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PROJECT PROPOSAL: DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

This document includes the comments and recommendations from the Fund Secretariat on the following project:

Refrigeration

- Elimination of CFCs 11 and 12 in the manufacture of unitary commercial refrigeration equipment at Fabrica de Refrigeradores Comerciales, C.A. (Farco)

UNDP

SECTOR:	Refrigeration	ODS use in sector (1996):	53.17 ODP tonnes
Sub-sector cost-effectiveness thresholds:	Commercial		15.21 US \$/kg

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Project Data	Commercial
	Farco
ODS phase-out (ODP tonnes)	31.75
Proposed project duration (Yrs)	2
Incremental capital cost (US\$)	245,600
Contingency (%)	10
Incremental operational cost (US\$)	206,708
Total project cost (US\$)	452,308
Local ownership (%)	96
Export component (%)	5
Amount requested (US\$) {Original {Revised	434,216
Cost effectiveness (US\$/kg)	13.68
National Coordinating Agency	Secretaria de Estado de Agricultura
Implementing Agency	UNDP
Technical review completed?	Yes

<i>Secretariat's Recommendations</i>	
Amount recommended (US \$)	423,209
Project impact (ODP tonnes)	31.75
Cost effectiveness (US \$/kg)	13.32
Implementing Agency support cost (US\$)	55,017
Total cost to Multilateral Fund	478,226

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Elimination of CFCs 11 and 12 in the manufacture of unitary commercial refrigeration equipment at Fabrica de Refrigeradores Comerciales, C.A. (Farco)

1. ODS consumption in the commercial refrigeration sub-sector is estimated at 53.77 MT. Three enterprises are now engaged in the manufacture of unitary commercial refrigeration equipment.
2. The enterprise will phase out 31.75 ODP tonnes by converting to HFC-134a as a refrigerant and HCFC-141b as a blowing agent.
3. Implementation of this project will enable the Government of the Dominican Republic to meet its obligations under the Montreal Protocol commencing in 1999.
4. Whilst recognizing the environmental benefits of cyclopentane versus HCFC-141b, the company selected HCFC-141b, as a first stage, interim, replacement of CFC-11 as it provides the best energy efficiency and the lowest investment and operational costs. It is also most suited to the factory layout and present skill levels of the work-force at Prado S.A. This selection of technology is supported by the Government of the Dominican Republic.
5. Farco S.A. understands that HCFC-141b is an interim solution which will require a change to an appropriate zero-ODP technology (either cyclopentane, or another commercially developed and acceptable alternative) at some future date. Farco S.A. also understands and accepts that any costs associated with subsequent conversion to zero ODP technology will be borne out by it.
6. The conversion will involve replacing the existing refrigeration system with a charging board, vacuum pumps and leak detectors suitable for HFC-134a as well as prototype testing. The low pressure foaming machine will be replaced with a high pressure foaming machine. The project will provide funds for training and technology transfer.
7. The enterprise has requested the incremental operating costs for 2 years duration.

SECRETARIAT'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**COMMENTS**

1. The project proposal contains a statement that approval of this project is critical to achieving the goal of the total elimination of CFC-11 and CFC-12 in commercial refrigeration sector in 1998.
2. The chosen technologies are proven. The choice of an interim HCFC technology in foaming operations is justified.
3. The Secretariat discussed with UNDP the eligibility and incrementality of all cost items. The cost of vacuum pumps and a foaming machine were adjusted in accordance with recent quotations. The project budget has been adjusted accordingly.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Fund Secretariat recommends blanket approval of the project with associated support costs at the funding level shown in the table below:

	Project Cost US \$	Support Cost US \$	Implementing Agency
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