

# PROJECT REVIEW REPORT

<b>Project ID</b>	728
<b>Project Name</b>	CECIC Gansu Yumen Changma No.3 Wind Farm Project
<b>Program(s)</b>	VCS
<b>Project Proponent</b>	CECIC Gansu Yumen Changma No.3 Wind Farm Project
<b>Methodology</b>	ACM0002, Grid-connected electricity generation from renewable sources, Version 20.0
<b>Sectoral Scope(s)</b>	Sectoral Scope 01, Energy (renewable/non-renewable)
<b>Validation/Verification Body (VVB)</b>	Shenzhen CTI International Certification Co., Ltd. (CTI)
<b>Assessment Criteria</b>	VCS Standard, v4.1, ACM0002, Version 20.0
<b>Date of First Issue</b>	16 February 2022
<b>Date of Final Issue</b>	14 March 2022

## Summary:

An accuracy review of the CECIC Gansu Yumen Changma No.3 Wind Farm Project crediting period renewal approval 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

Section 3.4.1 of the *VCS Standard, v4.1* states that “The project proponent shall use the *VCS Project Description Template...* [and] shall adhere to all instructional text within the template.”

Section 1.4 of the *VCS Project Description Template, v4.0* instructs the project proponent to indicate whether the project has been designed to include a single installation of an activity, multiple project activity instances, or as a grouped project.

Section 1.4 of the project description does not state this information.

The project proponent is requested to update Section 1.4 to include this information. The VVB is requested to assess the updates as necessary.

#### VVB Response:

By checking the revised CDM PDD (approved by CDM EB) (version 11.0 dated 02/07/2012), Registered VCS PD version 10.2 dated 20/04/2011, it is confirmed the project activity involves the installation of 134 wind turbines with 1.5MW capacity per unit, with a total installed capacity of 201 MW, which was designed as a single installation of an activity, not multiple project activities or a grouped project. Section 1.4 of the PD has been supplemented and validated to be correct.

Section 3.1 of the Validation Report has been updated.

#### Verra Response:

Section 1.4 of the project description and Section 3.1 of the validation report have been updated to state that the project is a single installation of an activity. This finding is now closed, and no further response is required.

### Finding 2

Section 1.11 of the project description mentions “the readings of the 10 electricity meters were not recorded since 01/01/2020” and that an alternative measure was adopted for a specific monitoring period.

The project proponent is requested to clarify if this is a permanent deviation and, if so, update Section 3.6 of the project description according to the requirements in Section 3.6 of the *VCS Project Description Template, v4.0*. The project proponent should also provide more information about how the deviation meets the methodology deviation requirements as per Section 3.18 of *VCS Standard, v4.1*.

The VVB is requested to assess the updates and update any relevant sections of the validation report as needed.

#### VVB Response:

A permanent project deviation was identified during the site visit. The details has been justified in section 3.3.8 of the Validation Report. It is confirmed that the deviation will not lower the accuracy and conservativeness of the monitoring system and will not negatively impact the conservativeness of the quantification of GHG emission reductions or removals. In addition, the deviation relates only to the criteria and procedures for monitoring or measurement, doesn't relate to any other part of the methodology. And the project remains in compliance with VCS Program rules and this deviation has no impact on the applicability of the methodology, additionality or the appropriateness of the baseline scenario and meet all appropriate rules and requirements of VCS standard.

Furthermore, by checking the revised CDM PDD (approved by CDM EB) (version 11.0 dated 02/07/2012), there is a deviation on calculation of Build Margin when adopting the methodological tool - “Tool to calculate the emission factor for an electricity system” by the Chinese DNA in the “2019 Baseline Emission Factors for Regional Power Grids in China”. The deviation has been approved by the EB Board in a response letter entitled “Request for clarification on use of approved methodology AM0005 for several projects in China”. The same deviation method has been adopted in this (2nd) crediting period of the project by the Chinese DNA.

Except the project deviation and methodology deviation justified above, no other deviations were identified for this (2nd) crediting period of the project activity.

Section 3.6 of the PD has been supplemented and validated to be correct.

Section 3.3.7 of the Validation Report has been updated.

**Verra Response:**

Section 3.6 of the project description has been updated to include information about a project description deviation, which is now permanently a methodology deviation. Section 3.3.7 of the validation report has been updated to include information about this deviation. The VVB has confirmed that the deviation meets all appropriate rules and requirements of the *VCS Standard*. This finding is now closed, and no further response is required.

**Finding 3**

Section 2.2 of *VCS Project Description Template, v4.0* instructs the project proponent to describe the mechanism for on-going communication with local stakeholders.

Section 2.2 of the project description does not mention any mechanism for ongoing consultation.

Similarly, Section 3.2.2 of validation report states that communications with local stakeholders are being carried out at periodic intervals. However, there is no description of what the mechanism is.

The project proponent is requested to update Section 2.2 of the project description to describe the mechanism for ongoing consultation. The VVB is requested to assess these updates and expand on the description in Section 3.2.2 of the validation report.

**VVB Response:**

For continuous communication with local stakeholders, communications with Local stakeholders were being carried out at periodic intervals. Via checking questionnaires from local stakeholders, it is confirmed the project owner has carried out questionnaire survey for the local stakeholders to collect the relevant comments and suggestions every two years. Through interviewing with staff from local environmental protection bureau and local residents during the site visit, it is confirmed that during the implementation stage of the project activity, local authority has conducted spot checks on the implementation of the project periodically as per the request from the local governments’ regulations and the project passed all the periodic spot checks by local government, no negative comments were received for the project.

Section 2.2 of the PD has been updated and validated to be correct.

Section 3.2.2 of the Validation Report has been updated.

**Verra Response:**

Section 2.2 of the project description and Section 3.2.2 of the validation report have been updated to provide more information about the project’s mechanism for ongoing consultation. This finding is now closed, and no further response is required.

## 2. MINOR FINDINGS

No minor findings were raised.

## 3. ASSESSMENT CONCLUSION

On 16 February 2022, Verra completed the review of the VCS crediting period renewal request for Project 728, CECIC Gansu Yumen Changma No.3 Wind Farm Project. The project review report was sent to CECI Wind-power (Gansu) Co., Ltd. and Shenzhen CTI International Certification Co., Ltd (CTI) with three assessment findings and no minor findings.

On 14 March 2022, Verra closed all findings, and no further response is required.