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M. Pascal Rwemera  
Director  
Burundi Quality Stoves S.A.

Dear M. Pascal Rwemera,

This letter is in reference to your pipeline listing request submitted to Verra on 21 September 2021. It is our understanding that Burundi Quality Stoves S.A. (the Project Proponent) is requesting an exemption from Appendix 2 of the *VCS Standard, v4.1* for BQS improved cookstoves for Burundi's schools (Project 2616). The exemption requested by the Project Proponent is to allow the project to request gap validation to the VCS Program.

Verra analyzed this exemption based on Appendix 2 (v4.1) of the *VCS Standard, v4.1*, which states, "Projects registered under another GHG program, with activities that are included within the scope of the VCS Program (see Section 2.1), shall only be eligible to complete a gap validation and/or transfer to the VCS Program where the following applies: a) For a project that does not include afforestation and/or reforestation activities: i) The project shall have an original project crediting period start date on or after 1 January 2016 with another GHG program; or ii) Where the project has an original project crediting period start date from 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2015, the project shall have issued credits during the period 1 January 2016 to 5 March 2021, or shall have a status of "issuance requested" on the relevant GHG program registry by 5 March 2021."

Based on the information provided to Verra, it is understood that Project 2616 is registered as Project 9791 under the CDM. The project activity is included within the scope of the VCS Program and has an original crediting period of 01 June 2014. The Project Proponent requested issuance for the 25 January 2016 – 31 December 2018 monitoring period under the CDM in 2020, meeting the intent of Appendix 2.

Considering the facts and background information provided during this analysis, Verra is able to grant an exemption from Appendix 2 (v4.1) of the *VCS Standard, v4.1* to Burundi Quality Stoves S.A. The Project Proponent is eligible to request gap validation to the VCS Program. The project will undergo a thorough review to ensure compliance with all VCS rules and requirements prior to registration under the VCS Program.

Please note, 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tanushree Bagh Mukherjee".

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