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Leonardo Barrionuevo  
Presidente, Empresa Brasileira de Conservação de Florestas S.A. (EBCF)

**Project 1147: Response to exemption request submitted on 06 September 2023**

Dear Leonardo Barrionuevo,

Verra denies the request for an exemption from Section 4.5.1 and 4.7.2 of the *CCB Program Rules, v3.1*, and Section 1.5 of the *CCB Standards, v3.1*, from project 1147, Amazon Rio REDD+ IFM (“the project”).

An exemption from Section 2.2.2.2 of VM0011 *Methodology for Calculating GHG Benefits from Preventing Planned Degradation, v1.0* is not required. Please see the background section below for more information.

Rationale

The project requested a retroactive exemption from the *CCB Program Rules, v3.1* more than five years after the CCB validation statement was issued on 17 November 2017. Despite the project circumstances, Verra is denying the exemption request because the project’s baseline conditions must be reassessed.

Please note that exemptions are granted by Verra on a case-by-case basis and do not form the basis of, or set a precedent for, future exemption request approvals or denials.

This letter will be uploaded to the Verra Registry as a public document.

Background

The project requested an exemption from Sections 4.5.1 and 4.7.2 of the *CCB Program Rules, v3.1* and Section 1.5 of the *CCB Standards, v3.1* more than five years after the CCB validation statement was issued on 17 November 2017, seeking an extension to complete CCB verification by December 2024. Section 4.5.1 of the *CCB Program Rules, v3.1* requires projects to undergo verification within five years following the issuance of the validation statement.

The project also requested an exemption from Section 2.2.2.2 of VM0011. However, Verra cannot grant exemptions from methodology requirements. Methodology deviations must instead be formally reported in the monitoring report and validated by the VVB in the verification report. Please refer to Section 3.20 of the *VCS Standard, v4.5* for more details on the methodology deviations, including the conditions under which these deviations are permitted.

Sincerely,

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