

# PROJECT REVIEW REPORT

<b>Project ID</b>	1547
<b>Project Name</b>	5MW Biomass Based Cogeneration Project at Sainsons
<b>Program(s)</b>	VCS
<b>Verification Period</b>	01 January 2017 to 30 September 2020
<b>Project Proponent</b>	Sainsons Paper Industries Limited
<b>Methodology</b>	ACM 0006: Consolidated methodology for electricity and heat generation from biomass residues, v12.1.1
<b>Sectoral Scope(s)</b>	1. Energy (renewable/non-renewable)
<b>Validation/Verification Body (VVB)</b>	KBS Certification Services Pvt Ltd
<b>Assessment Criteria</b>	VCS Standard, v4.0
<b>Date of First Issue</b>	12 May 2021
<b>Date of Final Issue</b>	15 June 2021

## Summary:

An accuracy review of the 5MW biomass based cogeneration project at Sainsons request has been conducted by Verra in accordance with Section 4.3 of the *Registration and Issuance Process*.

The accuracy review has raised three 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 findings presented in Section 1. The three assessment findings 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

Per Section 3.18 of the VCS Standard, v4.0 “projects may deviate from the validated project description in certain cases in order to accommodate changing circumstances post-validation. Such deviations shall be described and assessed by a validation/verification body during the next project verification.”

Section 1.6 of the monitoring report states that the start date of the activity was expected to start on 01/10/2016, however the actual start date was 01/01/2017. Section 1.6 also states that the crediting period is still 01/10/2016 to 30/09/2026, while the first monitoring period starts 01/01/2017.

The start date change and monitoring period change are a deviation from the validated project description. Therefore, the change in start date needs to be evaluated as a project description deviation.

The project proponent is requested to demonstrate the change in project start date as a project description deviation. The VVB is requested to update the relevant section of the validation report accordingly.

#### VVB Response:

The project was expected to start from 01/10/2016 but the start was from 01/01/2017. The same has been added as a project description deviation in the updated Monitoring Report and revised crediting period is considered from actual commissioning date 01/01/2017 to 31/12/2026.

#### Verra Response:

Section 3.2 of the monitoring report has been updated to include information on the start date change. The VVB has evaluated the project description deviation and has confirmed the deviation. This finding is closed.

### Finding 2

Section 3.1.2 of the VCS Standard, v4.0 states that “projects shall apply methodologies eligible under the VCS Program. Methodologies shall be applied in full, including the full application of any tools or modules referred to by a methodology.”

The methodology ACM0006 requires 6 steps to demonstrate the baseline scenario. In the validated project description, Step 3 in the methodology has been included.

In Section 5.1 of the monitoring report, it appears Steps 3 has been omitted.

The project proponent is requested to update the monitoring report to clarify why this step was omitted, or to include this step. The VVB is requested to update the relevant Sections of the validation report.

#### VVB Response:

Step 3 of the has been included in the updated MR.

#### Verra Response:

Section 5.1 of the monitoring report has been updated to include Step 3 of the methodology. This finding is closed.

### Finding 3

Section 3.4.3 of the VCS Standard, v4.0 states that project proponents shall use the *Monitoring Report Template* and adhere to all instructional text within the template.

Section 5.4 of the *Monitoring Report Template* states that project proponents shall provide the relevant net GHG ERR equation.

Section 5.4 of the monitoring report does not provide a net ERR equation.

The project proponent is requested to update Section 5.4 of the monitoring report to provide a net GHG ERR equation.

#### VVB Response:

Section 5.4 of the monitoring report template states to, “Quantify the net GHG emission reductions and removals, summarizing the key results using the table below. Specify breakdown of GHG emission reductions and removals by vintages where the intent is to issue each vintage separately in the VCS registry system.” The baseline emission, project emission and leakage emission as applicable is calculated in previous sections, the equation used for calculation of net GHG emission reduction is now incorporated in section 5.4.

#### Verra Response:

Section 5.4 of the monitoring report includes an equation for net ERRs. This finding is closed.

## 2. MINOR FINDINGS

No minor findings were raised.

## 3. ASSESSMENT CONCLUSION

On 12 May 2021 Verra concluded an accuracy review and raised the three assessment findings detailed above.

On 12 May 2021 Verra sent the project review report to the project proponent and VVB KBS Certification.

On 19 May 2021 the VVB KBS Certification and the project proponent responded to the findings detailed above.

On 15 May 2021 Verra determine the responses to the findings were sufficient and closed the review.