

Oslo, 26. juni 2009

## Assurance report

To: The management of MinKvote Arne Vasli Lund Søråas

### *Scope of Engagement*

We have been engaged by the management of MinKvote Arne Vasli Lund Søråas to perform an independent limited assurance of the quantitative information in their Carbon Trading Report 2008.

A limited assurance engagement is aimed at obtaining a limited level of assurance for our conclusions. The evidence gathering procedures are more limited than for a reasonable assurance engagement, and therefore less assurance is obtained than in a reasonable assurance engagement.

Our limited assurance engagement has been planned and performed in accordance with SA 3000 (ISAE 3000) 'Assurance Engagements other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information'. We do not provide any assurance relating to future information such as estimates, expectations or targets, or their achievability.

### *Limitations in our review*

Our review was limited to quantitative data provided in the Carbon Trading Report 2008. The quantitative data includes the company's carbon balance (credits purchased and sold in 2008) as well as the corresponding cancellation of sold credits. The review did not cover MinKvote Arne Vasli Lund Søråas' management systems, nor qualitative statements or claims in the Carbon Trading Report 2008. We have not tested previous years' data.

### *Criteria*

We assessed the Carbon Trading Report 2008 against MinKvote's Internal Guidelines for 2008. We believe that these criteria are suitable for our assurance engagement.

### *The management's responsibility*

Management is responsible for the preparation of the report and the information therein in accordance with the criteria mentioned above. This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation of a Carbon Trading Report 2008 that is free of material misstatements, selecting and applying appropriate reporting policies and using measurement methods and estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances. The choices made by management, the scope of this report and the reporting

policy, including any inherent limitations that could affect the reliability of information, are described in the report.

*The auditor's responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion with regard to the Carbon Trading Report 2008 based on the engagement described/outlined above. We conducted our limited assurance engagement in accordance with standards for assurance engagements generally accepted in Norway, as issued by the International Federation of Accountants and Den norske Revisorforening (DnR).

Our responsibility in performing our review is to the management of MinKvote Arne Vasli Lund Søråas only.

*Procedures*

We have performed all the procedures deemed necessary to obtain the evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our conclusions. Our main procedures were:

obtaining an understanding of the business and the systems and methods used to collect, process and consolidate the reported information, including the related internal controls through interviews with the company officers responsible for the report

performing further procedures based on a risk analysis in order to substantiate the quantitative information in the report, by a combination of analytical procedures including recalculations, document review and inquiries. This includes interviews with the company officers responsible and evaluating relevant internal and external sources of information, including documented cancellations from the suppliers of credits.

*Conclusions*

Based on our procedures performed to obtain a limited assurance and taking into account the choices made by MinKvote Arne Vasli Lund Søråas as reflected in the reporting policy, nothing came to our attention that causes us to believe that the quantitative information in the Carbon Trading Report 2008 of MinKvote Arne Vasli Lund Søråas, in all material respects, does not provide a reliable and sufficient representation of the company's carbon trade during 2008.

Oslo, June 26, 2009  
Ernst & Young AS



Terje Klepp

State authorised public accountant

May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009

## Carbon Trading Report 2008

Søraas Miljø- og Legevirkosmhet Org. Nr. 882 979 962

*Søraas Miljø- og legevirkosmhet's activity linked to the purchase and sale of Certified Emission Reductions (CERs)<sup>1</sup> is performed under its MinKvote brand name.*

The purpose of this report is to provide MinKvote's customers, and its other stakeholders, with a guarantee that its guidelines govern that it:

- Always has least as many CERs as it sells;
- Documents the CERs' issuance (registration numbers); and
- Documents that its CER brokers commit to voiding the CERs that they sell to MinKvote.

This report outlines the following:

- MinKvote's routines for the purchase and sale of CERs; and
- An overview of its operations.

### 2008

MinKvote started its operations on November 15, 2007 by purchasing 100 CER's. This management report and Ernst & Young's independent assurance report covers the period January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008.

According to MinKvote's guidelines (see attachment 1),

- All purchased "Climate Quotas" are UN approved CDM quotas (CERs);
- It must have written agreements with these suppliers governing CER purchases and their respective voiding from the UN Registry; and
- MinKvote must have purchased the CERs, before the CERs can, in turn, be sold to MinKvote's customers.

MinKvote had a positive balance of 233 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent 31. December 2007.  
In 2008, MinKvote purchased and cancelled CER's totaling 1180 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent.

MinKvote has received the following confirmations from its brokers governing the voiding of Min Kvote's purchased CERs.

CERs purchased in 2007 and canceled in 2008:

CDM Project nr 0190: Moema Bagasse Cogeneration Project 300 Tonnes  
(Registration Numbers: BR-5-368422-1-1-0-190 to BR-5-3684522-1-1-0-190)

CERs purchased in 2008 and canceled in 2008:

CDM Project nr 0190: Moema Bagasse Cogeneration Project 200 Tonnes  
(Registration Numbers: BR-5-3683823-1-1-0-190 to BR-5-3684022-1-1-0-190)

CDM Project nr 0190: Moema Bagasse Cogeneration Project 200 Tonnes  
(Registration Numbers: BR-5-3684023-1-1-0-190 to BR-5-3684222-1-1-0-190)

CDM Project nr 1318: Fujian Zhangpu Liua0 45MW Wind Power Project 200 tonnes  
(Transaction nr: CH 864)

CDM Project nr 0744: Bundeled Wind Power Project in Satara & Supa (Maharashtra in India) Managed by Tata Motors Ltd. 580 tonnes  
(Transaction nr: CH 948)

<sup>1</sup> 1 CER is 1 ton CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent

During 2008, MinKvote sold 1144 CERs from the following projects:

CDM Project nr 0744: Bio-Energy, Malavilli India. 30 Tonnes

CDM Project nr 0190: Moema Bagasse Cogeneration Project. 601 Tonnes

CDM Project nr 0744: Bundeled Wind Power Project in Satara & Supa (Maharashtra in India) Managed by  
Tata Motors Ltd. 513 tonnes

On December 31, 2008, MinKvote had a positive balance of 269 CERs.

MinKvote has followed its internal guidelines during the entire reporting period.



Camilla Soraas



Arne Soraas



## *Attachment 1*

### **MinKvote's Internal Guidelines for 2008**

Routines for the use of Søråas Miljø- og Legevirkosomhet- MinKvote's Carbon Account.  
Org. nr 882 979 962.

#### **Responsible for the Routine**

Manager

#### **Validity**

These routines are valid for a one year period. They will be reviewed together with the annual review of the carbon account. The next scheduled review is on December 1, 2009.

#### **Purpose of Routines**

The purpose of these routines are to document that MinKvote purchases at least as many CERs as it sells.

#### **Carbon Account**

The Carbon Account is a part of MinKvote's internet-based business (see [www.minkvote.no](http://www.minkvote.no)). The website has a counting system in a database that generates carbon certificates and has the descriptor "Karbonkonto." It can also contain a description of the type of carbon certificate that is in the account. The account is automatically updated when quotas are sold. When CERs are purchased, the account is manually updated by entering the website's administration pages. Certificates are denominated in "tonn CO2 equivalent."

#### **Bank Account**

All purchases and sales of quotas shall transpire via MinKvote's bank account (1503.01.87773 in DnBNOR).

#### **Independent Verification**

An independent, third party shall assure that these guidelines are followed. The independent, third party has the right to conduct controls at its discretion. MinKvote's management will comply with the third party's requests. Ernst & Young AS will provide the independent assurance for 2008.

#### **Annual Carbon Account Review**

An independent, third party will review MinKvote's CarbonAccount at least once at year together with MinKvote. MinKvote will supply the independent, third party with the following:

- Bank Account Statements
- **CER Purchases:** Agreements with CER brokers, including the price of the CERs, CER registration numbers, payment dates, and other payment documentation, as well as the documentation that demonstrates that the CERs will be voided from the UN CDM Registry.
- **CER Sales:** A list over the sold CERs, including purchaser's name, size of purchase, CER project type, and payment received. MinKvote retains copies of customers' MinKvote certificates and payment giro.

#### **CER Sales**

CERs can only be sold after MinKvote has a written agreement with a serious supplier and the payment to the supplier has been transferred from MinKvote's bank account.

#### **Registration of CER Sales**

CER sales are registered after payment has been received from the customer.