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Welcome to the second CBLA Newsletter!

Welcome to our second newsletter and our first for 2004. Before we proceed I would first like to wish all our members a happy and successful new year and may all your goals be achieved this year.

In this newsletter, we will be taking a detailed look at two key information and capacity-building activities being undertaken by the project: the Durban Cleaner Production/Technology Centre, and the GHG Information Clearing House. Results of the 2nd Project Steering Committee meeting are also discussed.

Please note that a copy of this newsletter will be placed on the CBLA website (www.cbla.org.za). This website is now being upgraded from its original "placeholder" status, and this will be done concurrently with development of the Clearing House website (see below).

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What Has Happened Since the Last Newsletter?

The project has made progress in a number of areas since the last newsletter in August/September 2003. Here is a brief summary of what we have been doing:

- Implementation of a further ten walkthrough energy/emissions audits, for a total of 24.
- Presentations to companies receiving these audits.
- Development of agreements with five companies wishing to pursue more detailed feasibility studies, of which 3 are now proceeding to the study stage.
- The 2nd Project Steering Committee meeting on 25 November, 2003.
- Review and finalisation of the energy/emissions audit protocol for CAIA.
- Continuing consultations with other donors and organisations in the CDM field, including DANIDA, Natsource, ICECAP and SSN.
- Preparation and vetting of a Concept Document for the CDM/GHG Clearinghouse, followed by drafting of a revised version.
- Drafting of a unit standard for GHG emissions assessment.
- Finalisation of unit standards for energy efficiency/management training, a process in which CBLA is a participant/advisor.
- Drafting of an agreement with MEETI for collaboration on a course on CDM policy and planning.
- Proposal to NBI for a scoping workshop on Developing the Business Case for GHG Emissions Mitigation.
- Finalisation of the scoping study for a Clean Technology Centre for the South Durban Basin.

- Discussions with the Chamber of Mines re: a voluntary reporting/targeting programme.
- Discussions with CIPEC/Canada concerning a possible series of workshops on voluntary initiatives.

Project Steering Committee Meeting

CBLA held its second Project Steering Committee (PSC) meeting on 26 November 2003. The main purpose of the meeting was to:

- ? Provide updates on the annual work plan
- ? Review issues identified by the project team and PSC members
- ? Initiate discussion on CBLA's (PMF) Performance Management Framework; and
- ? Strengthen management mechanisms.

Members were updated on the progress against the CBLA Annual Work Plan. The CBLA project team gave presentations on key strategic issues such as:

- ? Partnerships
- ? Outcomes
- ? Audits and Feasibility Studies
- ? Voluntary Programmes and;
- ? Cross-cutting themes, including gender & equity.

The following partners gave presentations and updated members on their activities related to the project.

CAIA

CAIA and CBLA have worked on an energy audit protocol which is to be incorporated into the CAIA Responsible Care programme. CAIA have now revised the draft prepared by CBLA and are awaiting comments from CBLA.

CAIA has also offered to work with environmental departments on immision data and all members of the institute of SA will participate in this work environmental department.

CTELC

The Board of CTELC has nominated Ms. Pat Foure to represent the Clothing and Textile Industries on behalf of TEXTFED (Textile Federation).

The industry is interested in investigating the idea of voluntary programmes and is also assisting CBLA in locating more suitable textile manufacturers for audits.

DCCI

Mr. Ian Naidoo representing the DCCI reported that since 1990 the cement industry has been actively involved in the reduction of CO2 emissions and is recognised internationally as a sector which is pro-active in meeting the requirements and targets of Kyoto.



DCCI has given full support to CBLA's work in Durban and in particular the development of a Cleaner Production Centre for the South Durban Industrial Basin.

FEMA

Mozambique presently have a very small and underdeveloped industry sector. However, they are gradually developing an awareness of environmental problems and have a strong commitment to emission reduction. Unfortunately this awareness is not supported by government regulation as yet. Therefore the main issue for Mozambique is Capacity Building.

FEMA is strongly encouraging Capacity Building in Mozambique and intends to cooperate with CBLA to develop training material and awareness programmes to address these needs.

SAB

CBLA has conducted two energy audits for SAB. One was at the Alrode plant and the other at Prospecton in Durban. The results of these audits have been extremely useful to SAB and many of the recommendations from the audit reports are already being implemented.

SAB are currently happy as these audits have been useful as it has helped SAB to develop a global climate change strategy. SAB is currently working with CBLA to develop a GHG mitigation project at one of the two plants based on the audit recommendations.

DBSA

Mr. Rob Short is currently involved in the Carbon Finance section of DBSA which has been re-assigned to the Agency Branch.

DBSA is targeting a variety of potential carbon mitigation projects, funded primarily through its partnership with the World Bank's Prototype Carbon Fund, but is particularly interested in small scale projects.

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CBLA has received a list of seven prospective industries from the Chamber of Mines and have started booking audits which should start in the first quarter of 2004

CBLA is also working with the Chamber on a voluntary programme, based on a Chamber initiative called Coaltech 20/20. This is a programme for reporting GHG emissions, but is presently limited to the coal mining sector. CBLA's objective is to expand the concept and practice of voluntary reporting to the mining sector as a whole, using the Chamber as a vehicle to do this.

In the first newsletter, we provided detailed information on two of items: (i) the Walkthrough Audit Programme and (ii) the Capacity-Building Programme. In this newsletter, we are focusing on two other activities, (i) The GHG Clearing House, and (ii) Voluntary Initiatives. Please write or call us if you have questions about any of our activities.

Durban Cleaner Production/Technology Centre

CBLA has been working in the Durban (eThekweni) metropolitan area since early 2003, in collaboration with the Durban Chamber of Commerce & Industry, the eThekweni city government, and another Canadian programme called the Sustainable Cities Initiative (SCI).

A significant new development has emerged from this 4-way partnership: the creation of a Cleaner Production/Technology Centre for the greater Durban area, modelled on a number of successful centres in Europe, North America and elsewhere.

As we write, the development of the Centre has entered a new phase. A preliminary feasibility study, supported by SCI and CBLA and completed at the end of January 2004, resulted in a recommendation to proceed with the implementation of the Centre, to be located either in the South Durban Industrial Basin, or in central Durban. To facilitate community and industry involvement in the final development stage, the study recommended a stakeholder workshop be held to review the overall concept and provide a basis for a more detailed business plan.

The workshop is now scheduled for late March/early April, and the Business Plan is expected to be completed by mid-April. Following this, eThekweni will be asked to provide seed financing, possibly augmented by support from other government departments such as DTI and/or the National Cleaner Production Centre programme being run by CSIR.

Once established, the Centre is expected to provide an important focal point for information dissemination on such crucial issues as:

- ✍ International experience and practice on cleaner production.
- ✍ Programmes supporting cleaner production, energy efficiency and environmentally appropriate technologies.
- ✍ Impact of atmospheric and other emissions on health and well-being in the Durban area.
- ✍ Opportunities for collaboration and exchange between industry and community.
- ✍ Examples of community/industry cooperation from other countries and regions.

Ultimately, the Centre may also be able to provide support services, e.g. cleaner production audits and assessments, or guidance and inputs to the local environmental impact assessment processes.

CBLA's role in developing the Centre is admittedly short-term, but it is hoped that the project can continue to provide information and linkages in the area of GHG mitigation and energy efficiency in particular, for the remaining year of its operation.

Clearing House Project

This activity was mandated by stakeholders during the Inception Phase, the key concept being to develop a Clearing House for CDM and GHG projects.

The original concept of the Clearing House referred primarily to its functions as a knowledge centre for information on greenhouse gas mitigation projects in South Africa. After the inception phase, CBLA worked with a sister CDM project, South-SouthNorth, to further develop the project concept.

In November, CBLA and SSN tabled an ambitious and detailed Concept Document, proposing that the Clearing House be expanded from a simple knowledge centre to a facility for purchasing and transacting carbon credits on behalf of project developers—a "sellers' clearinghouse", in contrast to the many buyer's pools and clearinghouses being set up in the industrial countries.



This document was reviewed by a working group of 6 persons from the financial, NGO, industry and donor sectors. Afterwards, it was further reviewed by CBLA's Project Steering Committee. The following is a summary of the comments received regarding the Concept Document:

- ? The Clearing House must provide access to existing service providers in this sector and not compete against them.
- ? It should exclude financial services as these are provided by banks and financial institutions.
- ? The concept of a financial or carbon credit Clearing House for sellers (i.e. project developers) is too ambitious and risky.
- ? The Clearing House should look at what the DNA (Designated National authority) is planning to do and not compete with it.
- ? The Clearing House should be a virtual concept which provides and disseminate information. The purpose is to put buyers and sellers in touch with each other.
- ? What advantage does the Clearing House provide compared to other websites or information sources? This must be clear before the concept is finalized.
- ? Capacity Building through the Clearing House should become part of the project's overall skills development strategy.
- ? Users of the Clearing House should be able to find out quickly about other developers of GHG mitigation projects and use this information to create their own opportunities.
- ? Bench-marks on GHG mitigation in particular and energy efficiency in general should be posted on the website, to provide guiding principles for project developers.

These and many other comments from the PSC and the working group were used to generate a second draft of the Concept Document, which was issued at the end of January 2004. The revision was approved in February and as this edition of the newsletter went to press, a review of proposals from website development consultants was in progress, with the aim of having a preliminary Clearing House website on-line by the end of April 2004.

Additions to the CBLA project team

Since the last newsletter, CBLA has gained one member and lost another. Rinky Mjekula, our Office Administrator, left CBLA in October to take up residence in the U.K., and has been replaced by Pelmar Mamburu. Pelmar is an experienced administrator who previously worked for Nova Group Limited. She will continue to be the main point of contact for us and will be responsible for all our financial and administrative activities. Welcome aboard, Pelmar!

CBLA is also in the process of recruiting new staff for the 2004-5 fiscal year. In accordance with the Annual Work Plan, the project's Senior Technical Officer (Vincent Donato) will be return-

ing to Canada and be replaced by a local person performing the same work. Advertisements for this position were placed in South African newspapers in December, and also advertised on the web and through email lists, as well as in several industry association newsletters. As a result, the project was able to develop a shortlist of six qualified persons, who were interviewed during February. The final selection is expected to be made by the end of March, and thereafter, the new recruit will work with Vince Donato for approximately two months to ensure a smooth transition.

The project also hopes to hire a number of apprentices or learners to work on energy audits and development of GHG emissions projects. This will be done following the hiring of the new STO.

Information Scan: GHG Clearing Houses and Information Centres

In this second issue of the newsletter, we thought it would be appropriate to give our readers and partners an indication of the kinds of web-based information centres we have been surveying as part of the development of the Clearing House (see article above).

Many international organisations and national governments have recognised the need for a central source of information on climate change and GHG mitigation activities. Some of these provide information on national policies and on progress in reducing greenhouse gas emissions, while others focus on providing basic educational information on climate change and the impact of the greenhouse gas effect.

Some of the more prominent examples of this include (with website addresses):

Canadian Centre for Pollution Prevention
www.c2p2online.com
 Environment Canada
www.climatechange.gc.ca
 BC Climate Exchange
www.bcclimateexchange.ca/index
 Natural Resources Canada
www.climatechange.nrcan.gc.ca
 CRC for Greenhouse Accounting
www.greenhouse.crc.org.au
 CIDA (Canadian International Development Agency)
www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/climatechange
 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
www.unfccc.org
 (CEAA) Canadian Environmental Assessment
www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca

The CBLA-SSN Clearing House website will provide links to most of these, serving as a one-stop shop for persons in South Africa seeking such information.

Information Scan will continue to be a regular feature of the CBLA Newsletter, in which we try to bring our colleagues and stakeholders a wide range of information links and sources in the climate change field. Please feel free to suggest any links or sources which you have found useful.



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