Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel

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STAP Scientific and Technical screening of the Project Identification Form (PIF)

Date of screening: May 07, 2013

Panel member validation by: Hindrik Bouwman

Consultant(s):

I. PIF Information (Copied from the PIF)

**FULL SIZE PROJECT**

**GEF TRUST FUND**

**GEF PROJECT ID**: 5362

**PROJECT DURATION**: 5

**COUNTRIES**: Cote d'Ivoire

**PROJECT TITLE**: POPs Pesticides Management Project

**GEF AGENCIES**: World Bank

**OTHER EXECUTING PARTNERS**: MINESUDD (Ministry of Environment, Urban Health, and Sustainable Development)

**GEF FOCAL AREA**: POPs

II. STAP Advisory Response (see table below for explanation)

Based on this PIF screening, STAP’s advisory response to the GEF Secretariat and GEF Agency(ies): **Minor revision required**

III. Further guidance from STAP

PIF Information: The objective as stated in the PID is "to reduce adverse health and environmental impacts in Côte d'Ivoire of POPs pesticides by reducing or eliminating their ongoing use and managing existing stockpiles".

STAP Comments:

This PID format provides less detail than normal to permit a more rigorous review, though the STAP does not doubt the necessity of this project.. Thus, given the situation in this country, and recognising the urgency of this project, STAP would like to offer its assistance when further information becomes available.

STAP’s comments:

a) The documentation lacks any detail on risk assessment and a risk mitigation strategy, so it is difficult to ascertain risk for the project. Seeing as this was part of a larger loan package to the country, however, the STAP assumes that one was done, but does hope that it will be elaborated in the final project document. It is mainly for this reason that the "Minor revision" response was given to the PIF.

b) As a reminder, the STAP hopes that the eventual project document will also consider all of the elements that constitute environmentally sound disposal. The STAP Advisory document on POPs Disposal Technology in GEF Projects focuses on what exactly constitutes environmentally sound disposal of POPs, and what disposal technologies can achieve it.

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<td>1. Consent</td>
<td>STAP acknowledges that on scientific or technical grounds the concept has merit. However, STAP may state its views on the concept emphasizing any issues where the project could be improved. Follow up: The GEF Agency is invited to approach STAP for advice during the development of the project prior to submission of the final document for CEO endorsement.</td>
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<td>2. Minor revision required</td>
<td>STAP has identified specific scientific or technical challenges, omissions or opportunities that should be addressed by the project proponents during project development. Follow up: One or more options are open to STAP and the GEF Agency:</td>
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(i) GEF Agency should discuss the issues with STAP to clarify them and possible solutions.
(ii) In its request for CEO endorsement, the GEF Agency will report on actions taken in response to STAP’s recommended actions.

| 3. Major revision required | STAP has identified significant scientific or technical challenges or omissions in the PIF and recommends significant improvements to project design. Follow-up: (i) The Agency should request that the project undergo a STAP review prior to CEO endorsement, at a point in time when the particular scientific or technical issue is sufficiently developed to be reviewed, or as agreed between the Agency and STAP. (ii) In its request for CEO endorsement, the Agency will report on actions taken in response to STAP concerns. |