Document in compliance with the rules set by the applied scheme. In case of changes to the scheme during execution of the service the client shall adapt the project documents to the new regulations.
- Determining additionality, baseline scenario and emission reductions using approved methodologies and tools and scientifically appropriate protocols as required by the scheme.
- Preparing a monitoring plan consistent with the rules of the scheme in question, to gather the necessary data and reporting data in a complete, transparent and accurate manner.

Providing TÜV NORD CERT GmbH with:

- a confirmation that the Client is a project participant to the related activity or PoA.
- a Letter of Approval of its designated national authority and further documents as requested by the scheme.
- a confirmation that the Client has submitted a project design document prepared in accordance with the project activity/PoA standard to the supervisory body for global stakeholder consultation.
- the necessary and requested access to client books, records, information systems and facilities such that TÜV NORD CERT GmbH is able to validate the data and assumptions presented in the project documents.
- all information, documentation, data or other material or taking all measures required by the scheme unless TÜV NORD CERT GmbH is expressly responsible for providing such measures under this agreement. In case of deadlines set by the scheme concerning material to be provided or measures to be taken by the client, the client shall provide TÜV NORD CERT GmbH with material 3 working days before expiry of the deadline.
- provide the related documents and information including those of the onsite inspection date
- Complying with TÜV NORD CERT GmbH's requests to conduct interviews, meetings and/or discussions with client's employees and agents on any matters relating to the service, within such deadlines as TÜV NORD CERT GmbH shall establish.

All obligations of the client shall be performed according to the scheme in force when performing the obligations. In case of changes to the scheme affecting performances already rendered the client shall amend or render anew its performances accordingly.

2. PROJECT/ PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES (PA/POA)

According to the UNFCCC requirements, a project must undergo a validation by a DOE.

Validation is the independent evaluation of the project/ programme of activities, in particular the project's baseline study and monitoring plan, which are included in the Program of Activities Design Document (PoA-DD)/Project Design Document (PDD) and other relevant supporting documents, by a designated operational entity against the modalities and procedures for a A6.4M as defined in Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, relevant UNFCCC requirements and host country requirements.

TÜV NORD CERT GmbH will validate the following information for projects/programme of activities:

- UNFCCC/Paris Agreement requirements, in particular, the requirements of the A6.4M as set out in decision 3/CMA.3 and decision 7/CMA.4, adopted by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA), the present annexes and relevant decisions by Supervisory Body;
- Host country requirements / criteria;
- geographical boundaries of the project/PoA including all national and/or sectoral policies and regulations;
- policy, measure or stated goal of the project;
- confirmation about voluntary action by the project participant;
- demonstration of additionality of the project/PoA;
- design of the project (including technology or measures, baseline and monitoring methodology justification and application and accounting for leakage); for PoA, description of a typical CPA (including technology or measures, baseline and monitoring methodology justification and application, demonstration of additionality, and accounting for leakage);
- starting date and lifetime of the project/PoA;
- operational and management arrangements, including record-keeping system and procedures to avoid double-counting;
- baseline and baseline methodology;
- monitoring plan for a project/PoA with record-keeping system;
- indicators/data to be monitored and reported;
- if applicable, statistically sound sampling method to be used for verification;
- environmental analysis;
- Stakeholder Consultation Procedure
- Public funding;
- Letter(s) of Approval as required under the A6.4M Rules.

3. RENEWAL OF CREDITING PERIOD (RCP)

The validation of renewal of the crediting period is the independent evaluation of the project design, in particular the project's baseline study, the monitoring plan, the emission reductions, which are included in the Project Design Document (PDD) and other relevant supporting documents, by a designated operational entity against the modalities and procedures for a A6.4 mechanism as defined in Article 6 of Paris Agreement, relevant UNFCCC requirements and host country requirements.

TÜV NORD CERT GmbH will validate the following information according to Article 6.4 validation and verification standard for programmes of activities⁵:

- UNFCCC/Paris Agreement requirements, in particular, the requirements of the A6.4M as set out in A6.4 mechanism standards, adopted by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA), the present annex and relevant decisions by Supervisory Body;
- Host country requirements / criteria;
- design of the project (including technology or measures, baseline and monitoring methodology justification and application and accounting for leakage);
- lifetime of the project;
- operational and management arrangements, including record-keeping system and procedures to avoid double-counting;
- baseline methodology;
- The DOE shall assess the modalities for setting the baseline for new CPs that may be included in the A6.4 PoA or for updating the baseline for the existing CPs at the renewal of the crediting periods in the new PoA period through an assessment of the correctness of the application of the latest version of the approved methodologies and, where applicable, the approved standardized baselines and the other methodological regulatory documents for the determination of the modalities for setting the baseline or updating it, and estimating GHG emission reductions or net GHG removals for the applicable PoA period.
- monitoring plan with record-keeping system;
- indicators/data to be monitored and reported;
- if applicable, statistically sound sampling method to be used for verification;
- shall determine whether the activity participants have updated sections of the PoA-DD relating to the eligibility criteria for inclusion of CPs in the A6.4 PoA, the baseline, estimated GHG emission reductions or net GHG removals, the monitoring plan and the PoA period using the valid version of the approved methodologies and, where applicable, the approved standardized baselines and the other methodological regulatory documents that are applicable to the PoA.
- If the activity participants used a later valid version of the PoA-DD form for the updated PoA-DD than the version of the form of the registered PoA-DD, the DOE shall determine whether the information

⁵ Article 6.4 validation and verification standard for programmes of activities- <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/A6.4-STAN-AC-005.pdf-par.10>

transferred to the later valid version of the form is materially the same as that in the registered PoA-DD.

- If the activity participants requested approval of post-registration changes together with
 - the request for renewal of the PoA period

4. COMPONENT PROJECT ACTIVITY DESIGN DOCUMENT (CPA-DD) INCLUSION

Validation is the independent evaluation of the component project activity design, in particular, the baseline study and monitoring plan, which are included in the component project activity Design Document (CPA-DD) and other relevant supporting documents by a designated operational entity against modalities and procedures for a A6.4 mechanism as defined in Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, relevant UNFCCC requirements and host country requirements.

The validation is based on the information made available to TÜV NORD CERT GmbH and on the contract conditions TÜV NORD CERT GmbH cannot be held liable by any entity for making its validation opinion based on any false or misleading information supplied to it during the course of validation.

The validation will follow the procedures of TÜV NORD CERT GmbH's Climate Project Standards which is a customized version of the Validation and Verification Standard for programme of activities.

In carrying out the validation work, TÜV NORD CERT GmbH will apply the following standards and criteria:

The requirements set forth in the most recent versions of the A6.4M Rules, including the A6.4M modalities and procedures under the Paris Agreement, subsequent decisions by the parties, and any relevant documents released by the A6.4M Supervisory Body and available on the UNFCCC A6.4M website at <http://unfccc.int> (the aforementioned requirements together the "A6.4M Requirements");

- Host country requirements / criteria as applicable under the A6.4M-related laws and regulations of the country in which the PoA and CPAs are physically located
- Geographical boundaries of the project including all national and/or sectoral policies and regulations applicable
- The most recent version of the A6.4M Validation and Verification Standard for programme of activities
- the latest version of the Article 6.4 activity cycle procedure for projects
- the most recent version of the Standard for Sampling and Surveys for A6.4M Project Activities and Programme of Activities

As per the A6.4M requirements, TÜV NORD CERT GmbH will validate the following information of the component project activity:

- Location and unique identification of the CPA;
- Contact details of persons responsible for each CPA;
- Host party's Letter of Approval of its designated national authority and further documents as requested by the corresponding POA and the scheme.

- Implemented technology/measure;
- Starting date and duration of the crediting period;
- Eligibility criteria;
- Demonstration of additionality;
- Baseline, project and leakage greenhouse gas emissions;
- Ex-ante estimated emission reductions;
- Monitoring plan;
- Sampling plan;
- Environmental impacts and assessment;
- Stakeholder consultation procedure;
- Confirmation regarding no prior A6.4M registration or inclusion in another PoA;
- Consistency between A6.4M-PoA-DD, generic A6.4M-CPA-DD and the A6.4M-CPA-DD
- Public funding;
- Letter(s) of Approval as required under the A6.4M Rules or host country requirements.

Inclusion of the CPA(s)

The term “Inclusion” refers to the formal acceptance of a validated CPA. Inclusion is the prerequisite for the verification, certification and issuance of Certified Emission Reductions (the “CERs”) related to all CPAs under a registered PoA.

Only in case TÜV NORD CERT GmbH arrives at a Positive Validation Opinion, TÜV NORD CERT GmbH will upload the FVR, the CPA-DD(s) and all required documentation as per the UNFCCC’s Procedures for Inclusion of a Proposed CPA, via the dedicated interface on UNFCCC website to include the proposed CPA(s) under the registered PoA. Such uploads will be grouped and not occur more frequently than once per month.

5. POST REGISTRATION CHANGES (PRC)

The Validation of post-registration changes (PRC) is the independent evaluation of the project design, in case of changes that have occurred or are expected to occur to a registered A6.4M project activity / programme of activities / component project activity.

The post-registration changes assessment is based on the following documents and information provided by the client:

A detailed description of the PRC⁶ such as:

- Increasing the capacity specified in the registered PDD
- Decreasing the capacity specified in the registered PDD
- Updating the inputs to the investment analysis if the PDD was submitted for validation prior to the start date of the project based on information and data that was available at the start date of the project. This is only applicable for projects that have demonstrated additionality through an investment analysis
- Removing from or adding one or more site to the project registered with multiple sites;

⁶Article 6.4 activity standard-paragraph 105 <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/A6.4-STAN-AC-002.pdf>

- Changing the actual operational parameters that are within the control of the activity participants, that differ from the expected parameters;
- Voluntarily updating the applied methodologies or the other applied methodological regulatory documents to a later valid version, or voluntarily changing to other methodologies, provided all requirements in the updated/changed methodologies and the other applied methodological regulatory documents are met.
- A revised PDD / POA-DD / CPA-DD in clean version
- A revised PDD / POA-DD / CPA-DD in track change
- Supporting documents

On the basis of the above listed documentation and its expertise TÜV NORD CERT GmbH will carry out an assessment of the PRC against the criteria as detailed in the related A6.4M Project Standard for project activities / programme of activities and the related A6.4M Validation Verification Standard for project activities / programme of activities (VVS). The validation might require an on-site assessment. The deliverables will include an opinion on whether the post registration change(s) require a prior approval by the UNFCCC.

TÜV NORD CERT GmbH will submit to the UNFCCC the following documents:

- A post-registration changes request form (A6.4M-PRC-FORM);
- A validation report for post-registration changes (including opinion);
- A revised PDD/ POA-DD / CPA-DD (in clean and track change versions) if applicable; and
- Supplemental documentation, if applicable.

POST-REGISTRATION CHANGES PROCESS

The post-registration changes process of the A6.4M project activity / programme of activities / component project activity shall follow the sequence of steps presented under the validation process in section 1.2. The steps may vary in case the post-registration changes are combined with the verification service of the same project activity / programme of activities / component project activity. However, the validation process remains the same as described in section 1.2.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TÜV NORD CERT GmbH is prepared to begin the assessment work on the PRC upon receipt of all necessary documentation. The detailed timeline of events shall be mutually agreed upon after conclusion of the contract.

6. PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES AND COMPONENT PROJECT ACTIVITY RENEWAL OF CREDITING PERIOD PROCESS (POA/RCP)

According to the UNFCCC requirements, a programme of activities / component project activity must undergo a validation of renewal of the crediting period by a DOE.

The validation of renewal of the crediting period is the independent evaluation of the programme of activities / component project activity design, in particular the project's baseline study, the monitoring plan, the emission reductions, which are included in the Project Design Document (POA-DD / CPA-DD) and other relevant supporting documents, by a designated operational entity against the modalities and

procedures for a A6.4 mechanism as defined in Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, relevant UNFCCC requirements and host country requirements.

In carrying out the validation work, TÜV NORD CERT GmbH will apply the following standards and criteria:

- The requirements set forth in the most recent versions of the A6.4M Rules, including the A6.4M modalities and procedures under the Paris Agreement, subsequent decisions by the parties to Paris Agreement, and any relevant documents released by the A6.4M supervisory body and available on the UNFCCC A6.4M website at <http://unfccc.int> (the aforementioned requirements together the "A6.4M Requirements");
- The latest version of the Article 6.4 activity cycle procedure for projects or programme of activities
- The most recent version of the A6.4M Validation and Verification Standard for programme of activities;
- The most recent version of the Standard for Sampling and Surveys for A6.4M Project Activities and Programme of Activities
- The host country criteria as applicable under the A6.4M-related laws and regulations of the country in which the PoA and CPAs are physically located.

TÜV NORD CERT GmbH will validate the following information:

- Coordinating/managing entity, host party/ies and PoA Participants;
- Design of the programme of activities / component project activity (including technology or measures, baseline and monitoring methodology justification and application and accounting for leakage);
- Lifetime of the programme of activities / component project activity;
- Operational and management arrangements, including record-keeping system for each CPA and procedures to avoid double-counting;
- Baseline methodology;
- Monitoring plan for a CPA with record-keeping system;
- Indicators/data to be monitored and reported;
- If applicable, statistically sound sampling method to be used for verification;
- Ex-ante estimated emission reductions method and equations of the programme of activities / component project activity;
- Consistency of the programme of activities design with the component project activity design.