# PROJECT REVIEW REPORT

*This document tracks the findings raised in Verra's review of the project specified below. The VVB must address the findings before the project request can be considered by Verra for approval. The document will be made publicly available on the Verra Registry. Confidential information may be provided as separate attachments.*

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| **Review Type** | Registration |
| **Project ID** | 2447 |
| **Project Name** | Distribution Of Improved Cook Stove - Phase 21 |
| **Program(s)** | VCS |
| **Verification Period** | 06 December 2012 to 05 December 2017 |
| **Project Proponent** | M/s G K Energy Marketers Pvt. Ltd |
| **Methodology** | AMS–II G. Ver.3 – Energy efficiency measures in thermal applications of non- renewable biomass |
| **VVB** | TÜV SÜD South Asia Pvt |
| **Assessment Criteria** | VCS Version 4.2 |
| **Date of First Issue** | 24 May 2022 |
| **Date of Second Issue** | 16 August 2022 |
| **Review Conclusion** | 25 August 2022 |
| **Date of Final Issue** | 04 December 2022 |

## ASSESSMENT FINDINGS

| # | Description | Response | Status |
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| 1. | **Public comments**<br><br>The project proponent is requested to complete Section 2.4 of the project description to reflect the outcomes of the project's public comment period. The project has completed its public comment period. However, the project proponent mentions that "the project Description has been web hosted. Public comments will be incorporated once the commenting period is over."<br><br>**Program rule:**<br><br>VCS standard v4.2, Section 3.17.6 | **Round1:**<br><br>VVB Response:<br><br>Information regarding the public commenting period has now been updated in section 2.4 of the Project Design Document.<br><br>Verra Review:<br><br>Section 2.4 of the VCS project description has been updated and now, incorporates information on the public comment period. This finding is now closed, and no further response is required. | Closed |
| 2. | **Crediting period start date**<br><br>The project proponent is requested to update that project description such that the crediting period start date meets the definition set out in the VCS Program Definitions, v4.1. The VVB is requested to corroborate these changes in the validation report plus other related documents.<br><br>VCS Program Definitions, v4.1 define the crediting period start date as the date on which the project began generating GHG emission reductions or removals; equal to "Project Start Date." However, the crediting period start date under Section 1.9 of the project description is not the same as the project start date under Section 1.8 of the project description.<br><br>**Program rule:**<br><br>VCS standard v4.2, Program rules Clarification, Clarification 2 | **Round1:**<br><br>VVB Response:<br><br>The start date of the project activity has now been updated throughout the Project Design Document, Monitoring Report and Joint Val/Ver Report. The start date of the project activity is 03-October-2012. The emission reductions have also been updated accordingly. The project start date has now been made consistent to the start date of crediting period.<br><br>Joint VVR has also been updated accordingly.<br><br>Verra Review: | Closed |

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| 3. | **Project ownership**<br><br>The project proponent is requested to complete Section 1.7 of the project description in line with standard requirements and furnish the VVB with the appropriate supporting documentation. In completing Section 1.7 of the project description, it is stated that "…. *project activity GKEMPL (Project Participant) along with Vikram Stoves has entered into a contractual agreement with each beneficiary by virtue of which the end-user will confirm the use of cookstove as well as transfer the CER right to the Project Participant."*<br><br>**Program rule:**<br><br>VCS Standard v4.1, Section 3.4.1, 3.6 | **Round1**:<br><br>VVB Response:<br><br>Relevant information has now been incorporated in section 1.7 of the Project Design Document.<br><br>The tripartite agreement submitted by the PP is between the end party user, Vikram stoves and G K Energy Marketers Private Limited. The agreement clear states that the rights of the VCUs rests with G K energy marketers private limited. The agreement has been signed by all the parties.<br><br>Hence as per Section 3.6.1 of the VCS Standard v4.1, the project owner is G K Energy Marketers Private Limited.<br><br>Verra Review:<br><br>**Verra Review:**<br><br>The VVB indicates that the project proponent and the end party user have signed a tripartite agreement stating that the rights of the VCUs rests with G K Energy Marketers Private Limited. However, there is no evidence of the agreement.<br><br>**Action Item:**<br><br>The VVB must ensure that the project proponent has provided a copy of the tripartite agreement stating that the rights of the VCUs rests with G K Energy Marketers Private Limited to Verra for review.<br><br>**Round2**:<br><br>VVB Response:<br><br>The Tripartite Agreements on sample basis have now been submitted to Verra team.<br><br>Verra Review | Closed |

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| | | The VVB has provided sample tripartite agreements Verra. However, the agreement demonstrates ownership of the CERs, not VCUs.<br><br>**Action item:**<br><br>The VVB must assess how the tripartite agreements apply to the ownership of the VCUs in the joint validation and verification report.<br><br>**Round3:**<br><br>VVB Response:<br><br>The VVB has assessed how the tripartite agreements apply to the ownership of the VCUs<br><br>Verra Review:<br><br>Verra has assessed this and deems it sufficient. This finding is now closed, and no further response is required. | |
| 4. | **Assessment findings**<br><br>The findings under Section 2.5 of the validation report exceed one page; therefore, the VVB is requested to put all the findings in an appendix.<br><br>**Program rule:**<br><br>VCS Standard v4.1, Section 3.4.1, 4.1.13 | **Round1:**<br><br>VVB Response:<br><br>The findings have now been incorporated in appendix – 1 of the Joint Validation and Verification Report.<br><br>Verra Review:<br><br>All the findings have now been put in Appendix -1. This finding is now closed, and no further response is required. | Closed |
| 5. | **Joint validation and verification summary**<br><br>The VVB is requested to update the information included under the "verification purpose" in the summary of the Joint validation and verification report, so that it matches that in the project description and monitoring report. The VVB mentions that the first monitoring report cover a period of 10 years and | **Round1:**<br><br>VVB Response:<br><br>The first monitoring period covers a period of 5 years. The same has now been updated in Joint Validation and Verification Report. | |

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| | the crediting period mentioned is not consistent with that in the project description. | The crediting period has now been updated and made consistent throughout the PD, MR and Joint VVR.<br><br>Verra Review:<br><br>The VVB has clarified that the monitoring period covers 5 years, and the crediting period has been updated and made consistent throughout all documents.<br><br>However, some sections of the VCS joint validation and verification report, still contain some inconsistencies. For instance, the verification period on the cover page is 03 October 2012 to 02 October 2013, which is one year not 5 years. Para 8 states that "the project proponent will not claim GHG emission reductions under two schemes for the same period. The GHG credits from 06-December-2012 and will end on 05-December-2017 (First and Last date included)." The start date of the crediting period is not consistent with the updated crediting period start date nor the monitoring period<br><br>Action item<br><br>1. The VVB must ensure that the crediting period start date is consistent through-out the VCS joint validation and verification report.<br><br>Round2<br><br>VVB Response:<br><br>Verra Review: | |
| 6. | **Sustainable development goals**<br><br>The project proponent is requested to describe how the project contributes to achieving any nationally stated sustainable development priorities, including any provisions for monitoring and reporting same, under Section 1.17 of the project description. The VVB is asked to corroborate these updates in the validation report. | **Round1**:<br><br>VVB Response:<br><br>Provisions for monitoring of the sustainable development has now been incorporated in section 1.17 of the Project Description.<br><br>The same has now been incorporated in Joint Validation/Verification Report. | Closed |

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| **Program rule:**<br><br>VCS Standard, Section 3.4.1 | Verra Review:<br><br>No provisions for monitoring of the sustainable development have been incorporated in section 1.17 of the Project Description.<br><br>Action items:<br><br>1. The VVB must ensure that the project proponent has included provisions for monitoring of the sustainable development under section 1.17 of the Project Description.<br>2. The VVB must assess the same in the VCS joint validation and verification report.<br><br>Round2<br><br>VVB Response:<br><br>Verra Review:<br><br>On 25 August 2022, the project description, the monitoring report and joint validation and verification report, and now includes provisions for monitoring of sustainable development. This finding is now closed, and no further response is required. |

**Minor findings:**

Under Section 2.2 of the Joint verification report and validation report, the VVB did not delete the section instructions, and is therefore requested to do so.

Under section 2.5 of the Joint verification report and validation report, CL ID 3, the VVB states “Description of CAR” instead of “CL” and is therefore requested to update this information.

In the Validation conclusion of the Joint verification report and validation report, the VVB states under Point 2, “the group project’s eligibility criteria…,” however, this is not a grouped project. The VVB is requested to clarify or update this statement.

The VVB has not mentioned the verification period in the validation conclusion of the Joint verification report and validation report.

The project proponent states in several sections of the project description “GKEMPL (Project Participant)” instead of project proponent. The project proponent is requested to update this.

Under Section 1.3 of the project description, the project proponent is requested to specify the standard version.