

THE GOLD STANDARD REGISTRATION REVIEW PERIOD IS REVISED TO 6-WEEKS

(Effective on all new registration review submissions from 1 November 2013)

The Gold Standard registration review period has been revised from 8-weeks to **6-weeks**.

This revision has been made based on the feedback received during an extensive consultation period held in July and August 2013. During this period, The Gold Standard Secretariat requested input and feedback on the proposed timelines for its review processes at the various steps of the certification cycle. One of the most frequently received comments was in terms of the length of time it took to conduct the registration review period. Project Proponents deemed that the current 8-weeks was too long and should be revised to make the review process more time efficient.

In line with this feedback, whilst also taking into consideration the recently revised registration review period under the CDM Executive Board, The Gold Standard registration review period (for the first round of feedback) has been revised from 8-weeks to **6-weeks**.

This time period will be split as follows:

- 4-weeks¹ allocated to The Gold Standard TAC and NGO Supporters to review the project and provide any feedback and/or comments
- 2-weeks for The Gold Standard Secretariat to review, compile and consolidate any feedback and/or comments

Please note the 6-weeks registration review period is only applicable on the first round of registration feedback and the timelines outlined in the 'Guidelines on the timelines for Gold Standard project reviews'² will apply for any subsequent rounds of feedback.

The revised registration review period of 6-weeks will be applicable for all Gold Standard version projects, including micro-scale projects submitted for registration from 1 November 2013.

¹ The Gold Standard Secretariat would also like to highlight that as per ISEAL Code of Good Practice, 'Setting Social and Environmental Standards', a time period of at least 30 days should be provided for any type of public consultation. Hence, the time period suggested above is in line with the recommendations.

² <http://www.cdmgoldstandard.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/Gold-Standard-Project-Review-Timelines-2013.pdf>