

PROJECT REVIEW REPORT

Project ID	927
Project Name	13.75 MW wind power project in Davangere, Karnataka, India
Program(s)	VCS
Verification Period	01 October 2016 – 30 March 2019
Project Proponent	Sargam Retails Private Limited (SRPL)
Methodology	AMS-I.D., Grid Connected Renewable Electricity Generation, Version 15.0
Sectoral Scope(s)	Sectoral Scope 1: Energy industries (renewable/non-renewable sources), Type I, Category D
Validation/Verification Body (VVB)	Earthood Services Private Limited
Assessment Criteria	VCS Standard, v4.0, AMS-I.D., v15.0
Date of First Issue	25 November 2020
Date of Final Issue	<pending>

Summary:

An accuracy review of the 13.75 MW Wind Power Project in Davangere, Karnataka, India 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 one assessment finding and 0 minor findings, detailed below. The VVB, in coordination with the project proponent, is hereby required to provide a response to the assessment findings presented in Section 1. The one assessment finding must be addressed to the satisfaction of Verra. This project review report will 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 states that “The project proponent shall identify potential negative environmental and socio-economic impacts, and shall take steps to mitigate them.”

Section 2.1 of the VCS Monitoring Report Template, v4.0 requires a summary of “any potential negative environmental and socio-economic impacts and the steps taken to mitigate them.”

The monitoring report does not provide a summary of socio-economic impacts associated with the project.

As such the PP is requested to clarify any potential negative socio-economic impacts and the steps taken to mitigate them. The VVB is requested to clarify Section 4.2.1 in the verification report. Please update all documents accordingly.

VVB Response:

PP has clarified in sec. 2.1 of VCS MR that there is no any potential negative environmental and socio-economic impacts envisaged for the proposed project as this projects does not fall under the category of projects which need prior EIA clearance as per EIA notification 2006 by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India. Central Pollution Control Board, Govt. of India also issued a circular dated 07/03/2017 and wind projects categorized under white category of projects which does not have any potential negative environmental and socioeconomic impacts.

VVB also confirmed that explanation provided by PP in sec. 2.1 of VCS MR is in compliance with host country regulations and requirements. VVB also confirm with sectoral knowledge for wind power projects that proposed wind project does not have any potential negative environmental and socio-economic impacts. Hence, no mitigation measure/steps needed. Necessary correction made in sec. 4.2.1 of FVR which is being submitted.

Verra Response:

Section 4.2.1 of the verification report has been updated to address socio-economic impacts. However, Section 2.1 of the monitoring report still does not include a discussion on socio-economic impacts. As such, the project proponent is requested to summarize any potential negative socio-economic impacts and the steps taken to mitigate them.

Verra Response:

A new monitoring report was submitted including a statement addressing socio-economic impacts in Section 2.1. Upon review of the monitoring report, the updates provided were deemed sufficient to close this finding. No further response is required.

2. MINOR FINDINGS

No minor findings were raised.

3. ASSESSMENT CONCLUSION

On 25 November 2020, Verra conducted an accuracy review of the verification approval request for project ID 927, 13.75 MW wind power project in Davangere, Karnataka, India, the results of which can be found above.

On 5 December 2020, EKI Energy Services Ltd. returned the project review report with responses to the findings, in addition to an updated monitoring report and an updated verification report. However, the changes were insufficient to close Finding 1, related to the potential socio-economic impacts.

On 16 December 2020, Verra sent the project review report to Earthood Services Private Limited requesting additional information in regards to Assessment Finding 1.

On 16 December 2020, EKI Energy Services Ltd. submitted an updated monitoring report that addressed Assessment Finding 1.

On 23 December 2020, Verra reviewed the new monitoring report and deemed it sufficient to close all findings.