Gazprom Marketing & Trading Limited has confirmed that they are a project participant in a proposed Joint Implementation project entitled “Pellet Production from Sawmill Wastes at CJSC “Sawmill 25”, Arkhangelsk, the Russian Federation” and has requested:

- written approval of the project; and
- authorisation of participation in the proposed project from the UK’s Focal Point.

Gazprom Marketing & Trading Limited has confirmed that it has submitted all required documents and information to the Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation.

The Environment Agency acting as the UK’s Focal Point confirms that:

1. the United Kingdom ratified the Kyoto Protocol on 31st May 2002;
2. to the extent that what is mentioned in paragraphs 1 and 2 may constitute authorisation of Gazprom Marketing & Trading Limited’s participation in the above named JI project activity, and to the extent that such authorisation is required, this letter may be taken to constitute that authorisation.

In granting authorisation, the UK’s Focal Point has not considered those matters that fall within the competence of:
• The Russian Federation acting as Host Party in respect of this project;
• Bureau Veritas Certification Holding SAS (BVCH), appointed Accredited Independent Entity in respect of this project; or
• The Ministry of Economic Development acting as the host party Focal Point for JI.

The UK does not intend to participate in any instruction regarding issuance or distribution of ERUs.

The grant of consent by the DFP should not be taken as an indication that credits arising from the relevant project will continue to be eligible for use in the EU ETS or other schemes in future. Any approval is without prejudice to future policy in relation to the inclusion of the specific type of project in JI/CDM.

Signed on behalf of the Secretary of State:

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