

VCS PROJECT REVIEW REPORT

Project ID	<i>PL1985</i>
Project Name	<i>100 MW Bundled Wind Power Project in Anantapuram, Andhra Pradesh</i>
Project Proponent	<i>Guttaseema Wind Energy Company Private Ltd., Vaayuputra Energy Private Ltd</i>
Methodology	<i>ACM0002 Grid-connected electricity generation from renewable sources, v19.0</i>
Sectoral Scope(s)	<i>1 Energy</i>
Validation/Verification Body (VVB)	<i>LGAI Technological Center, S.A. (Applus+ Certification)</i>

Assessment Criteria	<i>VCS Standard, v4.0</i>
Date of First Issue	<i>10 June 2020</i>
Date of Final Issue	<i>25 June 2020</i>

Summary:

An accuracy review of the 100 MW Bundled Wind Power Project in Anantapuram, Andhra Pradesh registration and verification approval request has been conducted by Verra in accordance with Section 4.3 of the *Registration and Issuance Process*.

The accuracy review has raised two assessment findings and no minor findings, detailed below. The VVB, in coordination with the project proponent, is hereby required to provide a response to the assessment finding presented in Section 1. The two assessment findings must be addressed to the satisfaction of Verra.

This findings report may be made publicly available. Confidential information may be provided as separate attachments.

1 ASSESSMENT FINDINGS

Finding 1:

Section 3.16.1 of the *VCS Standard, v4.0* requires the project proponent to identify potential negative environmental and socio-economic impacts, and shall take steps to mitigate them.

Section 5.1 of the joint project description and monitoring report includes a statement that the project has no negative environmental or social impacts. However, the report includes no further evidence of this. Similarly, Section 5.2 of the report provides information that no EIA was required to be conducted and provides information on the GHG emissions impacts of the project, but no other information about environmental impacts are discussed.

Section 4.1 of the joint validation and verification report includes a discussion and justification that the project has no negative environmental or social impacts. However, Section 4.2 provides a similar statement as the project description related to the requirements of an EIA, and GHG emissions, but no further environmental impacts.

The project proponent is requested to update the Sections 5.1. and 5.2 of the project description to provide further justification as to the no net harm and environmental impacts of the project. The VVB is also requested to assess this information and update the validation report as needed.

PP Response:

As per the host country's regulations, wind power projects do not require EIA assessment as they are classified under the white category projects, i.e. no major threats are expected from wind projects.

Further, attached is the report on "Developmental Impacts and Sustainable Governance Aspects of Renewable Energy Projects" prepared by MNRE (The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy) dated September 2013. The report highlights the impact of different types of renewable energy projects and demonstrates that wind power projects do not result in direct air pollution, noise pollution.

Thus, it can be concluded that there are no further environmental impacts due to installation of wind power projects.

VVB Response:

In compliance with VERRA comment, PP has now revised project description in ver. 4 template and provided additional justification in sec. 2.1 and 2.3 of joint PD-MR for no net harm and environmental impacts of the project.

Validation report also prepared in ver. 4.0 template and assessment provided in sec. 3.3.1 and 3.3.3 for no net harm and environmental impacts.

Verra Response:

The updates included in the revised project description and validation report are sufficient to close this finding.

Finding 2:

Section 3.16.3 of the *VCS Standard, v4.0* requires project proponents to establish mechanisms for ongoing communication with local stakeholders to allow stakeholders to raise concerns about potential negative impacts during project implementation.

Section 5.3 discusses the initial stakeholder consultation that was conducted. However, there is no discussion of how ongoing mechanisms for stakeholder communication.

The project proponent is requested to update the project description to discuss this information. The VVB is also requested to assess this information and update the validation report as needed.

PP Response:

The project proponent has a grievance cell and kept a complaint box and complaint /feedback register at project site to take continuous feedback from the stakeholders at the site office. The Validation team has assessed the same during the site visit.

Same is incorporated in the section 2.2 of the revised Project description.

VVB Response:

Necessary amendment made in project description to incorporate ongoing mechanism for stakeholder communication and corresponding changes made in sec. 3.3.2 of validation report in ver. 4.0 template.

VVB also confirms that justification provided in PD-MR is appropriate and sufficient.

Verra Response:

The updates included in the revised project description and validation report are sufficient to close this finding.

2 MINOR FINDINGS

No minor findings were raised.

3 ASSESSMENT CONCLUSION

On 10 June 2020, Verra issued two findings to the project proponent and VVB.

On 22 June 2020, the VVB provided responses and an updated project description and validation report. These updates were sufficient to close the findings.

On 25 June 2020, the review was closed.