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**SECTION A. General description of the small-scale project activity****A.1. Title of the small-scale project activity:**

AWMS Methane Recovery Project MX06-S-44, Sonora, México

A.2. Description of the small-scale project activity:

Purpose: The purpose of this project is to mitigate and recover animal effluent related GHG by improving AWMS practices.

Worldwide, agricultural operations are becoming progressively more intensive to realize economies of production and scale. The pressure to become more efficient drives significant operational similarities between farms of a “type,” as inputs, outputs, practices, genetics, and technology have become similar around the world.

This is especially true in livestock operations (swine, dairy cows, etc.) which can create profound environmental consequences, such as greenhouse gas emissions, odour, and water/land contamination (including seepage, runoff, and over application), that result from storing (and disposing of) animal waste. Confined Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) use similar Animal Waste Management System (AWMS) options to store animal effluent. These systems emit both methane (CH₄) and nitrous oxide (N₂O) resulting from both aerobic and anaerobic decomposition processes.

This project proposes to apply the Methane Recovery methodology identified in Section III.D, of the Indicative Simplified Baseline and Monitoring Methodologies for Small-Scale CDM Project Activity Categories, to swine CAFOs located in Sonora, México. The proposed project activities will mitigate and recover AWMS GHG emissions in an economically sustainable manner, and will result in other environmental benefits, such as improved water quality and reduced odour. In simple terms, the project proposes to move from a high-GHG AWMS practice, an open air lagoon, to a lower-GHG AWMS practice, an ambient temperature anaerobic digester with capture and combustion of resulting biogas.

Contribution to sustainable development:

In January, 2000, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations began a two-year project in Central México to study the effects of pork production operations on the environment.¹ The project revealed issues which require immediate attention. In some operations, residuals are discharged into receiving bodies (land or water) without previous treatment. In other farms, management practices and treatment systems are inadequate, resulting in contamination higher than allowable limits. When residuals *are* applied to agricultural land, they are generally applied to the surface and not homogeneously distributed in the soil. Further, nutrient content from such application is not normally considered to aid in the reduction of inorganic fertilizers.

¹ <http://www.fao.org/WAIRDOCS/LEAD/X6372S/X6372S00.htm>, Reporte de la Iniciativa de la Ganadería, en Medio Ambiente y el Desarrollo (LEAD) – integración por Zonas de la Ganadería y de la Agricultura Especializadas (AWI) – Opciones para el manejo de Efluentes de Granja Porcícolas de la Zona Centro de México



Establishing a positive model for livestock operations is essential. In the last ten years, Mexican swine production grew by 28%. In 2003, the swine population in México was 14,625,199.² In 2003, the swine population of Sonora was approximately 1.1 million heads.³ Considering that a typical hog produces 5.8 kilograms of effluent daily (Table A1), some 2.5 million metric tons of hog waste is produced annually in Sonora alone. Introducing progressive AWMS practices throughout this state has the potential to reduce approximately 1 million tonne⁴ of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e) each year.

Table A1. Daily production of effluent by type of porcine⁵

Stage	Manure kg/day	Manure and Urine kg/day	Volume litres/day	Volume m ³ /animal/month
25-100 kg	2.3	4.9	7.0	.25
Gestating sows	3.6	11.0	16.0	.48
Nursing sows	6.4	18.0	27.0	.81
Boar pig	3.0	6.0	9.0	.28
Piglet	0.35	0.95	1.4	.05
Average	2.35	5.8	8.6	.27

The proper handling of this large quantity of CAFO animal waste is critical to protecting human health and the environment. Because of the practices employed by farmers, the design, location, and management of livestock operations are critical components in ensuring an adequate level of protection of human health and the environment.⁶

This methane recovery project activity will upgrade livestock operations infrastructure. The infrastructure improvement is in direct alignment with President Vicente Fox's national goals and objectives for agriculture, livestock, rural development, fishing and nutrition as outlined in the Mexican government's *Plan Nacional de Desarrollo, 2001 –2006* (National Development Plan, 2001 -2006).⁷

This project activity will also have positive effects on the local environment by improving air quality (i.e., reducing the emission of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) and odour) and will set the stage for future on-farm projects (i.e., changes in land application practices) that will have an additional positive impact on GHG emissions with an attendant potential for reducing groundwater contamination problems.

This project activity will also increase local employment of skilled labour for the fabrication, installation, operation and maintenance of the specialized equipment. Finally, this voluntary project activity will establish a model for world-class, scalable animal waste management practices, which can be duplicated

² http://www.siea.sagarpa.gob.mx/ar_compec_pobgan.html

³ http://www.siea.sagarpa.gob.mx/ar_compec_pobgan.html

⁴ Approximate calculation using IPCC model and emission factors.

⁵ Kruger I, Taylor G, Ferrier M (eds) (1995) 'Australian pig housing series: effluent at work' (NSW Agriculture: Tamworth). Another outstanding reference for manure output is: Lorimor, Powers, et.al "Manure Characteristics", Manure Management Series, MWPS-18, Section 1; pg 12.

⁶ Speir, Jerry; Bowden, Marie-Ann; Ervin, David; McElfish, Jim; Espejo, Rosario Perez, "Comparative Standards for Intensive Livestock Operations in Canada, Mexico, and the U.S.," Paper prepared for the Commission for Environmental Cooperation.

⁷ <http://www.sagarpa.gob.mx/Dgg/sectorial.htm>



on other CAFO livestock farms throughout México, dramatically reducing livestock related GHG and providing the potential for a new source of revenue and green power.

The proposed methane recovery project uniquely satisfies the Mexican government priorities for environmental stewardship and sustainability while positioning rural agricultural operations to develop and use renewable (“green”) power. Indeed, it does so with no negative consequences and with a series of environmental and infrastructure co-benefits.

Because the proposed project establishes an advanced AWMS the project participants believe the farm managers will adopt – and continue to practice – AWMS practice changes that result in meaningful, and permanent, GHG emission reductions beyond the project’s expected lifespan.

A.3. Project participants:

Name of Party involved (*) (host) indicates a host Party)	Private and/or public entity(ies) project participants (*) (as applicable)	Kindly indicate if the Party involved wishes to be considered as project participant (Yes/No)
México (host)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AgCert International plc • AgCert México Servicios Ambientales, S. de R.L. de C.V. 	No

A.4. Technical description of the small-scale project activity:

A.4.1. Location of the small-scale project activity:

A.4.1.1. Host Party(ies):

The host party for this project activity is **México**.

A.4.1.2. Region/State/Province etc.:

The project will be located in **Sonora**.

A.4.1.3. City/Town/Community etc:

The project sites are shown in Figure A1 with specifics detailed in Table A2.

A.4.1.4. Detail of physical location, including information allowing the unique identification of this small-scale project activity(ies):

The physical location of each of the sites involved in this project activity is shown in Figure A1 and listed in Table A2.



Espa Hermanos AR de IC de RL has one site in Ciudad Obregón:

- Espahnos II ciclo completo is a farrow to finish operation.⁸ Between March 2005 and February 2006, the site had a monthly average of approximately 5,500 animals, which are housed in 14 containment areas. The site's AWMS is comprised of a primary open lagoon and a secondary open lagoon. There is a solids separator on site but it is no longer in use.

Agropecuaria El Lechón, SPR de RL has three sites in Hermosillo:

- Kowi is a farrow to finish operation. Between January 2005 and December 2005, the site had a monthly average of approximately 13,650 animals. Waste from the site's 42 containment areas converges at a distribution box before being routed to one of two primary open lagoons. There is also a secondary lagoon and two empty tertiary lagoons on site.
- La Costa Sitio 1 is a farrowing operation, which had a monthly average of approximately 1,645 animals between January and December 2005. Waste from the site's 10 containment areas is routed to a primary and secondary open lagoon.
- La Costa Sitio 3 is a finishing operation with 36 containment areas to house its animals. Waste from these barns is routed to one primary open lagoon. Between January 2005 and December 2005, the site had a monthly average of approximately 8,600 animals.

SPR Los Cochitos has one site in Hermosillo:

- Unison is a farrow to finish operation. Between January 2005 and December 2005, the site had a monthly average of approximately 4,330 animals, which are housed in 10 containment areas. Waste from these barns is routed to a series of three open lagoons.

⁸ A 'farrow to finish operation' is defined as a production system that contains all production phases, from breeding to gestation to farrowing to nursery to grow-finishing to market.

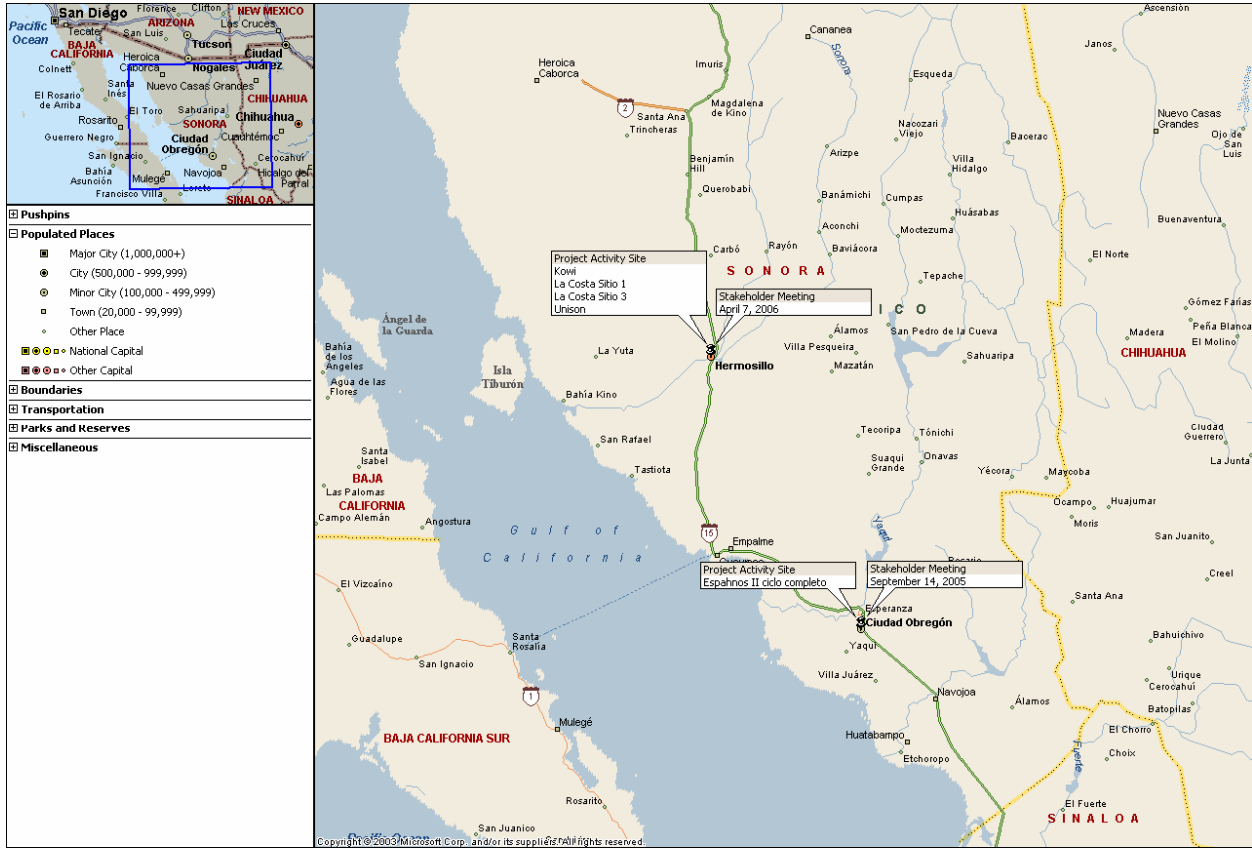


Figure A1. State of Sonora, México project activity sites

**Table A2. Detailed physical location and identification of project sites**

Farm/Site Name	AgCert ID	Address	Town / State	Contact	Phone	GPS Coord
Espahnos II ciclo completo	3280033	Calle 9 y Calle 1000 Valle del Yaqui	Ciudad Obregón, Sonora	Benjamin Esquer	644-413-9544	28.28N 111.42W
Agropecuaria El Lechón, SPR de RL	Main Office	Samuaripa # 190 Colonia Prado del Centenario	Hermosillo, Sonora	Armando Bloch Rubio	662-213-6001	
Kowi	2000093	Carretera a Bahía Kino Km 70 Miguel Alemán	Hermosillo, Sonora	Genaro Sánchez Duran	662-215-2859	28.49N 111.33W
La Costa Sitio 1	2000094	Calle 26 entre 204 Calle 28 Km 92				28.33N 111.37W
La Costa Sitio 3	3280067					28.33N 111.36W
Unison	2000066	Camino a Cerro Pelon km 10 sin número Miguel Morcasitas	Hermosillo, Sonora	Genaro Sánchez Duran	662-215-2859	29.01N 111.08W

**A.4.2. Type and category(ies) and technology of the small-scale project activity:**

The project activity described in this document is classified as a Type III, Other Project Activities, Category III.D. Methane recovery.

The project activity will capture and combust methane gas produced from the decomposing manure of swine CAFOs located in Sonora, México.

The technology to be employed by the project activity includes the installation of new covered lagoons creating a negative pressure anaerobic digester. The system will be comprised of a lined and covered lagoon creating a digester with sufficient capacity and Hydraulic Retention Time (HRT) to greatly reduce the volatile solids loading in the effluent. The cover consists of a synthetic, high density polyethylene (HDPE), geomembrane which is secured to the liner by means of an anchor trench and extrusion welds around the perimeter. HDPE is the most commonly used geomembrane in the world and is well suited for use in this project. HDPE is an excellent product for large applications that require UV, ozone, and chemical resistance. The digester has been designed to permit solids residue removal without breaking the gas retention seal. Processed effluent from the lagoon cells will be routed to the clarification lagoon(s) and captured gas will be removed and combusted. The system will include an efficient enclosed flare to combust the methane gas produced.

Technology and know-how transfer:

The project developer is implementing a multi-faceted approach to ensure the project, including technology transfer, proceeds smoothly. This approach includes careful specification and design of a complete technology solution, identification and qualification of appropriate technology/services providers, supervision of the complete project installation, farm staff training, ongoing monitoring (by the project developer) and developing/implementing a complete Operations & Maintenance plan using project developer staff. As part of this process, the project developer has specified a technology solution that will be self-sustaining (i.e., highly reliable, low maintenance, and operate with little or no user intervention). The materials and labour used in the base project activity are sourced from the host country whenever economically possible.

By working so closely with the project on a “day to day” basis, the project developer will ensure that all installed equipment is properly operated and maintained, and will carefully monitor the data collection and recording process. Moreover, by working with the farm staff over many years, the project developer will ensure that the staff acquires appropriate expertise and resources to operate the system on an ongoing/continuous basis.

A.4.3. Brief explanation of how the anthropogenic emissions of anthropogenic greenhouse gas (GHGs) by sources are to be reduced by the proposed small-scale project activity, including why the emission reductions would not occur in the absence of the proposed small-scale project activity, taking into account national and/or sectoral policies and circumstances:

Anthropogenic GHGs, specifically methane is released into the atmosphere via decomposition of animal manure. Currently, the farm produced GHG is not collected or destroyed.



The proposed project activity intends to change current AWMS practices. These changes will result in the recovery of anthropogenic GHG emissions by controlling the lagoon's decomposition processes and collecting and combusting the methane biogas.

A.4.3.1 Estimated amount of emission reductions over the chosen crediting period:

THE TOTAL ESTIMATE OF EMISSIONS REDUCTION OVER THE FIXED 10 YEAR CREDITING PERIOD

A.4.3.1 - Estimated Emission Reductions over chosen Crediting Period	
Years	Annual estimation of emission reductions in tonnes of CO₂e
Year 1	18,509
Year 2	18,509
Year 3	18,509
Year 4	18,509
Year 5	18,509
Year 6	18,509
Year 7	18,509
Year 8	18,509
Year 9	18,509
Year 10	18,509
Total estimated reductions (tonnes CO₂e)	185,094
Total number of crediting years	10
Annual average over the crediting period of estimated reductions (tonnes of CO₂e)	18,509

A.4.4. Public funding of the small-scale project activity:

There is no official development assistance being provided for this project.

A.4.5. Confirmation that the small-scale project activity is not a debundled component of a larger project activity:

Based on paragraph 2 of Appendix C of the Simplified Modalities and Procedures for Small-Scale CDM project activities,⁹ this project is not debundled. There are no other registered small-scale CDM project

⁹ <http://cdm.unfccc.int/Projects/pac/sscdebund.pdf>



activities with the same project participants, in the same project category and technology/measure whose project boundary is within 1 km of another proposed small-scale activity.

SECTION B. Application of a baseline methodology:

B.1. Title and reference of the approved baseline methodology applied to the small-scale project activity:

The project activity is a Type III, Other Project Activities, Category III.D. Methane Recovery. The project is a small scale project because it comprises methane recovery from agro-industries, and project emissions are less than 15 kt CO₂eq.

B.2 Project category applicable to the small-scale project activity:

The simplified methodologies are appropriate because the project activity site is considered an agro-industry and GHG emissions calculations can be estimated using internationally accepted IPCC guidance.

The project activity will capture and combust methane gas produced from the decomposing manure at swine CAFOs located in Sonora, México. This simplified baseline methodology is applicable to this project activity because without the proposed project activity, methane from the existing AWMS would continue to be emitted into the atmosphere.

B.3. Description of how the anthropogenic emissions of GHG by sources are reduced below those that would have occurred in the absence of the registered small-scale CDM project activity:

Anthropogenic GHGs, specifically methane, are released into the atmosphere via decomposition of animal manure. Currently, this farm-produced biogas is not collected or destroyed.

The proposed project activity intends to improve current AWMS practices. These changes will result in the mitigation of anthropogenic GHG emissions, specifically the recovery of methane, by controlling the lagoon's decomposition processes and collecting and combusting the biogas.

There are no existing, pending, or planned national, state, or local regulatory requirements that govern GHG emissions from agro-industry operations (specifically, pork production activities) as outlined in this PDD. The project participants have solicited information regarding this issue during numerous conversations with local and state government officials and through legal representation and have determined there is no regulatory impetus for producers to upgrade current AWMS beyond existing open air lagoon. The following paragraphs discuss the Mexican pork industry and how conditions hinder changes in AWMS practices.

Assessment of barriers:

Absent CDM project activities, the proposed project activity has not been adopted on a national or worldwide scale due to the following barriers:

- a) *Investment Barriers:* This treatment approach is considered one of the most advanced AWMS systems in the world. Only a few countries have implemented such technology because of the



high costs involved in the investment compared to other available systems and due to regionalized subsidies for electric generation.

Mexican pork producers face the same economic challenges as farmers in other nations due to increased worldwide production and low operating margins. Farm owners focus on the bottom line. Odour benefits, potential water quality enhancements, and the incremental savings associated with heating cost avoidance, are rarely enough to compel farmers to upgrade to an (expensive) advanced AWMS system.¹⁰ Unless the AWMS upgrade activity affords the producer the means to (partially) offset the practice change cost (via the sale of Certified Emission Reduction (CER) credits, for instance) the open lagoon will remain the common AWMS practice – *and all AWMS GHG biogas will continue to be emitted.*

Producers view the AWMS as a stage that is outside of the production process and have difficulty financing changes that should be undertaken. Even banks have been unwilling to finance such activities absent government guarantees or other incentives.

- b) *Technology barriers:* Anaerobic digester systems have to be sized to handle projected animal/effluent volumes with a Hydraulic Retention Time (HRT) consistent with extracting most/all methane from the manure. These systems become progressively more expensive on a ‘per animal’ basis as farm animal population (i.e., farm size) is decreased. Moreover, operations and maintenance requirements involved with this technology, including a detailed monitoring program to maintain system performance levels, must also be considered. Worldwide, few anaerobic digesters have achieved long-term operations, due primarily to inappropriate operations and maintenance.
- c) *Legal barriers:* The implementation of this project activity by these farms highly exceeds current Mexican regulations for swine waste treatment. Apart from existing legislation in México that establishes water quality parameters that require that water supplies be protected from contamination, there is no legislation in place that requires specific swine manure treatment as it relates to the emission of GHG.

An analysis was performed to assess whether the basis in choosing the baseline scenario is expected to change during the crediting period and the results follow:

- a) *Legal constraints:* There is no expectation that Mexican legislation will require future use of digesters due to the *significant* investments required. Further, there is no expectation that México will pass any legislation which deals with the GHG emissions. Indeed, the developer is aware of no Latin American or other worldwide location requiring either the use of digesters or the constraints of agricultural GHG emissions. Qualitatively, this is the most likely “risk” area associated with possible changes in the baseline scenario. Overarching environmental regulations have to balance creating a legislative framework that enables agricultural production against social pressures to make industrialized livestock operations “good neighbours.” México has successfully grown this sector, building upon low operating costs and technically expert labour. They have recently demonstrated environmental sensitivity by requiring lagoon liners.
- b) *Common practice:* While past practices cannot predict future events, it is worth noting that some sites included in this project activity have been in existence for many years, during which time, the prevailing AWMS practice was open lagoons.

¹⁰ DiPietre, Dennis, PhD, Agricultural Economist, (18 June 2003) Private communication

B.4. Description of how the definition of the project boundary related to the baseline methodology selected is applied to the small-scale project activity:

The project boundary is defined in Figure B1. It describes the basic layout of the project farm in a schematic format. The proposed project boundary considers the GHG emissions that come from AWMS practices, including the GHG resulting from the capture and combustion of biogas. The project activity site uses a system of one or more lagoons. Proposed AWMS practice changes include the construction of an ambient temperature digester comprised of cells that capture the resulting bio-gas which is then combusted. The project boundary considers these practice changes as well as future options that the producer may elect to use.

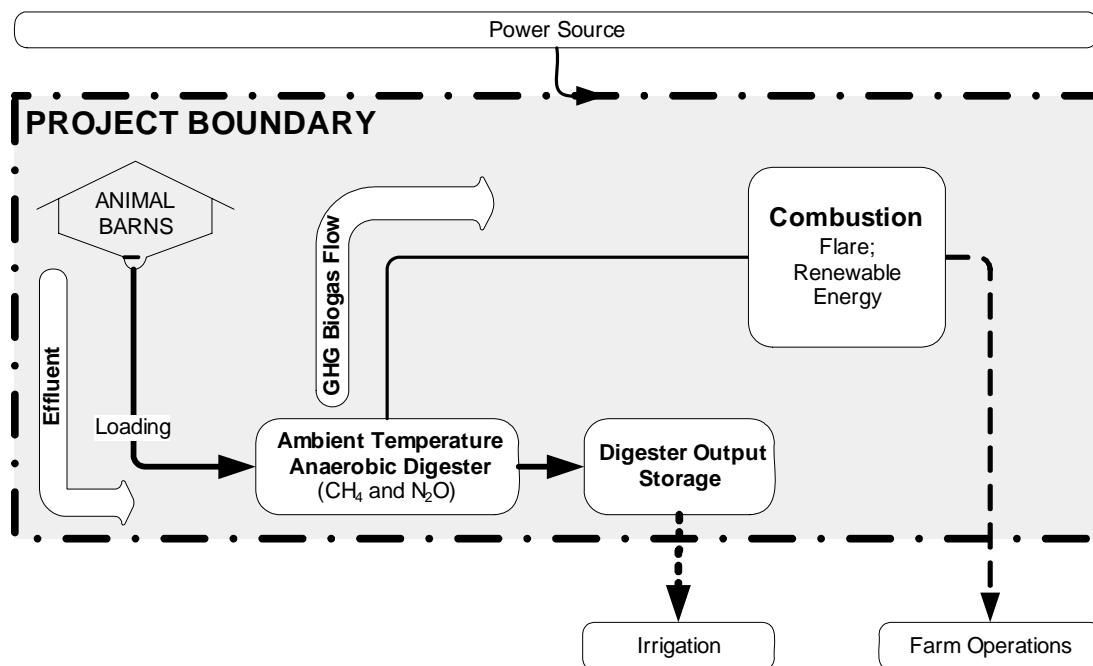


Figure B1. Project Boundary

The project boundary does *not* consider the effects of enteric emissions, nor does it include barn-related emissions, whether directly or indirectly associated with the animals, as these emissions are not affected by the proposed practice changes.

B.5. Details of the baseline and its development:

The amount of methane that would be emitted to the atmosphere in the absence of the project activity can be estimated by referring to Section 4.2.5 of the Revised 1996 IPCC Guidelines for National GHG Inventories.



The baseline for this project activity is defined as the amount of methane that would be emitted to the atmosphere during the crediting period in the absence of the project activity. In this case an open anaerobic lagoon is considered the baseline and estimated emissions are determined as follows:

Step 1 – Animal Population

Animal populations for the project activity sites are described in the Section E.1.2.1, Table E1. The AWMS used on the farms is an open anaerobic lagoon, unless otherwise noted in Section A.4.1.4.

Step 2 – Emission Factors

The emission factor for the animal group for any given month is:

$$EF_i = VS_i * n_m * B_{oi} * 0.67\text{kg/m}^3 * MCF_{jk} * MS\%_{ijk}$$

Equation B1¹¹

Where:

EF_i	=	emission factor (kg) for animal type i (e.g., swine, weight adjusted),
VS_i	=	Volatile solids excreted in kg/day for animal type I, max Vs is 0.5 kg/head/day (adjusted as $Vs = (W_{site}^{12}/W_{default}) * VS_{IPCC}$)
n_m	=	Number of days animals present,
B_o	=	Maximum methane producing capacity (m^3/kg of VS) for manure produced by animal type i,
MCF_{jk}	=	Methane conversion factor for each manure management system j by climate region k; and
$MS\%_{ijk}$	=	fraction of animal type i's manure handled using manure system j in climate region k.

The amount of methane emitted can be calculated using:

$$CH_{4a} = EF_i * Population_{year}$$

¹¹ Revised 1996 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories: Reference Manual. Page 4.26, equation 16 and Page 4.46, Table B6.

¹² Standard weight values based on USEPA AgStar.

*Equation B2¹³*

Where:

- CH_{4a} = methane produced in kg/yr for animal type I,
 EF_i = emission factor (kg) for animal type i (e.g., swine),
 $Poulation_{year}$ = yearly average population of animal type i.

Step 3 – Total Baseline Emissions

To estimate total yearly methane emissions the selected emission factors are multiplied by the associated animal population and summed.

$$BE = [CH_{4a} * GWP_{CH_4}]/1000$$

Equation B3¹⁴

Where:

- BE = Baseline carbon dioxide equivalent emission in metric tons per year,
 CH_{4a} = annual methane produced in kg/yr for animal type I,
 GWP_{CH_4} = global warming potential of methane (21).

SECTION C. Duration of the project activity / Crediting period:**C.1. Duration of the small-scale project activity:****C.1.1. Starting date of the small-scale project activity:**

The starting date for this activity is 14/12/2005

C.1.2. Expected operational lifetime of the small-scale project activity:

The expected life of this project is 11y – 9m

¹³ Adapted from Revised 1996 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories: Reference Manual. Page 4.26.

¹⁴ Adapted from Equation 9, page 12, AM0016/version 02, 22 October 2004 / UNFCCC / CDM Meth Panel

**C.2. Choice of crediting period and related information:**

The project activity will use a **fixed** crediting period

C.2.1. Renewable crediting period:**C.2.1.1. Starting date of the first crediting period:****C.2.1.2. Length of the first crediting period:****C.2.2. Fixed crediting period:****C.2.2.1. Starting date:**

The starting date of the crediting period is 01/09/2006.

C.2.2.2. Length:

The length of the crediting period is **10y-0m**.

SECTION D. Application of a monitoring methodology and plan:**D.1. Name and reference of approved monitoring methodology applied to the small-scale project activity:**

The methodology applied to this project activity is AMS-III.D., Methane recovery

D.2. Justification of the choice of the methodology and why it is applicable to the small-scale project activity:

The simplified monitoring methodologies are applicable to this project activity because they provide a method to accurately measure and record the GHG emissions that will be captured and combusted by the project activity.

D.3 Data to be monitored:

See Table D1 for specific parameters to be monitored.



Table D1. Data to be monitored

ID number	Data type	Data variable	Data unit	Measured (m), calculated (c) or estimated (e)	Recording frequency	Proportion of data to be monitored	How will the data be archived?	For how long is archived data to be kept?	Comment
1. BGP	Volume	Biogas produced	m ³	m	Monthly	100%	electronic	Duration of project activity +2y	This parameter measures cumulative biogas produced. A bio-gas meter will continuously measure amount of bio-gas produced.
2. MC	Percent	Methane content	%	m	Quarterly	100%	electronic	Duration of project activity +2y	This parameter determines the actual methane content of the biogas.
3. CEE	Fraction of time	Combustion equipment efficiency	%	m/c	Quarterly	100%	electronic	Duration of project activity +2y	This parameter is used to determine the fraction of time in which gas is combusted.



ID number	Data type	Data variable	Data unit	Measured (m), calculated (c) or estimated (e)	Recording frequency	Proportion of data to be monitored	How will the data be archived?	For how long is archived data to be kept?	Comment
4.FE ¹⁵	Percent	Flare efficiency	%	m and c	(1) Continuously, (2) Quarterly, monthly if unstable	n/a	electronic	Duration of project activity +2y	This parameter guarantees the correct performance of digester and gas recovery. (1) Continuous measurement of operation time of flare using a run time meter connected to a flame detector or a flame continuous temperature controller. (2) Periodic measurement of methane content of flare exhaust gas.

¹⁵ The flare efficiency shall be calculated as fraction of time the gas is combusted in the flare multiplied by the efficiency of the flaring process. If the efficiency for the flare process can't be measured, a conservative destruction efficiency factor should be used – 99% for enclosed flares and 50% for open flare.

**D.4. Qualitative explanation of how quality control (QC) and quality assurance (QA) procedures are undertaken:**

AgCert has designed and implemented a unique set of data management tools to efficiently capture and report data throughout the project lifecycle. On-site assessment (collecting Geo-referenced, time/date stamped data), supplier production data exchange, task tracking, and post-implementation auditing tools have been developed to ensure accurate, consistent, and complete data gathering and project implementation. Sophisticated tools have also been created to estimate/monitor the creation of high quality, permanent, ERs using IPCC formulae.

By coupling these capabilities with an ISO quality and environmental management system, AgCert enables transparent data collection and verification.

D.5. Please describe briefly the operational and management structure that the project participant(s) will implement in order to monitor emission reductions and any leakage effects generated by the project activity:

A complete set of procedures and an Operations and Maintenance Plan has been developed to ensure accurate measurement of biogas produced and proper operation of the digester equipment. This plan exceeds the requirements outlined in the approved methodology outlined in Appendix B of the simplified modalities and procedures for small-scale CDM project activities as it applies to proposed project activity.

Metering devices used for measurement of biogas are positive displacement; rotary impeller-type gas meters designed for continuously measuring and indicating the accurate measurement of gas flow and are specially designed for corrosive environments. Meters are received from the factory fully-calibrated and retain calibration for the service life of the unit. Volumetric accuracy of the meter is permanent and non-adjustable. Accuracy is not affected by low or varying line pressures. Accuracy of the flowmeters utilized exceeds 99 percent across the entire measured rate curve with an uncertainty range of less than ± 1 percent. Bearing oil is changed as required on the unit, as required, to assure optimal operation and achieve specified performance. Differential pressure tests are conducted by maintenance technicians to periodically substantiate that the original accuracy of a meter has remained unchanged. If flow is less than optimal, the unit is replaced. Factory testing of meters are traceable to United States National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and traceable to NMI - Netherlands Measurements Institute for volumetric flow rate.

Methane concentration is determined with CO² content testing and is obtained with a gas analyzer using the “Orsat” method of volumetric analysis involving chemical absorption of a sample gas. The equipment and test procedures will provide an accuracy with a $\pm 1/2$ percent uncertainty range. The chemical sampling/testing unit is used and calibrated prior to each test according to the manufacturers specifications and procedures. The unit is manufactured by an ISO 9001 TUV company, certificate registration number 950 97 0113.

Further, AgCert has a trained staff located in the host nation to perform O&M activities including but not limited to monitoring and collection of parameters, quality audits, personnel training, and equipment inspections. The associated O&M Manual has been developed to provide guidance (work instructions) to individuals that collect and/or process data. AgCert staff will perform audits of farm operations personnel on a regular basis to ensure proper data collection and handling.

**D.6. Name of person/entity determining the monitoring methodology:**

The entity determining this monitoring methodology is AgCert International plc, who is the project developer listed in Annex 1 of this document.

SECTION E.: Estimation of GHG emissions by sources:**E.1. Formulae used:****E.1.1 Selected formulae as provided in appendix B:**

Specific formula to calculate the GHG emission reductions by sources for the AWMS improvement are not provided in appendix B of the simplified M&P for small-scale CDM project activities.

E.1.2 Description of formulae when not provided in appendix B:**E.1.2.1 Describe the formulae used to estimate anthropogenic emissions by sources of GHGs due to the project activity within the project boundary:**

The amount of methane that would be emitted to the atmosphere due to the project activity and within the project boundaries can be estimated by referring to Section 4.2.5 of the Revised 1996 IPCC Guidelines for National GHG Inventories

The project emissions for this project activity are defined as the amount of methane that would be emitted to the atmosphere during the crediting period due to the project activity. In this case an anaerobic digester is considered the project activity and estimated emissions are determined as follows:

Step 1 – Animal Population

Animal populations for the project activity sites are described in the tables below. The AWMS proposed for use on the farm is an anaerobic digester.



Table E1, Animal Populations

	Month/Yr	Animal Type				
		Sow	Gilt	Boar	Fin	Nurs
Espahnos II ciclo completo (3280033)	Mar-05	644	0	25	1,853	1,271
	Apr-05	651	0	25	2,069	1,487
	May-05	653	0	25	2,245	1,951
	Jun-05	657	0	25	2,852	1,960
	Jul-05	649	0	25	3,173	2,091
	Aug-05	664	0	25	3,283	2,126
	Sep-05	650	0	25	3,534	2,049
	Oct-05	654	0	25	3,697	2,178
	Nov-05	617	0	25	3,343	2,411
	Dec-05	609	0	25	3,772	1,677
	Jan-06	607	0	33	3,104	1,685
	Feb-06	603	0	33	2,559	1,818
	Month/Yr	Animal Type				
		Sow	Gilt	Boar	Fin	Nurs
Kowi (2000093)	Jan-05	1,735	95	123	7,875	6,689
	Feb-05	1,700	105	119	7,964	6,469
	Mar-05	1,712	96	131	8,203	6,864
	Apr-05	1,704	104	129	6,536	4,575
	May-05	1,694	110	126	6,150	4,781
	Jun-05	1,690	90	129	6,345	4,291
	Jul-05	1,683	97	126	6,386	4,188
	Aug-05	1,731	103	126	6,234	4,835
	Sep-05	1,695	105	135	6,152	4,743
	Oct-05	1,710	95	127	6,231	4,150
	Nov-05	1,686	91	130	6,167	4,387
	Dec-05	1,694	109	132	5,931	4,479



	Month/Yr	Animal Type				
		Sow	Gilt	Boar	Fin	Nurs
La Costa Sitio 1 (2000094)	Jan-05	1,601	0	7	0	0
	Feb-05	1,597	0	7	0	0
	Mar-05	1,599	0	7	0	0
	Apr-05	1,617	0	7	0	0
	May-05	1,624	0	7	0	0
	Jun-05	1,639	0	7	0	0
	Jul-05	1,661	0	7	0	0
	Aug-05	1,668	0	7	0	0
	Sep-05	1,648	0	7	0	0
	Oct-05	1,685	0	7	0	0
	Nov-05	1,656	0	7	0	0
	Dec-05	1,658	0	7	0	0
	Month/Yr	Animal Type				
		Sow	Gilt	Boar	Fin	Nurs
La Costa Sitio 3 (3280067)	Jan-05	0	0	0	8,820	0
	Feb-05	0	0	0	8,482	0
	Mar-05	0	0	0	8,103	0
	Apr-05	0	0	0	8,741	0
	May-05	0	0	0	8,710	0
	Jun-05	0	0	0	8,509	0
	Jul-05	0	0	0	8,598	0
	Aug-05	0	0	0	8,834	0
	Sep-05	0	0	0	8,744	0
	Oct-05	0	0	0	8,534	0
	Nov-05	0	0	0	8,503	0
	Dec-05	0	0	0	8,704	0



	Month/Yr	Animal Type				
		Sow	Gilt	Boar	Fin	Nurs
Unison (2000066)	Jan-05	537	30	3	1,758	1,699
	Feb-05	531	28	3	2,066	1,666
	Mar-05	538	28	3	2,200	1,633
	Apr-05	555	32	3	2,026	1,783
	May-05	542	35	3	2,148	1,786
	Jun-05	539	40	3	2,202	1,941
	Jul-05	535	40	3	2,058	1,921
	Aug-05	539	38	3	2,087	1,678
	Sep-05	537	35	3	2,128	1,865
	Oct-05	518	30	3	2,073	1,592
	Nov-05	511	36	3	1,852	1,656
	Dec-05	512	32	3	1,620	1,691

Step 2 – Emission Factors

The emission factor for the animal group for any given month is:

$$EF_i = VS_i * n_m * B_{oi} * 0.67\text{kg/m}^3 * MCF_{jk} * MS\%_{ijk}$$

Equation E2¹⁶

Where:

- EF_i = emission factor (kg) for animal type i (e.g., swine, weight adjusted),
- VS_i = Volatile solids excreted in kg/day for animal type I, max Vs is 0.5 kg/head/day (adjusted as $Vs = (W_{site}^{17}/W_{default}) * VS_{IPCC}$)
- n_m = Number of days animals present,
- B_o = Maximum methane producing capacity (m^3/kg of VS) for manure produced by animal type i,
- MCF_{jk} = Methane conversion factor for each manure management system j by climate region k; and
- $MS\%_{ijk}$ = fraction of animal type i's manure handled using manure system j in climate region k.

¹⁶ Revised 1996 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories: Reference Manual. Page 4.26, equation 16 and Page 4.46, Table B6.

¹⁷ Standard weight values based on USEPA AgStar.



The amount of methane emitted can be calculated using:

$$CH_{4a} = EF_i * Population_{year}$$

Equation E3¹⁸

Where:

- CH_{4a} = methane produced in kg/yr for animal type I,
 EF_i = emission factor (kg) for animal type i (e.g., swine),
 $Population_{year}$ = yearly average population of animal type i.

E.1.2.2 Describe the formulae used to estimate leakage due to the project activity, where required, for the applicable project category in appendix B of the simplified modalities and procedures for small-scale CDM project activities

In accordance with the baseline methodology contained in appendix B of the simplified M&P for small-scale CDM project activities, leakage calculations are not required and renewable energy equipment used in this proposed project activity is being supplied new.

E.1.2.3 The sum of E.1.2.1 and E.1.2.2 represents the small-scale project activity emissions:

To estimate total yearly methane emissions the selected emission factors are multiplied by the associated animal population and summed.

$$PE = [CH_{4a} * GWP_{CH4}]/1000$$

Equation E4¹⁹

Where:

- PE = Project activity carbon dioxide equivalent emission in metric tons per year,
 CH_{4a} = annual methane produced in kg/yr for animal type I,
 GWP_{CH4} = global warming potential of methane (21).

¹⁸ Adapted from Revised 1996 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories: Reference Manual. Page 4.26.

¹⁹ Adapted from Equation 9, page 12, AM0016/version 02, 22 October 2004/UNFCCC/CDM Methodology Panel



Table E2. Project Activity Emissions

Espannos II ciclo completo (3280033)								
	Population _{year}	N _m	Days OB	Default BW	Ave Bw, kg	EF _i	CH ₄ annual	Cap EF ₁
Sows:	638	365	0	82	181	5.50	3,510.52	5.50
Gilts:	0	365	0	82	181	5.50	0.00	5.50
Boars:	26	365	0	82	204	5.50	143.06	5.50
Finishers:	2,957	365	0	82	56	3.76	11,111.58	5.50
Nur/Wean:	1,892	365	0	82	13	0.87	1,650.44	5.50
Total Annual CH ₄ :							16,415.60	
PE (CO ₂ e/year):							344.73	
Kowi (2000093)								
	Population _{year}	N _m	Days OB	Default BW	Ave Bw, kg	EF _i	CH ₄ annual	Cap EF ₁
Sows:	1,703	365	0	82	181	5.50	9,370.54	5.50
Gilts:	100	365	0	82	181	5.50	550.24	5.50
Boars:	128	365	0	82	204	5.50	704.30	5.50
Finishers:	6,681	365	0	82	56	3.76	25,105.32	5.50
Nur/Wean:	5,038	365	0	82	13	0.87	4,394.79	5.50
Total Annual CH ₄ :							40,125.20	
PE (CO ₂ e/year):							842.63	
La Costa Sitio 1 (2000094)								
	Population _{year}	N _m	Days OB	Default BW	Ave Bw, kg	EF _i	CH ₄ annual	Cap EF ₁
Sows:	1,638	365	0	82	181	5.50	9,012.89	5.50
Gilts:	0	365	0	82	181	5.50	0.00	5.50
Boars:	7	365	0	82	204	5.50	38.52	5.50
Finishers:	0	365	0	82	56	3.76	0.00	5.50
Nur/Wean:	0	365	0	82	13	0.87	0.00	5.50
Total Annual CH ₄ :							9,051.41	
PE (CO ₂ e/year):							190.08	
La Costa Sitio 3 (3280067)								
	Population _{year}	N _m	Days OB	Default BW	Ave Bw, kg	EF _i	CH ₄ annual	Cap EF ₁
Sows:	0	365	0	82	181	5.50	0.00	5.50
Gilts:	0	365	0	82	181	5.50	0.00	5.50
Boars:	0	365	0	82	204	5.50	0.00	5.50
Finishers:	8,607	365	0	82	56	3.76	32,342.69	5.50
Nur/Wean:	0	365	0	82	13	0.87	0.00	5.50
Total Annual CH ₄ :							32,342.69	
PE (CO ₂ e/year):							679.20	



Unison (2000066)								
	Population _{year}	N _m	Days OB	Default BW	Ave Bw, kg	EF _i	CH ₄ annual	Cap EF _i
Sows:	533	365	0	82	181	5.50	2,932.77	5.50
Gilts:	34	365	0	82	181	5.50	187.08	5.50
Boars:	3	365	0	82	204	5.50	16.51	5.50
Finishers:	2,018	365	0	82	56	3.76	7,583.08	5.50
Nur/Wean:	1,743	365	0	82	13	0.87	1,520.47	5.50
Total Annual CH ₄ :							12,239.90	
PE (CO ₂ e/year):							257.04	

E.1.2.4 Describe the formulae used to estimate the anthropogenic emissions by sources of GHGs in the baseline using the baseline methodology for the applicable project category in appendix B of the simplified modalities and procedures for small-scale CDM project activities:

Table E3. Baseline Emissions

Espahnos II ciclo completo (3280033)								
	Population _{year}	N _m	Days OB	Default BW	Ave Bw, kg	EF _i	CH ₄ annual	Cap EF _i
Sows:	638	365	0	82	181	49.52	31,594.64	49.52
Gilts:	0	365	0	82	181	49.52	0.00	49.52
Boars:	26	365	0	82	204	49.52	1,287.56	49.52
Finishers:	2,957	365	0	82	56	33.82	100,004.19	49.52
Nur/Wean:	1,892	365	0	82	13	7.85	14,854.00	49.52
Total Annual CH ₄ :							147,740.38	
BE (CO ₂ e/year):							3,102.55	
Kowi (2000093)								
	Population _{year}	N _m	Days OB	Default BW	Ave Bw, kg	EF _i	CH ₄ annual	Cap EF _i
Sows:	1,703	365	0	82	181	49.52	84,334.90	49.52
Gilts:	100	365	0	82	181	49.52	4,952.14	49.52
Boars:	128	365	0	82	204	49.52	6,338.74	49.52
Finishers:	6,681	365	0	82	56	33.82	225,947.92	49.52
Nur/Wean:	5,038	365	0	82	13	7.85	39,553.08	49.52
Total Annual CH ₄ :							361,126.78	
BE (CO ₂ e/year):							7,583.66	
La Costa Sitio 1 (2000094)								
	Population _{year}	N _m	Days OB	Default BW	Ave Bw, kg	EF _i	CH ₄ annual	Cap EF _i
Sows:	1,638	365	0	82	181	49.52	81,116.01	49.52
Gilts:	0	365	0	82	181	49.52	0.00	49.52
Boars:	7	365	0	82	204	49.52	346.65	49.52
Finishers:	0	365	0	82	56	33.82	0.00	49.52
Nur/Wean:	0	365	0	82	13	7.85	0.00	49.52
Total Annual CH ₄ :							81,462.66	
BE (CO ₂ e/year):							1,710.72	



La Costa Sitio 3 (3280067)								
	Population _{year}	N _m	Days OB	Default BW	Ave Bw, kg	EF _i	CH ₄ annual	Cap EF _i
Sows:	0	365	0	82	181	49.52	0.00	49.52
Gilts:	0	365	0	82	181	49.52	0.00	49.52
Boars:	0	365	0	82	204	49.52	0.00	49.52
Finishers:	8,607	365	0	82	56	33.82	291,084.23	49.52
Nur/Wean:	0	365	0	82	13	7.85	0.00	49.52
Total Annual CH ₄ :							291,084.23	
BE (CO ₂ e/year):							6,112.77	
Unison (2000066)								
	Population _{year}	N _m	Days OB	Default BW	Ave Bw, kg	EF _i	CH ₄ annual	Cap EF _i
Sows:	533	365	0	82	181	49.52	26,394.89	49.52
Gilts:	34	365	0	82	181	49.52	1,683.73	49.52
Boars:	3	365	0	82	204	49.52	148.56	49.52
Finishers:	2,018	365	0	82	56	33.82	68,247.70	49.52
Nur/Wean:	1,743	365	0	82	13	7.85	13,684.21	49.52
Total Annual CH ₄ :							110,159.09	
BE (CO ₂ e/year):							2,313.34	

E.1.2.5 Difference between E.1.2.4 and E.1.2.3 represents the emission reductions due to the project activity during a given period:

Table E4. Total Emission Reductions

Table E4. Total Emission Reductions	
	CO ₂ e/year
Total Baseline Emissions (BE)	20,823.04
Total Project Emissions (PE)	2,313.67
Total Emission Reductions (ER _{net} = BE - PE)	18,509.37

E.2 Table providing values obtained when applying formulae above:

Table E5.

Parameter/Factor	Value	Source/Comment
Baseline		
GWP CH ₄	21	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, <i>Climate Change 1995: The Science of Climate Change</i> (Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 1996)
Population _{year}	Table E1	Animal population used to estimate baseline and project emission estimates was based on a 12 month period of actual operation production data (See Table E1).
n _m	Table E1	Days resident in system
MS% _{ijk}	100%	Percent of effluent used in system.



Parameter/Factor	Value	Source/Comment
VS_i	0.50	Obtained from 1996 IPCC, Appendix B, Table B-6, p. 4.46
B_{oi}	0.45	Obtained from 1996 IPCC, Appendix B, Table B-6, p. 4.46
MCF_{jk}	0.90	Obtained from 1996 IPCC, Appendix B, Table B-6, p. 4.46
Project Activity		
GWP CH ₄	21	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, <i>Climate Change 1995: The Science of Climate Change</i> (Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 1996)
Population _{year}	Table E1	Animal population used to estimate baseline and project emission estimates was based on a 12 month period of actual operation production data (See Table E1).
n_m	Table E1	Days resident in system
$MS\%_{ijk}$	100%	Percent of effluent used in system
VS_i	0.50	Obtained from 1996 IPCC, Appendix B, Table B-6, p. 4.46
B_{oi}	0.45	Obtained from 1996 IPCC, Appendix B, Table B-6, p. 4.46
MCF_{jk}	0.10	Obtained from 1996 IPCC, Appendix B, Table B-6, p. 4.46

Table E6.

Uncertainty Parameter for GHG Mitigation Project Estimates	
Uncertainty:	How Addressed:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Data collection inaccuracies ○ Animal type ○ Animal population, group/type, mortality rates ○ Genetics ○ Choice of appropriate emission coefficients ○ Data security ○ Animal health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Accurate data collection is essential. The farms included in this project activity use a Standardized industry database package which captures a wide range of incremental production data to manage operations and enable the farm to maximize both productivity and profitability. AgCert uses some data points collected via this system. ○ AgCert has a rigorous QA/QC system that ensures data security and data integrity. AgCert performs spot audits data collection activities. ○ AgCert has a data management system capable of interfacing with producer systems to serve as a secure data repository. Project activity data related uncertainties will be reduced by applying sound data collection quality assurance and quality control procedures. ○ Any significant mortality rates will be visible from the Monthly Monitoring Form and addressed accordingly.

SECTION F.: Environmental impacts:**F.1. If required by the host Party, documentation on the analysis of the environmental impacts of the project activity:**

An environmental impact analysis is not required for this type of GHG project activity.

Environment:



There are no negative environmental impacts resulting from the proposed project activity.

Beyond the principal benefit of mitigating GHG emissions (the primary focus of the proposed project); the proposed activities will also result in positive environmental co-benefits. They include:

- Reducing atmospheric emissions of Volatile Organics Compounds (VOCs) that cause odour,
- Lowering the population of flies and associated enhancement to on-farm bio-security thus reducing the possible spread of disease.

The combination of these factors will make the proposed project site more “neighbour friendly” and environmentally responsible

SECTION G. Stakeholders’ comments:

G.1. Brief description of how comments by local stakeholders have been invited and compiled:

A stakeholders’ meeting was conducted on September 14, 2005 in the city of Ciudad Obregón, Sonora, and another one was held on April 7, 2006 in Hermosillo, Sonora. Invitations to the stakeholders meeting were communicated by e-mail sent directly to project participants and federal, state and local officials, as well as several being notified by post mail. The project participants were also notified by telephone.

The CDM Project Stakeholders Meeting information was published in the newspapers in the region of the CDM project activity:

- a) *EL IMPARCIAL*, Cd.Obregón, SONORA, on September 1, 2005
- b) *EL IMPARCIAL*, Hermosillo, SONORA, on March 30, 2006

Armando Cota Félix of AgCert México conducted a presentation which covered the following topics: purpose of meeting, background on global warming and the Kyoto Protocol, UNFCCC CDM process, process and responsibilities of the project, participants, equipment to be used for evaluation and audits, information management system, an example of project, benefits from the project (environmental and economic), and where to get further information.

G.2. Summary of the comments received:

Overall, the comments from the attendees at the stakeholders’ meeting were positive and supportive of the project.

G.3. Report on how due account was taken of any comments received:

No action required

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Annex 2

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