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sectors such as social development, information and environment. The preservation of the environment is a priority for Avana Brasil. Infrastructure accounts for no more than US\$ 8 billion. The paving of roads is a small amount. That is to say, nothing comparable to the \$40 billion referred to in the article.


7. In the area of infrastructure, no new road is planned, only the paving of existing roads, such as BR-163. Information on Avana Brasil is available on www.abrasil.gov.br

8. It is important to remember that there are about 17 million people living in the Amazon region. The lack of clean water, sanitation and telecommunications is a serious problem.

9. With reference to the carbon off-setting funds foreseen in the Kyoto Protocol – another topic frequently discussed in this country in the development of demonstration projects in this area, despite the fact that the Clean Development Mechanism is fully regulated in the context of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Brazil has a good understanding with British partners for that purpose. Brazil accepts the inclusion of reforestation activities in the Clean Development Mechanism, but not of native forests, because such an inclusion might frustrate the purpose of the Protocol, which is to reduce gas emissions. A similar approach is adopted by the European Union.

The necessary revision of the data and facts mentioned in the Science Magazine article does not mean that the Amazon region is not a serious matter to be carefully considered. In this respect, the Ministry of Environment is conducting a thorough review of the impact of Avana Brasil projects on the environment.

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