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Dear Members of the Executive Board,

Please find attached a request for clarification sent to Designated Operational Entity Det Norske Veritas regarding the CDM registered 'UTE Barreiro S.A. Renewable Electricity Generation Project' in Minas Gerais, Brazil. The PDD as well as the validation report [by DNV] of this project with the registration reference number 0143 makes reference to the Forest Stewardship Council certificate as evidence that V&Ms plantations are 'sustainably managed'.

As explained in the request for clarification sent to DNV, the FSC certificate has been terminated following the killing of a local farmer by armed guards working for V&M and continued harassment of local residents ever since the incident.

The FSC certificate is the only reference cited in both PDD and validation report to substantiate the claim that the plantations are managed sustainably and that thus the project can claim to produce 'renewable' energy.

It would be much appreciated if you could inform us what consequences, if any, the loss of this FSC certificate has for the credibility of V&M's claims of producing 'renewable' energy as well as for the status of the CDM registered project.

Sincere regards,

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