Development of an Energy Efficiency Program for the Brazilian Market

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### Current project

- Purpose:
  - Development of a structured EE Program for the implementation and financing of EE projects in the commercial and industrial sectors of Brazil, by EII and BR
- The partners:
  - Econoler International (EII): Canadian EE consultant
  - Petrobras Distribuidora (BR): largest Brazilian fuel supplier and now energy supplier
  - Ell provided technical assistance through BR and REEEP funding
- The Funding
  - REEEP (78%): 70,000 €
  - Petrobras Distribuidora S.A. BR (22%): 50,000 Reais (20,000 €) + in kind
  - Econoler International Ell (in kind)
- Objectives:
  - Reducing energy consumption and GHG emissions in Brazil
  - Raising the number of EE projects implemented
  - Reducing barriers to finance and implement EE projects



# The energy services company (ESCO)

- A special purpose company (SPC) will be created under the energy services company (ESCO) concept, as a BR subsidiary ("coligada").
- Be a private SPC held by BR up to 49%;
- Have other shareholders, probably an international ESCO, a local engineering firm, an electricity utility, each having less shares than BR;
- Offer the following services:
  - Take full responsibility for design, implementation, monitoring and financing of energy efficiency and conservation projects on behalf of industrial, commercial and institutional clients;
  - Guarantee the recovery of the original investment through the energy savings generated by the project over a specific period of time, generally from three (3) to five (5) years;
  - Results-based payments from the real savings generated.
- BR objectives are to ensure loyalty from its clients and to offer a competitive, profitable and replicable product



#### **Project Outputs**

- 1. EE market assessment for the program and identified target market segments
  - Industrial sector is the priority;
  - Commercial and institutional sectors, but on opportunity basis
  - The South East region has the highest potential
  - Focus on customers with energy costs of more than US\$ 2.5 M/yr
- 2. Developed EE program Business Plan, including marketing strategy
  - To be presented to BR's Board at the end of the restructuring process
- 3. Seven trained Petrobras BR employees that will be involved in the ESCO development
- 4. Initial Information Dissemination to potential beneficiaries and other stakeholders



#### **Project Outputs**

- 5. Development of a sustainable financing mechanism
  - The BNDES is interested in creating a special agreement with BR, derived from the PROESCO program, for financing EE projects that will be developed under the BR SPC/ESCO.
  - The PROESCO program can be used to obtain 90% financing for ESCO projects.
    - Conditions:
      - Project > 10 million Reais: TJLP + 1% BNDES + 0.8-1.8% BNDES risk spread.
      - Project < 10 million Reais: TJLP + 1% BNDES, 1% BNDES</li>
         risk spread + 3% for risk spread of commercial bank
  - The remaining 10% could come from the SPC/ESCO equity or from the client.
  - IFC may also be interested in equity.



## **Intended Project Impacts**

- 1. Reduced barriers to financing and implementing EE projects in the targeted sectors in Brazil
- 2. Increased number of EE projects implemented in Brazil in short, medium and long term, generating important sustainable GHG emissions reduction
- Strong signal from the Brazilian market of the increased interest in EE by major national players such as BR
- 4. Increased interest from other institutions in cofinancing the EE projects



# Relevance of the Project to REEP objectives and program priorities

REEEP objectives and program priorities	Project relevant to achieving these objectives
Reduce greenhouse gas emissions	<ul> <li>Overall assessment: high</li> <li>New SPC has the objective of reducing energy consumption by 1575 GWh in the first five years; they will thus reduce GHG emissions</li> </ul>
Deliver social improvements to developing countries and countries in transition, by improving the access to reliable clean energy services, and by making REES more affordable	<ul> <li>Overall assessment: high</li> <li>By reinforcing its involvement in RE and EE, BR may extend its action to improve access to reliable clean energy services and thus result in social improvements</li> </ul>
Bring economic benefits to nations that use energy in a more efficient way and increase the share of indigenous renewable resources within their energy mix	<ul> <li>Overall assessment: high</li> <li>The objective is to reduce by at least 10% the energy consumption and cost of industrial and commercial sectors (49% of the total Brazilian energy consumption including the energy sub- sector) making them more competitive.</li> </ul>



### Conclusions

- Did REEEP make any difference to the project? Yes! Why?
  - REEEP co-financing motivated BR to also cofinance the project.
  - It provided targets to be reached within a year... and they were.
  - It allowed BR to benefit from EII experience in ESCO business plan development.
- All project's expected outputs/outcomes were fulfilled
- We can conclude the project was a success













