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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 October 2003 establishing a scheme for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading within the Community and amending Council Directive 96/61/EC¹, and in particular Article 10a(8) thereof,

Having regard to Commission Decision 2010/670/EU of 3 November 2010 laying down criteria and measures for the financing of commercial demonstration projects that aim at the environmentally safe capture and geological storage of CO₂ as well as demonstration projects of innovative renewable energy technologies under the scheme for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading within the Community established by Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council², and in particular Article 5(5) thereof,

Having regard to Article 17(1) of the Treaty on European Union,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 10a(8) of Directive 2003/87/EC establishes a mechanism for the financing of commercial demonstration projects that aim at the environmentally safe capture and geological storage of CO₂ (hereinafter: "CCS") and demonstration projects of innovative renewable energy technologies (hereinafter: "RES"), covering 300 million allowances from the new entrants reserve of the EU Emissions Trading System (hereinafter: "NER300 funding programme").
- (2) Commission Decision 2010/670/EU sets out the rules and criteria for the selection and implementation of those projects and the basic rules for the monetisation of allowances and for the management of revenues.

¹ OJ L 275, 25.10.2003, p. 32.

² OJ L 290, 6.11.2010, p. 39.

- (3) Pursuant to Article 5(1) of Commission Decision 2010/670/EU, the Commission published a first call for proposals covering the proceeds of 200 million allowances out of the 300 million allowances on 9 November 2010.
- (4) Pursuant to Article 5(3) of Commission Decision 2010/670/EU, Member States gathered funding applications (by 9 February 2011), assessed if the proposed projects met the eligibility criteria set out in Article 6 and Annex I of Commission Decision 2010/670/EU, and submitted those eligible projects they wished to support to the European Investment Bank (hereinafter: "EIB") (by 9 May 2011). The projects covered by this Decision were verified by the Commission and found to meet the eligibility criteria.
- (5) As of 9 May 2011, the EIB, acting on request of, on behalf of and for the account of the Commission, performed the financial and technical due diligence assessment of project proposals pursuant to Article 7 of Commission Decision 2010/670/EU. The EIB submitted a list of projects, ranked by their cost-per-unit performance (which is the total request for public funding plus the best estimate of the net present value of additional benefits, divided by the performance, i.e. the amount of CO₂ stored for CCS projects, and the amount of energy produced for RES projects) to the Commission. The Commission examined the information provided by the EIB and confirms its findings. It consequently considers that the projects covered by this Decision have all passed the due diligence assessment.
- (6) Pursuant to Article 8(1) of Commission Decision 2010/670/EU, where no more than two proposals were submitted in a given sub-category, the Commission assessed the possible impact of the limited number of proposals on the competition and found that all sub-categories were competitive.
- (7) A progress report, including lists of candidates for award decisions, as well as reserve lists of projects for award decisions, was published on 12 July 2012³. The lists were drawn up by the Commission services based on the lists submitted by the EIB, and in line with the ranking and de-selection requirements set out in Article 8(2) and (3) of Commission Decision 2010/670/EU.
- (8) The final list of 23 projects covered by this Decision was drawn up in accordance with the requirements set out in Article 8(2) and (3) of Commission Decision 2010/670/EU, based on the list of the progress report, and following the confirmations, by Member States, of their candidate and reserve projects, including of the total public funding contribution based on the overall funding packages, pursuant to Article 5(5) of Commission Decision 2010/670/EU. The confirmation process was closed on 29 October 2012.
- (9) Nearly all RES projects were confirmed. Most CCS projects were, however, not confirmed by the Member State concerned, and could therefore not be retained. Member States were unable to confirm the projects for various reasons: in some cases there were funding gaps, while other CCS projects were not sufficiently mature to allow for such confirmation under the first call for proposals. One further CCS project was confirmed, but then withdrawn after the closure of the confirmation process.

³ SWD(2012) 224 final, see: http://ec.europa.eu/clima/news/articles/news_2012071201_en.htm.

- (10) €1.5bn were available for the co-funding of projects covered by this Decision from the monetisation of the first 200 million allowances. Each project receives up to 50% of relevant costs, with a limit of 15% of the total available allowances over the two rounds of calls for proposals per project, as set out in Article 10a(8) of Directive 2003/87/EC. Given the available €1.5billion from the monetisation of the first 200 million allowances, the corresponding 15% limit is €37 million. On the basis of the confirmed funding requests, the funding proportion between the two groups was established as 18% (CCS)/82% (RES).
- (11) Funding should be disbursed in line with the award conditions set out in Annex 2 to this Decision, based on performance, i.e. the amount of CO₂ stored for CCS projects, and the amount of renewable energy produced for RES projects, and provided certain knowledge sharing requirements are met. Upfront funding was awarded where requested in the project submission and to the extent appropriate as of 1 January 2014 (date on which the revenues from the sales of the allowances are available). In case a project e.g. fails to enter into operation or ceases operation, Member States will have to recover and return any excess funding to the EIB.
- (12) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Climate Change Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

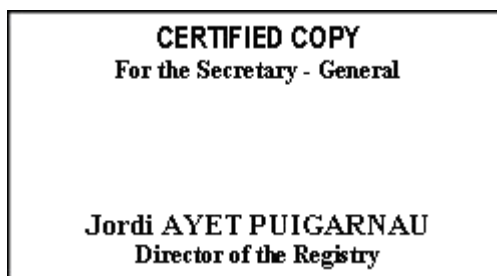
The projects listed in Annex 1 are awarded funding under the NER300 first call for proposals subject to the conditions specified in Annex 2 to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Belgium, the Federal Republic of Germany, Ireland, the Hellenic Republic, the Kingdom of Spain, the French Republic, the Italian Republic, the Republic of Cyprus, Hungary, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Poland, the Portuguese Republic, the Republic of Finland, the Kingdom of Sweden and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Done at Brussels, 18.12.2012

For the Commission
Connie HEDEGAARD
Member of the Commission



ANNEX 1 – Awarded projects

RES

Project	Status	Date of entry into operation	Long Stop Date	Maximum funding amount(EUR)	Funding rate/adjusted funding rate (EUR/MWh)
SE BIOa Pyrogrot	As confirmed by letter of Member State received on 18.10.2012	03.12.2015	02.12.2020	31,404,829	12.15610
SE BIOc Gobigas phase 2	As confirmed by letter of Member State received on 18.10.2012	31.12.2016	30.12.2021	58,797,168	20.36160
IT BIOg BEST	As confirmed by letter of Member state received on 15.10.2012	01.06.2013	31.05.2018	28,430,147	26.79768
SE WINf Windpark Blaiken	As confirmed by letter of Member State received on 18.10.2012	01.01.2015	31.12.2019	15,000,000	5.77701

FI BIOe Ajos BTL	As confirmed by letter of Member State received on 24.10.2012	31.12.2016	30.12.2021	88,486,580	17.38795
Project	Status	Date of entry into operation	Long Stop Date	Maximum funding amount(EUR)	Funding rate/adjusted funding rate (EUR/MWh)
AT WINE Windpark Handalm	As confirmed by letter of Member State received on 10.10.2012	30.09.2016	29.09.2021	11,259,564	41.35745
FR BIOd UPM Stracel BTL	As confirmed by letter of Member State received on 26.10.2012	31.12.2015	30.12.2020	169,960,000	36.88385
DE WINa Innogy	As confirmed by letter of Member State received on 17.10.2012	31.12.2015	30.12.2020	70,000,000	15.40253
EL CSPc Minos	As confirmed by Letter of Member State received on 12.10.2012	31.12.2015	30.12.2020	42,041,991	114.98665
UK OCNb Sound of Islay	As confirmed by letter of Member State received on 16.10.2012	31.10.2016	30.10.2021	20,650,000	185.73861

BE DRMc SLim	As confirmed by letter of Member State received on 9.10.2012	31.12.2015	30.12.2020	8,165,192	12.23697
Project	Status	Date of entry into operation	Long Stop Date	Maximum funding amount(EUR)	Funding rate/adjusted funding rate (EUR/MWh)
DE BIOh Verbiostraw	As confirmed by letter of Member State received on 17.10.2012	03.01.2014	02.01.2019	22,272,049	59.14538
HU GEOb South Hungarian Enhanced Geothermal System (EGS) Demonstration	As confirmed by letter of Member State received on 15.10.2012	31.12.2015	30.12.2020	39,295,008	141.47784
EL CSPe Maximus	As confirmed by letter of Member State received on 12.10.2012	01.06.2015	31.05.2020	44,550,000	99.82808
FR WIND Vertimed	As confirmed by letter of Member State received on 26.10.2012	31.12.2016	30.12.2021	34,316,460	110.95417
IE OCNa Westwave	As confirmed by letter of Member State received on 24.10.2012	31.12.2015	30.12.2020	19,828,007	429.60306

Project	Status	Date of entry into operation	Long Stop Date	Maximum funding amount(EUR)	Funding rate/adjusted funding rate (EUR/MWh)
NL BIOD Woodspirit	As confirmed by letter of Member State received on 25.10.2012	28.11.2016	27.11.2021	199,000,000	The project will receive upfront funding as follows: 39,800,000 on 01.02.2014 39,800,000 on 01.02.2015 39,800,000 on 01.01.2016 This results in an adjusted funding rate of 16.72407
PL BIOg CEG Plant Goswinowice	As confirmed by letter of Member State received on 29.10.2012	1.7.2014	30.06.2019	30,875,015	29.40478
DE WINa Veja Mate	As confirmed by letter of Member State received on 17.10.2012	1.1.2016	31.12.2020	112,603,636	42.07065

Project	Status	Date of entry into operation	Long Stop Date	Maximum funding amount(EUR)	Funding rate/adjusted funding rate (EUR/MWh)
ES CSPc PTC50-Alvarado	As confirmed by letter of Member State received on 16.10.2012	30.10.2016	29.10.2021	70,000,000	66.91243
CY CSPe HeliosPower	As confirmed by letter of Member State received on 16.10.2012	17.10.2014	16.10.2019	46,621,458	107.77261
UK OCNb Kyle Rhea Tidal Turbine Array	As confirmed by letter of Member State received on 16.10.2012	14.04.2015	13.04.2020	18,397,432	246.48964
PT WIND Windfloat	As confirmed by letters of Member State received on 29.10.2012 and on 9.11.2012 ⁴	31.12.2015	30.12.2020	29,990,526	109.70472

⁴ The confirmation was completed and clarified in a subsequent letter received on 9.11.2012.

ANNEX 2 – Award conditions

1. Specifications for Legally Binding Instrument

Member States shall disburse the awarded funding to the project sponsors on the basis of legally binding instruments, which shall contain all of the provisions set out in the Specifications for Legally Binding Instruments contained in Annex 3.

2. Excess funding

The total funds disbursed to a project shall not exceed the maximum funding amount set out in Annex 1.

Member States shall ensure that any excess funding is calculated pursuant to point I.3 of the Specifications for Legally Binding Instruments referred to in point 1, and returned to the European Investment Bank (EIB) at the latest by the end of the year following the long-stop date set out in Annex 1, or as otherwise specified in this Annex.

3. Project failure

Member States shall inform the Commission within one month from their occurrence of any of the following events:

a) the non-respect of any of the conditions mentioned in Article 9 of Commission Decision 2010/670/EU (NER300 Decision): the award decision shall cease to have legal effect retroactively (*ex tunc*) on the date of such notification, and any funding disbursed or received from the EIB for the purpose of disbursement shall be returned to the EIB within four months of the notification.

b) the definitive failure of a project to enter into operation for reasons other than those set out under a) above: the Award Decision shall terminate its legal effects retroactively (*ex tunc*) on the date of such notification, and any funding disbursed or received from the EIB for the purpose of disbursement shall be returned to the EIB within four months of the notification. In case the project has not entered into operation within one year from the date of entry into operation as set out in Annex 1, the failure of entry into operation shall be deemed to be definitive.

c) the definitive cease of operation of a project: the Award Decision shall terminate its legal effects as of the date of such notification (*ex nunc*), and any excess funding disbursed or received from the EIB for the purpose of disbursement, calculated pursuant to point 1 above, shall be returned to the EIB within four months of the notification. Where the project has ceased operation for one year, the cease shall be deemed to be definitive.

4. Adjustments of Award Decision

Member States shall inform the Commission within one month of the occurrence of any of the following events:

a) the relevant costs based on the estimates on which final investment decision is taken are lower than the estimated relevant costs on the basis of which the Award Decision was determined; or

b) the event referred to in Article 3(4), third subparagraph of Commission Decision 2010/670/EU, that is that an intangible asset is sold before it has remained five years in the establishment of the recipient.

The Commission will adjust the Award Decision accordingly, and any funding disbursed or received from the EIB for the purpose of disbursement exceeding the maximum amount of funding specified in the Adjusted Award Decision shall be returned to the EIB within four months of the notification by the Commission of the Adjusted Award Decision.

Member States shall also adjust the Legally Binding Instrument in light of the Adjusted Award Decision.

5. Other proposed changes

Without prejudice to point 4, Member States shall notify the Commission of any proposed changes to the projects listed in Annex 1 before their implementation. Such changes shall be duly justified and may only be implemented if and when the Commission agrees and where appropriate amends the Award Decision accordingly. In the latter case, Member States shall also adjust the Legally Binding Instrument accordingly.

In case a change is implemented without a prior agreement and where appropriate amendment of the Award Decision, the Commission may withdraw the Award Decision. Such withdrawal will produce legal effects for the future (*ex nunc*), and any excess funding disbursed or received from the EIB for the purpose of disbursement, calculated pursuant to point 1 above, shall be returned to the EIB within four months of the withdrawal of the Award Decision.

6. Knowledge sharing

Member States shall ensure that the knowledge relating to the project is notified to the Commission by the project sponsor by 15 February each year following the relevant disbursement period, in line with the requirements set out in point 8 of the Specifications for the Legally Binding Instruments referred to in point 1.

The Commission will inform the Member States of its assessment of the compliance by the project sponsor with the obligations referred to in paragraph 1 by 30 June each year following the relevant disbursement period.

Failure to comply with the obligation set out in the first paragraph shall entail the definitive loss of entitlement for the project to receive funding under the Award Decision for the given disbursement period.

7. Intellectual property ownership and licensing

Member States shall ensure march-in rights as specified in point 9 (d) and (e) of the Specifications for the Legally Binding Instruments referred to in point 1.

8. Payment requests

Member States shall submit payment requests for any awarded upfront funding to the Commission at the latest two months ahead of the dates specified for upfront payments in

Annex 1. Upfront funding disbursements shall be transferred to the Member States at the latest one month before the dates specified in Annex 1.

Except in the case of point 6 paragraph 3, Member States shall submit payment requests for annual funding disbursement to the Commission at the latest by 15 July each year following the relevant disbursement period, accompanied by information on the amount of CO₂ stored for CCS projects or clean energy produced for RES projects in the relevant disbursement period. Annual funding disbursements are to be transferred to the Member States within 30 days from receipt of the payment request as appropriate.

9. Reporting

By 31 December each year, Member States shall report to the Commission on the status of implementation of the project.

From the adoption of the award decision until the entry into operation of the project, Member States shall report especially on the following issues:

- any construction work and other preparatory activities for the entry into operation of the project as performed during the reporting period;
- the adoption or schedule for adoption of the final investment decision and steps taken in this respect;
- permitting procedures, including all relevant permits already issued and the further timetable;
- potential problems that could lead to delays in the entry into operation, including where appropriate public acceptance issues, and a short description of potential solutions.

From the entry into operation of the project until the year following the year of the long-stop date, Member States shall report especially on the following issues:

- overall project progress;
- performance, including the amount of CO₂ stored for CCS projects or clean energy produced for RES projects;
- the funds disbursed;
- any problems with project implementation, including where appropriate public acceptance issues, and a description of envisaged solutions.

ANNEX 3 - Specifications for Legally Binding Instrument

The Legally Binding Instruments referred to in Article 11(1) of the Commission Decision 2010/670/EU should contain the following provisions:

1. Basis for funding, Project and awarded funding

Based on Decision [*insert reference to Award Decision*] (the “**Award Decision**”), [*insert details of the Project as set out in the Award Decision*], the Project which is the subject of the Award Decision (the “**Project**”), shall receive funding in the amount of [*insert maximum funding amount*], the “**Maximum Funding Amount**” pursuant to the specifications laid out in the Award Decision and in this [*insert title of and parties to, or subject and object of, the Legally Binding Instrument, i.e., the Project Sponsor on the one hand and the competent authority of the Member State on the other hand*].

2. Date of entry into operation

The date of entry into operation of the Project shall be [*insert date as specified in the Award Decision - either (a) 31 December 2015, at the latest, or (b) where the respective Award Decision is adopted after 31 December 2011, a date no later than four years from the date of the Award Decision*].

3. Funding disbursement

A. If the Award Decision foresees annual disbursement, the following should be inserted in the Legally Binding Instrument:

- (a) The funding shall be paid by [*insert details of competent authority of the Member State*] to the Project Sponsor in annual instalments paid in EUR, the “**Annual Funding Disbursement**”.
- (b) The amount of the Annual Funding Disbursement shall be calculated in accordance with Annex I.1.
- (c) The Annual Funding Disbursement shall only be paid if the knowledge sharing requirements specified in 8.a) to g), 9. and Annex II are met in the relevant disbursement period.
- (d) The first Annual Funding Disbursement shall cover the period between [*insert the date of entry into operation*] and the end of [*insert the year of the date of entry into operation*], the last Annual Funding Disbursement shall cover the period from the beginning of [*insert the year ten years from the date specified in 2. in the case of CCS projects, and five years from that date in the case of RES projects*] to [*insert date ten years from the date specified in 2. in the case of CCS projects, and five years from that date in the case of RES projects*], the “**Long-Stop Date**”. All other disbursement periods cover full calendar years.
- (e) The Annual Funding Disbursement shall be paid to the Project Sponsor in the year following the relevant disbursement period, within 30 days from its transfer to [*insert details of competent authority of the Member State*] from the European Investment Bank (EIB).

B. If the Award Decision foresees full upfront funding disbursement, the following should be inserted in the Legally Binding Instrument:

Pursuant to the Award Decision, EUR [insert amount or amounts of upfront funding specified in the Award Decision] shall be paid by [insert details of competent authority of the Member State] to the Project Sponsor by [insert date or dates as specified in the Award Decision], the “**Up-Front Funding Disbursement**”. For the purposes of 4., the date [insert date ten years from the date specified in 2. in the case of CCS Projects, and five years from that date in the case of RES Projects] shall be the “**Long-Stop Date**”.

C. If the Award Decision foresees partial upfront disbursement, the following should be inserted in the Legally Binding Instrument:

- (a) Pursuant to the Award Decision, EUR [insert amount or amounts of upfront funding specified in the Award Decision] shall be paid by [insert details of competent authority of the Member State] to the Project Sponsor by [insert date or dates as specified in the Award Decision].
- (b) The remaining EUR [insert remaining amount as specified in the Award Decision] shall be paid by [insert details of competent authority of the Member State] to the Project Sponsor in annual instalments paid in EUR, the “**Adjusted Annual Funding Disbursement**”.
- (c) The amount of the Adjusted Annual Funding Disbursement shall be calculated in accordance with Annex I.2.
- (d) The Adjusted Annual Funding Disbursement shall only be paid if the knowledge sharing requirements specified in 8.a) to g), 9. and Annex II are met in the relevant period.
- (e) The first Adjusted Annual Funding Disbursement shall cover the period between [insert the date of entry into operation] and the end of [insert the year of the date of entry into operation], the last Adjusted Annual Funding Disbursement shall cover the period from the beginning of [insert the year ten years from the date specified in 2. in the case of CCS projects, and five years from that date in the case of RES projects] to [insert date ten years from the date specified in 2. in the case of CCS projects, and five years from that date in the case of RES projects], the “**Long-Stop Date**”. The other disbursement periods cover full calendar years.
- (f) The Adjusted Annual Funding Disbursement shall be paid to the Project Sponsor in the year following the relevant disbursement period, within 30 days from its transfer to [insert details of competent authority of the Member State] from the European Investment Bank (EIB).

4. Maximum Funding Amount and recovery of Excess Funding

- (a) The total funds disbursed by [insert details of competent authority of the Member State] to the Project pursuant to this [insert title of Legally Binding Instrument] shall not exceed the Maximum Funding Amount specified under 1.
- (b) [insert details of competent authority of the Member State] shall calculate any Excess Funding as defined in Annex I in accordance with Annex I.3 and shall notify the

Project Sponsor of any Excess Funding at the latest by the end of [insert the year following the Long-Stop Date].

- (c) Any Excess Funding notified to the Project Sponsor in accordance with paragraph b) above shall be returned to [insert details of competent authority of the Member State] within three months of the notification.

5. End of effect of Award Decision

- (a) If and when the Award Decision ceases to have legal effect pursuant to Article 9 of the NER 300 Decision (and as specified in the Award Decision), i.e., if by [insert date - within 24 months of adoption of the Award Decision, or in case of CCS Projects with saline aquifer storage within 36 months of adoption of the Award Decision]:

- (1) not all relevant permits in accordance with relevant requirements under European Union law have been issued,
- (2) approval by the Commission of any State Aid in respect of the Project has not been granted, or
- (3) final investment decision has not been reached,

the Project *ex tunc* loses its entitlement to receive funding under this [insert title of Legally Binding Instrument].

- (b) [insert details of competent authority of the Member State] shall establish whether any of the conditions referred to under paragraph a) (1) to (3) are met, and shall notify the Project Sponsor thereof, by [insert date - one month after the date inserted under 5.a)].

- (c) Any funding paid under the [insert title of Legally Binding Instrument] shall be returned to [insert details of competent authority of the Member State] by the Project Sponsor within three months of the notification referred to under paragraph b).

6. Adjustment of Award Decision

- (a) If and when the Award Decision is adjusted by the Commission in either of the following cases:

- (1) where the relevant costs based on the estimates on which Final Investment Decision is taken are lower than the estimated relevant costs on the basis of which the Award Decision was determined; or
- (2) in the event referred to in Article 3(4), 3rd sub-paragraph of the NER 300 Decision, that is that an intangible asset is sold before it has remained five years in the establishment of the recipient,

the Project Sponsor shall be entitled only to the maximum amount of funding specified in the Adjusted Award Decision.

- (b) The Project Sponsor shall notify [insert details of competent authority of the Member State] of any event referred to in paragraph a) within one week of its occurrence, and

[insert details of competent authority of the Member State] will notify the Commission of any such event as specified in the Award Decision.

- (c) [insert details of competent authority of the Member State] shall adjust the [insert title of Legally Binding Instrument] in accordance with the Adjusted Award Decision. [insert details of competent authority of the Member State] and shall establish any funding paid to the Project exceeding the maximum amount of funding specified in the Adjusted Award Decision, and notify the Project Sponsor thereof, within one month of notification by the Commission of the Adjusted Award Decision.
- (d) Any funding paid to the Project Sponsor exceeding the maximum amount of funding specified in the Adjusted Award Decision shall be returned to [insert details of competent authority of the Member State] within three months of the notification pursuant to paragraph c).

7. Project failure

- (a) Where the Project, for other reasons than those set out in 5. definitively fails to enter into operation, or definitively ceases operation, the Project *ex nunc* loses its entitlement to receive funding under [insert title of Legally Binding Instrument].
- (b) The Project Sponsor shall notify [insert details of competent authority of the Member State] of any event that may lead to a situation referred to in paragraph a) within one week of its occurrence. [insert details of competent authority of the Member State] will determine whether or not the conditions referred to in paragraph a) are met and notify the Commission accordingly as specified in the Award Decision.
- (c) Based on the determination referred to in paragraph b), [insert details of competent authority of the Member State] shall calculate any Excess Funding as defined in Annex I in accordance with Annex I.3 and shall notify the Project Sponsor of any Excess Funding within one month of the notification referred to in paragraph b).
- (d) Any Excess Funding notified to the Project Sponsor in accordance with paragraph c) shall be returned to [insert details of competent authority of the Member State] within three months of the notification referred to under paragraph c).

8. Knowledge sharing I - General obligations

- (a) The Project Sponsor shall submit knowledge relating to the Project to the Commission in accordance with the specifications in paragraphs b) to g).
- (b) References to knowledge shall include the knowledge of the Project Sponsor and the knowledge of all project operators, consortium members, suppliers and subcontractors under the Project, and the Project Sponsor shall procure that all relevant agreements with any such party shall include an obligation on such party to provide such information to the Project Sponsor for the purpose of these knowledge sharing requirements.
- (c) The goals of knowledge sharing shall be:
 - (1) de-risking of CCS and/or RES with regard to scaling up to commercial size;

- (2) acceleration of the deployment of CCS and/or innovative RES;
 - (3) increasing the undertaking of, and confidence in, CCS and/or RES by the wider public; and
 - (4) maintenance of a competitive market for the post-demonstration deployment of CCS and/or RES technologies.
- (d) Subject to paragraph e), the following rules shall apply:
- (1) The Project Sponsor shall provide all relevant information described in the relevant table of Annex II to the Commission using a standard form knowledge reporting template to be designated and provided for such purpose by the Commission, together with any further information specified in such reporting template (the “**Relevant Knowledge**”);
 - (2) The Relevant Knowledge shall be provided to the Commission annually; all Relevant Knowledge in respect of a given disbursement period shall be provided to the Commission by 15 February of the following year;
 - (3) The Commission shall be entitled to share the Relevant Knowledge as follows:
 - (a) Level 1 - shared with all NER300 projects of the same category and with any other project which has agreed to share information with the Commission on terms equivalent to the terms of this Annex II (“**Level 1 Recipients**”);
 - (b) Level 2 - shared with the wider CCS and RES community (Member States, researchers, NGOs, international organisations and other projects) and, where appropriate, the public; and
 - (c) where it is necessary to achieve the goals referred to in paragraph c) above, Level 1 Relevant Knowledge may be aggregated by the Commission to be shared at Level 2, with the objective that the result can not be ascribed to individual projects, organisations or persons without their prior consent.
- (e) The Project Sponsor shall not be obliged to disclose information to the Commission to the extent that (and only for so long as) the disclosure of such information to or by the Commission would:
- (1) enable the reverse-engineering of the Project Sponsor’s Background technology; or
 - (2) prejudice the Project Sponsor’s ability to obtain patent or other registered intellectual property right protection (provided that the Project Sponsor wishes to obtain such protection and, if so, it shall not unreasonably delay seeking such protection).
- (f) The Project Sponsor shall provide details of any patents covering products or processes used in, or developed as a result of, the Project to such body as the Commission may designate for the purposes of establishing a library of patents relevant to CCS and RES projects, together with the terms (if any) on which the

Project Sponsor is prepared to license such patents, provided that subject to 9., nothing in this *[insert title of Legally Binding Instrument]* shall oblige the Project Sponsor to license such patents.

- (g) The Commission will confirm to *[insert details of competent authority of the Member State]* by 30 June each year whether the Project Sponsor has met his obligations under 8.
- (h) In addition to the requirements set out in paragraphs a) to g), if the Project is a CCS Project, the Project Sponsor is encouraged to join and maintain its membership of, the European CCS Demonstration Project Network for as long as the European CCS Demonstration Project Network is in existence.

9. Knowledge-sharing II - Intellectual Property Ownership and Licensing

- (a) For the purposes of this provision:
 - (1) “**Foreground**” means the results, including information, whether or not they can be protected, which are generated under the Project. Such results include rights related to copyright; design rights; patent rights; plant variety rights; or similar forms of protection; and
 - (2) “**Background**” means information which is held by the Project Sponsor prior to their accession to this agreement, as well as copyrights or other intellectual property rights pertaining to such information, the application for which has been filed before their accession to this agreement, and which is needed for carrying out the Project or for using foreground.
- (b) Foreground shall be the property of the Project Sponsor or the relevant consortium member, supplier or sub-contractor who developed it (each a “**Foreground Owner**”).
- (c) The Relevant Knowledge as defined in 8. may be copied and used for the purpose of the knowledge sharing described in 8. The Project Sponsor shall grant or procure the grant on request to any person entitled to receive Relevant Knowledge a royalty-free, non-exclusive, perpetual, irrevocable, worldwide licence for such purpose.
- (d) The Project Sponsor shall grant, and procure, through appropriate contractual arrangements, that any relevant Foreground Owner or assignee of the Foreground shall grant, where required by *[insert details of competent authority of the Member State]* pursuant to e) and without prejudice to f), a non-exclusive licence on terms that are commercially reasonable and compliant with all relevant regulatory obligations to use the Foreground arising from the Project for the purposes of implementing a project similar to the Project anywhere in the world provided that such licence is necessary for the implementation of such project.
- (e) *[insert details of competent authority of the Member State]* may require grant of a licence under paragraph d) where and to the extent that this is necessary to fulfil the requirements set out in Article 10a (8) of Directive 2003/87/EC, in Article 12 of the NER 300 Decision and in the Award Decision. Paragraph d) shall not imply any obligation on the Project Sponsor to grant or procure the grant of a licence of, or to disclose any Background used in the Project.

- (f) The Project Sponsor shall not be required to grant the licence required by paragraph d) to the extent that (and for so long as):
- (1) the grant of such licence or the exercise of the licensee's rights under the licence would prejudice the Project Sponsor's or any Foreground Owner's ability to obtain patent or other registered intellectual property right protection (provided that the Project Sponsor or relevant Foreground Owner wishes to obtain such protection and, if so, it shall not unreasonably delay seeking such protection); and
 - (2) in respect of licensing into a third country outside the European Union, the intellectual property laws and enforcement regime in such country do not provide equivalent protection to the intellectual property laws within European Union and the Project Sponsor has legitimate grounds for concern that it would not adequately be able to enforce its rights in respect of misuse of foreground if the licence were to be granted; this is without prejudice to any licensing requirements established at national level with regard to a Project which receives national funding in addition to NER 300 funding

10. Monitoring, verification and reporting

- (a) The Project Sponsor shall be responsible for monitoring, ensuring verification, and reporting of CO₂ stored in respect of CCS projects and of renewable energy produced in respect of RES projects in accordance with the provisions set out in Annex III.
- (b) In the reports referred to in Annex III 1.d), 2.c) and 3.f), the Project Sponsor shall also demonstrate compliance with the requirements under 9.

ANNEX I - Financial Information

1. Annual Funding Disbursement

The Annual Funding Disbursement to be paid by [insert details of competent authority of the Member State] to the Project for any given disbursement period shall be calculated by the [insert details of competent authority of the Member State] as follows:

A. CCS projects:

Annual Funding Disbursement is equal to the amount of CO₂ stored in the relevant disbursement period multiplied by the Funding Rate.

For the purposes of this Annex, the amount of CO₂ stored means tonnes of CO₂ stored by the Project in a relevant disbursement period as monitored, reported and verified pursuant to the requirements of Annex III of this [insert title of Legally Binding Instrument].

The Funding Rate in respect of the Project is [EUR []/[tonne of CO₂ stored] Funding Rate as specified in Award Decision]

B. RES projects:

Annual Funding Disbursement is equal to the amount of renewable energy produced in the relevant disbursement period multiplied by the Funding Rate.

For the purposes of this Annex, the amount of renewable energy produced means the amount of renewable energy produced by the Project in a relevant disbursement period as monitored, reported and verified to the satisfaction of the [insert details of competent authority of the Member State] pursuant to the requirements of Annex III of this [insert title of Legally Binding Instrument].

The Funding Rate in respect of the Project is [EUR []/[unit of renewable energy produced] Funding Rate as specified in Award Decision]

2. Adjusted Annual Funding Disbursement

In the case of upfront funding, any Adjusted Annual Funding Disbursement to be paid by the [insert details of competent authority of the Member State] to the Project for any given disbursement period shall be calculated by the [insert details of competent authority of the Member State] in the same manner as the Annual Funding Disbursement, provided that the reference to “Funding Rate” shall be deemed to be a reference to the “Adjusted Funding Rate.”

The Adjusted Funding Rate in respect of the Project is [EUR []/[tonne of CO₂ stored] [unit of renewable energy produced] Adjusted Funding Rate as specified in the Award Decision]

3. Excess Funding

(a) If the aggregate of any and all:

- (1) Annual Funding Disbursements;
- (2) Adjusted Annual Funding Disbursements; and

(3) Up-Front Funding Disbursement,

exceeds the lesser of:

- (1) the Maximum Funding Amount; or
- (2) the product of the Funding Rate (and not, for the avoidance of doubt, the Adjusted Funding Rate) and the amount of all *[renewable energy produced/tonnes of CO₂ stored]* by the Project in those disbursement periods for which the requirements of 8. a) to g), 9. and Annex II were met by the Project,

the amount of such excess represents an “**Excess Funding**”.

ANNEX II

Knowledge-Sharing Requirements

Categories and detail of information to be provided to the Commission pursuant to 8.:

(A) in respect of CCS Projects:

Knowledge Category	Further detail of information to be shared
Technical Set-up and Performance	<p>Shared with any Level 1 Recipient (Level 1):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To support further validation of CCS, sharing in Technical Set-up and Performance category is expected to be at the level of the various component processes and technologies deployed in the CCS value chain. It is anticipated that deployment of CCS technologies will be best advanced by the facilitation of exchange of information between demonstration plant developers/operators on experiences with, for example, individual air separation units, pipelines or CO₂ well design. The default position is that members agree to share as much information as possible on topics proposed by the Commission, unless there is a serious, legitimate and substantiated commercial concern.
	<p>Shared beyond the Level 1 Recipients (Level 2):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Average monthly performance of capture plus impacts of any changes to operating conditions (e.g. part load, start-up and shut-down) (MWh/tCO₂ captured, % capture rate) - Full load capture rate (%) - Average monthly performance of compressor over time plus impacts of any changes to operating conditions (MWh/tCO₂ compressed) - Average and maximum monthly flow rates for transport and storage (litres per second, or kg per second) - Average monthly availability (%) and hours operated of each step in value chain (i.e. capture, transport and storage) - Transient performance of overall system (start-up and shut-down time and losses) - Process efficiency (% , Lower Heating Value) - Electricity produced (MWh) - Electricity demand per MWh - Heat demand per MWh - Cooling demand per MWh

Knowledge Category	Further detail of information to be shared
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - % increase in fuel demand - CO2 captured annually (tCO2) - Composition of the CO2 stream and impacts of any changes to operating conditions (mainly CO2, H2S, H2O, O2, H2, NOx, SOx, in ppm) - Impact of key impurities on transport performance - Design overview of the CCS chain including key input and output streams to/from the chain - Questions for further research
Cost Levels ⁵	<p>Shared with any Level 1 Recipient (Level 1) and beyond the Level 1 Recipients (Level 2):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Additional investment costs due to application of CCS per step in the CCS value chain (i.e. capture, transport and storage) (€) - Additional operating costs (fixed and variable, excluding fuel) due to application of CCS per step in the CCS value chain (€) - Incremental costs per unit of performance (€/per tCO2 stored, €/per MWh⁶, or €/per unit of industrial output) - Level of additional costs due to demo project requirements
Project Management	<p>Shared with any Level 1 Recipient (Level 1):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lessons learned and experiences in obtaining permits and negotiating legislative considerations (steps, roles, time-frame) - Stakeholder engagement, including public communication strategies - Project planning issues, including progress against key milestones and their interdependencies - Risk management and allocation strategies (risk ranking, and statistical inputs) - Lessons learned and experiences from storage site identification, assessment, exploration and monitoring

⁵ It is important to stress that no price, cost or technical data shall be shared between or by Level 1 Recipients that could impair the markets in which Level 1 Recipients participate in accordance with Article 101 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

⁶ Limitation: To be provided to the EC for analysis only. Individual electricity production costs exempted from sharing with other members.

Knowledge Category	Further detail of information to be shared
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lessons learned and experiences in consortium management (roles and governance model) - Lessons learned and experiences in integration of and interfaces between capture, transport and storage - Lessons learned and experiences in how to finance, insure and minimise risk for a full CCS project <p>Shared beyond the Level 1 Recipients (Level 2):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - aggregated information on good practices in the above areas
Environmental Impact	<p>Shared with any Level 1 Recipient (Level 1) and beyond the Level 1 Recipients (Level 2):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - electricity production and auto consumption with and without CCS (MWh) - Utilisation of plant with and without CCS (hours) - Fuel type used and CO₂ equivalent content - Plot sizes required per step in the CCS value chain (m³) - Types of solvents and chemicals used and their environmental characteristics - Gaseous emissions (other than CO₂) (kg per MWh) - Increase in consumption of water, solvents and chemicals due to CCS (kg per MWh) - Losses and leakage from CO₂ transport (% CO₂, or kg per MWh) - Impact on geology (e.g. reaction with rock and cap rock integrity due to pressure levels). Evolution in soil gas measurement and atmospheric concentrations at multiple locations - Reduction of CO₂ emissions (tCO₂ per MWh, or tCO₂ per unit output) - CO₂ migration (freshwater contamination or soil acidity) - Behaviour of displaced brine through CO₂ injection and behaviour of the CO₂ plume and pressure front in comparison to simulations - Other key environmental impacts - Questions for further research

Knowledge Category	Further detail of information to be shared
Health and Safety	<p>Shared with any Level 1 Recipient (Level 1) and beyond the Level 1 Recipients (Level 2):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Safety incidents in disturbed operation (location, output, impact, environmental emissions, cause of incident, resolution measures taken, key lessons learned) - Health issues in regular/undisturbed operation (e.g. hazardous substances or situations and their potential impacts) - Near misses (location, output, cause, measures taken, key lessons learned) - Description of monitoring and resolution systems to track safety - Number of incidents per hour operated, per step in the CCS value chain
CCS Storage site performance	<p>Shared with any Level 1 Recipient (Level 1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - models and simulations (development CO2 plume - pressure front) - history match results and adjustments (decision: normal within a deviation range or significant irregularity that needs action) - behaviour of displaced brine through CO2 injection

(B) in respect of RES Projects:

Knowledge Category	Further detail of information to be shared
Technical Set-up and Performance	<p>Shared with any Level 1 Recipient (Level 1):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- To support further validation of renewables, sharing in Technical Set-up and Performance category is expected to be at the level of the various component processes and technologies deployed. It is anticipated that deployment of renewable technologies will be best advanced by the facilitation of exchange of information between developers/operators . The default position is that members agree to share as much information as possible on topics proposed by the Commission, unless there is a serious, legitimate and substantiated commercial concern. <p>Shared beyond the Level 1 Recipients (Level 2):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Outline plant design and operating approach- Average monthly performance compared to target, including reliability and causes of downtime plus impacts of any changes to operating conditions (e.g. part load, start-up and shut-down)- Data acquisition methods- Electricity produced (MWh) and/or product(s) made (litres, tonnes or cubic metres)- Energy used, produced and exported- If applicable, mass balance showing key inputs and outputs- If applicable, quality of product(s) compared to specification, including reasons for any non-compliance- Questions for further research
Cost Levels ⁷	<p>Shared with any Level 1 Recipient (Level 1) and beyond the Level 1 Recipients (Level 2):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Investment costs (€)- Operating costs (€ fixed and variable)- Cost per unit of output (€/per unit)

⁷ It is important to stress that no price, cost or technical data shall be shared between or by Level 1 Recipients that could impair the markets in which Level 1 Recipients participate in accordance with Article 101 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

Knowledge Category	Further detail of information to be shared
Project Management	<p>Shared with any Level 1 Recipient (Level 1):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lessons learned and experiences in obtaining planning permission and negotiating legislative considerations (steps, roles, time-frame) - Stakeholder engagement, including public communication strategies - Project planning issues, including progress against key milestones and their interdependencies - Risk management and allocation strategies (risk ranking, and statistical inputs) - Lessons learned and experiences in consortium management (roles and governance model) - Lessons learned and experiences in how to finance, insure and minimise risk for a full project
	<p>Shared beyond the Level 1 Recipients (Level 2):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - aggregated information on good practices in the above areas
Environmental Impact	<p>Shared with any Level 1 Recipient (Level 1) and beyond the Level 1 Recipients (Level 2):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Methods of transport and the associated environmental impact - Visual impact on the landscape and associated issues (where applicable) - Impact on cultural heritage (where applicable) - Impact on communication networks (where applicable) - Impact on designated ecological and environmental receptors - Impact on connecting to the national grid using under/over ground cables - Impact on geology, aquifers and water sources - Emissions to the environment (gaseous, liquid, solid) in both undisturbed and disturbed operation - Other significant environmental impacts - Reduction of CO₂ emissions (total, and per unit of output) by comparison with reference plant or product - Questions for further research

Knowledge Category	Further detail of information to be shared
Health and Safety	<p>Shared with any Level 1 Recipient (Level 1) and beyond the Level 1 Recipients (Level 2):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Safety incidents in disturbed operation (location, output, impact, environmental emissions, cause of incident, resolution measures taken, key lessons learned) - Health issues in regular/undisturbed operation (e.g. hazardous substances or situations and their potential impacts) - Near misses (location, output, cause, measures taken, key lessons learned) - Description of monitoring and resolution systems to track safety - Number of incidents per hour operated, per step in the value chain

ANNEX III

Monitoring, Verification and Reporting of CO₂ Stored in respect of CCS Projects and Renewable Energy Produced in respect of RES Projects

1. CO₂ stored in respect of CCS Projects
 - (a) The amount of tonnes of CO₂ stored in respect of the Project for the relevant disbursement period is the amount of CO₂ injected for the purpose of storage in accordance with the requirements set out in Directive 2009/31/EC on the geological storage of CO₂. This shall be determined by subtracting from the amount of tonnes of CO₂ received by the installation permitted to store CO₂ pursuant to [*national law implementing Directive 2009/31/ EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2009 on the geological storage of carbon dioxide*]:
 - (1) fugitive emissions;
 - (2) venting emissions pre-injection and from Enhanced Hydrocarbon Recovery;
 - (3) any amount of CO₂ transferred to another installation pre-injection,all as monitored according to Article 14(1) of Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 October 2003 establishing a scheme for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading within the Community, the “**EU ETS Directive**” and submitted in the verified emission report pursuant to Articles 14(3) and 15 of the EU ETS Directive.
 - (b) The information referred to in paragraph a) shall be verified by an accredited verifier pursuant to Article 15(1) of the EU ETS Directive.
 - (c) The Member State shall ensure that the verifier as referred to in paragraph b) carries out cross checks between the information as referred to in paragraph a) and the documentation of the amount of CO₂ stored as retained by the operator of the storage facility according to the monitoring and reporting regulation.
 - (d) The Project Sponsor shall submit by 31st March each year to [*insert details of competent authority of the Member State*]:
 - (1) a report which sets out the amount of tonnes of CO₂ stored in respect of the CCS Project and the method used by the Project Sponsor to determine the amount of tonnes of CO₂ stored as referred to in paragraphs a) and b);
 - (2) the annual emission report verified according to Article 15 of the EU ETS Directive that was used to determine the amount of tonnes of CO₂ stored;
 - (3) a report on any discrepancies found in the cross check as referred to in paragraph c); and
 - (4) a report on the overall implementation of the Project including on any significant problems that have arisen and on whether the Project has been carried out according to the technical specifications and project boundaries set out in this [*insert title of Legally Binding Instrument*].

(e) The Project Sponsor shall provide to [insert details of competent authority of the Member State] any and all additional information required by [insert details of the competent authority of the Member State] to:

- (1) review the reports referred to in paragraph d); and
- (2) assess whether the data in the two reports referred to in paragraph d)(1) and (2) correspond.

(f) In case of discrepancies found in the assessment of the data by [insert details of the competent authority of the Member State] as referred to in paragraph d) the definitive amount of tonnes of CO₂ stored by the Project for the purposes of the NER 300 Decision shall be notified by the Member State to the Project Sponsor within two months of receipt of the verified report referred to at paragraph d)(2).

2. Renewable energy produced by RES Projects excluding the subcategories of bioenergy project as referred to in paragraph 3

[The provisions of this paragraph apply to all RES Projects with the exception of those that fall within the provisions of paragraph (3) of this Annex III.]

(a) The Project Sponsor shall ensure the Project installation is an installation producing renewable energy in accordance with the requirements of Directive 2009/28/EC on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources (the “**Renewable Energy Directive**”).

(b) The amount of renewable energy produced by the Project for the relevant disbursement period shall be determined in accordance with the regime established pursuant to the Renewable Energy Directive in order to measure the production of all renewable energy eligible to count towards the national targets set out in the Renewable Energy Directive.

(c) The Project Sponsor shall submit by 31st March each year to [insert details of competent authority of the Member State] a report which includes:

- (1) the amount of renewable energy produced in respect of the relevant disbursement period by [insert relevant date];
- (2) confirmation that the renewable energy was produced from the Project as set out in the Award Decision; and
- (3) information on the overall implementation of the Project including on any significant problems that have arisen and on whether the Project has been carried out according to the technical specifications set out in [insert title of Legally Binding Instrument]

in respect of the Project.

(d) Where biofuels and bioliquids, defined in accordance with the provisions of the Renewable Energy Directive, are used to produce renewable energy in respect of the Project, the Project Sponsor shall include in the report referred to in sub-paragraph 2.c), proof that the sustainability criteria imposed by [insert details of national law

implementing Articles 17 and 18 the Renewable Energy Directive] have been fulfilled and that the relevant information has been audited according to *[insert details of national law implementing Article 18 (3) of the Renewable Energy Directive]*, including the statement of the auditor.

- (e) The Project Sponsor shall provide to *[insert details of the competent authority of the Member State]* any and all additional information required by *[insert details of the competent authority of the Member State]* to:
- (1) review the report referred to in paragraph c); and
 - (2) assesses whether the amount of renewable energy produced by the Project stated in the report corresponds with the quantities as measured by *[insert details of the competent authority of the Member State]* in respect of the regime applied for determining compliance with the Renewable Energy Directive.
- (f) In case of discrepancies found in the assessment of the data by *[insert details of the competent authority of the Member State]*, the definitive amount of renewable energy produced by the Project for the purposes of the NER 300 Decision shall be notified by the Member State to the Project Sponsor within two months of receipt of the verified report referred to at paragraph c).

3. Renewable energy produced by certain bioenergy Projects

[The provisions under 3. apply to the following sub-categories of bioenergy RES Projects set out in Annex I of the NER300 Decision.]

- (1) Lignocellulose to intermediate solid, liquid or slurry bioenergy carriers via pyrolysis with capacity 40 kt/y (kilo tonnes per year) of the final product; and
 - (2) Lignocellulose to intermediate solid, liquid or slurry bioenergy carriers via torrefaction with capacity 40 kt/y (kilo tonnes per year) of the final product.]
- (a) The Project Sponsor shall comply with methodology described in the Application Forms completed by the Project Sponsor in respect of the Award “**NER300 Application Forms**” in order to determine the amount of renewable energy produced by the Project for the relevant disbursement period, which shall be approved by *[insert details of the competent authority of the Member State]*.
- (b) The amount of renewable energy produced shall be expressed in MWh. The output is expressed in Kg in respect of solids, litres in respect of liquids and Nm₃ in respect of gases.
- (c) The amount of renewable energy produced shall be verified by an external party approved by *[insert details of the competent authority of the Member State]* to ensure that the data is accurate and reliable.
- (d) The verifier referred to in paragraph c) shall verify that the amount of renewable energy reported is accurate and in line with the monitoring methodology as approved by *[insert details of the competent authority of the Member State]*. The verifier shall verify whether the renewable energy was produced from the Project as set out in the Award Decision.

- (e) The verifier referred to in paragraph c) shall have the necessary competence and technical ability to perform the verification of the amount of renewable energy produced.
- (f) The Project Sponsor shall submit by 31 March of each year to [*insert details of the competent authority of the Member State*] a report which includes the following information in respect of the Project:
- (1) the verified amount of renewable energy produced;
 - (2) the method used to determine the amount of renewable energy produced;
 - (3) the energy source from which the renewable energy was produced and the start and end dates of the production of the renewable energy;
 - (4) the identity of, location, type and capacity of the installation where the renewable energy was produced;
 - (5) proof that the sustainability criteria have been met according to [*insert details of national law implementing Articles 17 and 18 of the Renewable Energy Directive*] and that the relevant information has been audited according to [*insert details of national law implementing Article 18 (3) of the Renewable Energy Directive*], including the statement of the auditor;
 - (6) statement of the verifier as referred to in paragraph c); and
 - (7) information on the overall implementation of the Project including on any significant problems that have arisen and on whether the Project has been carried out according to the technical specifications set out in this [*insert title of Legally Binding Instrument*].
- (g) The Project Sponsor shall provide to [*insert details of the competent authority of the Member State*] any and all additional information required by [*insert details of the competent authority of the Member State*] to review the report referred to in paragraph f).
- (h) In case of discrepancies found in the assessment of the data by [*insert details of the competent authority of the Member State*] the definitive amount of renewable energy produced by the Project for the purposes of the NER300 Decision shall be notified by the Member State to the Project Sponsor within two months of receipt of the verified report referred to at paragraph f).