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**CLARIFICATION
to call for tender
ENV.C.3/SER/2009/0066**

Task 4 (page 4) of the call with reference ENV.C.3/SER/2009/0066 reads as follows:

4. Assessment of the greenhouse gas impacts (including drainage) of cultivation and harvesting of raw material for agriculture and forestry on peatlands, compared with a reference scenario. This shall include:

- a. Assessment of differential impacts, depending on the initial state of the peatland (undrained, partially drained, degraded), and on the depth of peat (in particular distinguishing between peat that is more than 20 cm deep and peat that is less than 20 cm deep)***
- b. Reference medium to long term scenarios including carbon gain and loss in the absence of cultivation. The contractors will assess whether peatland remediation can be a reference scenario in some cases.***
- c. Assessment of annual impact and total impacts***
- d. Impacts on adjacent and downstream areas***
- e. Impact of drainage intensity and permanence on the emissions***
- f. Emission factors for artificial fertilizer applied on drained peatland***

With respect to this task 4 I have the following questions:

- Peats with a depth of 20 cm are not classified on maps as peats because peats should have a minimum depth of 40 cm. Therefore should the 20 cm not be changed in 40 cm?**

In assessing the impacts point 4a of the terms of reference states "*in particular distinguishing between peat that is more than 20 cm deep and peat that is less than 20 cm deep*". This wording does not preclude also making other distinctions such as between peat that is more than 40cm deep. However, what this part of the terms of reference is seeking to understand is how different factors will influence the impacts. The depth of peat is considered to be one of the relevant factors. It is not relevant to this assessment, whether or not such peat is shown on maps as peatland.

- In the first sentence it is mentioned "*compared with a reference scenario*". What is this reference scenario, is it January 2008 as mentioned in the short description of the call or another date?**

The statement referred to: "*compared with a reference scenario*", refers to the situation where cultivation and harvesting of raw materials for agriculture and forestry, including the drainage, would not have taken place.

- Does task 4 refer to the European or to the global situation?**

Task 4 refers to the global situation.