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Dear Murat,

This letter is in reference to your exemption request submitted to Verra on 15 September 2020. It is our understanding that you are requesting an exemption from Section 4.3.11(2) of the *Registration and Issuance Process, v4.0* for project 2095, Düzce-Aksu Hydroelectricity Power Plant. Section 4.3.11(2) of the *Registration and Issuance Process, v4.0* states that “the validation/verification body shall provide a written response to each finding” issued by Verra in a project review report as a result of an accuracy review.

Based on the information provided to Verra, it is understood that the VVB, RINA Services S.p.A, completed the validation of project 2095 in 2016, and the assessors who conducted the validation are not available to respond to the findings issued as a result of the accuracy review. Furthermore, in order to respond to the findings, RINA Services S.p.A expressed they would only be able to proceed through a full reassessment of the project, with a new validation team. Negotiating and entering into a new contract with the VVB would result in prohibitive expenses for the project proponent. Therefore, Ekobil Environmental Services and Consultancy Ltd. has requested to respond directly to the findings raised by Verra.

Considering the particular circumstances leading to this request, Verra is able to grant the project proponent an exemption from Section 4.3.11(2) of the *Registration and Issuance Process, v4.0* for project 2095. Specifically, Verra will permit the project proponent to respond directly to the findings issued by Verra as a result of the accuracy review, without input from the VVB. Please note that such decisions are made 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.

When submitting responses in the project review reports, the project proponent must present a copy of this letter to Verra. This letter will be uploaded to the Verra registry as a public document.

Sincerely,

Andrew Beauchamp
Interim Program Manager, Verra
