

VCS PROJECT REVIEW REPORT

Project ID	PL1993
Project Name	Bundled Wind Power project in Koppal Karnataka
Project Proponent	Skeiron Renewable Energy Kushtagi Private Limited, Saroja Renewables Limited, and Shanay Renewables Ltd.
Methodology	ACM0002 Grid-connected electricity generation from renewable sources, v19.0
Sectoral Scope(s)	1 Energy
Validation/Verification Body (VVB)	LGAI Technological Center, S.A. (Applus+ Certification)

Assessment Criteria	VCS Standard, v4.0
Date of First Issue	13 May 2020
Date of Second Issue	20 May 2020
Date of Final Issue	22 May 2020

Summary:

An accuracy review of the Bundled Wind Power project in Koppal Karnataka 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 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 that there are no further environmental impacts due to installation of wind power projects.

VVB Response:

The As per the notification from MoEF dated September 14, 2006 and its amendment notification S.O.-3067(E) dated 1/12/2009, the list of project activities which require prior environmental clearance is stipulated. This does not include the proposed project activity type as it involves wind power generation. Thus no harm has been identified from the project and hence no mitigations measures are applicable. 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. The documents reference is already there in the FVR (reference 16 in the FVR). The supporting document is attached with this email.

Moreover, as per the above guideline there are no further environmental impacts due to installation of

wind power projects.

The FVR require no change as all the details are mentioned in previously.

Verra Response:

Section 4.1 of the joint validation and verification report includes a list of environmental and social indicators and a description of the impact of the project's development and implementation on the indicators. Although the host country of the project does not require environmental impact assessments for the project type, the project proponent is requested to please update Section 5.1 of the joint project description and monitoring report to include a more detailed discussion of the indicators listed in the joint validation and verification report.

PP Response:

Section 5.1 of the joint project description and monitoring report now includes more detailed discussion of the indicator mentioned in the FVR.

VVB Response:

Section 5.1 is now updated. No further assessment is required in the FVR. All the indicators were previously discussed in the FVR. Hence no change in the FVR is envisaged.

Verra Response:

Section 5.1 of the project description has been updated to include a list of environmental and social indicators, and the impact of the project's development and implementation on the indicators. This finding is closed and no further action is required.

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 5.3 of the revised Project description.

VVB Response:

The discussion regarding on-going grievance mechanism is already there in the text under section 4.3 of the FVR. The Joint PD + MR section 5.3 is now revised and the same is found acceptable to the assessment team.

Verra Response:

Section 5.3 of the joint project description and monitoring report has been updated to include information about ongoing mechanisms for stakeholder communication. This finding is closed and no further action is required.

2 MINOR FINDINGS

No minor findings were raised.

3 ASSESSMENT CONCLUSION

On 13 May 2020, Verra sent the project review report to LGAI Technological Center, S.A. (Applus+ Certification) with two assessment findings and no minor findings.

On 19 May 2020, Applus+ Certification provided Verra with an updated project description and an updated validation report, with responses provided in the project review report. The updates in the documents were sufficient to close Assessment Finding 2, in regard to ongoing mechanisms for stakeholder consultation. The updates and responses were insufficient to close Assessment Finding 1, in regard to environmental and social safeguards.

On 21 May 2020, Applus+ Certification provided Verra with an updated project description, including more detailed information about the environmental and social impacts of the project. The updates were sufficient to close Assessment Finding 1.

On 22 May 2020, Verra closed the review and no further action was required.