

PROJECT REVIEW REPORT

Project ID	2095
Project Name	Duzce-Aksu Hydro Electricity Power Plant
Program(s)	VCS
Verification Period	25 April 2014 – 30 September 2020
Project Proponent	Aydem Yenilenebilir Enerji A.S.
Methodology	ACM0002 “Consolidated baseline methodology for grid-connected electricity generation from renewable sources,” v14.0
Sectoral Scope(s)	1. Energy industries (renewable/non-renewable)
Validation/Verification Body (VVB)	KBS Certification Services Pvt. Ltd.
Assessment Criteria	VCS Standard, v4.0
Date of First Issue	25 March 2021
Date of Final Issue	8 April 2021

Summary:

An accuracy review of the Duzce-Aksu Hydro Electricity Power Plan verification request has been conducted by Verra in accordance with Section 4.3 of the *Registration and Issuance Process*.

The accuracy review has raised five 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 five 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 4.1.20(2) of the *VCS Standard, v4.0* states that “a validation/verification body may not verify more than six consecutive years of a project’s GHG emission reductions or removals.”

The monitoring period for the current verification approval is 25 April 2014 – 30 September 2020, which totals six years and five months.

Considering the circumstances surrounding this project, no response is necessary at this time. However, it should be noted that exemptions should be submitted for all projects.

Finding 2

Section 3.18 of the *VCS Standard, v4.0* states that “projects may deviate from the validated project description... Such deviations shall be described and assessed by a validation/verification body during the next project verification.”

Section 3.18.3 of the *VCS Standard, v4.0* states that the “deviation shall be assessed by a validation/verification body and the process, findings and conclusions shall be reported in the verification report.”

Section 3.2.2 of the *VCS Monitoring Report Template, v4.0* instructs the project proponent to describe any project deviations applied during this monitoring period and explain the reasons for the deviation. Similarly, Section 3.3 of the *VCS Verification Report Template, v4.0* instructs the VVB to identify and assess any project description deviations.

While the project proponent has described the changes to the project proponent in Section 1.3 of the monitoring report, the project proponent is requested to update Section 3.2.2 of the monitoring report, and the VVB is requested to assess the new information in Section 3.3 of the verification report accordingly.

Furthermore, the project proponent is requested to provide evidence that Duzce Aksu Uretim A.S. is the same legal entity as Aydem Yenilenebilir Enerji A.S.

VVB Response:

Verification team would like to confirm that the change in PP is now described under the section 3.2.2 of the monitoring report and the reason for the same has been elaborated in the section 3.3 of the verification report. The proof of this change can be found in the following link:

<https://app.box.com/s/8wrnbhiskawcrklvin6nmroaOndmwvj>

Verra Response:

Section 3.2.2 of the monitoring report and Section 3.3 of the verification report have been updated to detail the change in project proponent. In addition, evidence and statements have been provided to illustrate the change, and the correct representations have been submitted. This finding is now closed, and no further action is required.

Finding 3

Section 3.4.3 of the *VCS Standard, v4.0* states that “the project proponent shall use the *VCS Monitoring Report Template...* and adhere to all instructional text within the template.”

Section 1.9 of the *VCS Monitoring Report Template* instructs the project proponent to indicate whether the project is registered under any other GHG programs. Section 1.10 of the *VCS Monitoring Report Template* instructs the project proponent to indicate whether the project is included in an emissions trading program or whether the project has sought or received another form of GHG-related environmental credit.

Section 4.1.14 of the *VCS Standard, v4.0* states that the validation/verification body shall use the *VCS Verification Report Template...* and adhere to all instructional text within the template.

Section 4.1 of the *VCS Verification Report Template* instructs the VVB to assess whether the project has received or sought any other form of environmental credit.

Section 1.9 of the monitoring report does not indicate whether the project is registered under any other GHG program. Section 1.10 of the monitoring report does not indicate whether the project is included in an emissions trading program or whether the project has sought or received another form of GHG-related environmental credit. Section 4.1 of the verification report does not indicate whether the project has received or sought any other form of environmental credit.

The project proponent is requested to update Section 1.9 and 1.10 of the monitoring report to indicate whether the project is registered under any other GHG programs, included in an emissions trading program, or has sought or received another form of GHG-related environmental credit. The VVB is requested to assess the updates and update Section 4.1 of the verification report to indicate whether the project has received or sought any other form of environmental credit.

VVB Response:

Verification team would like to confirm that the information on whether the project has received or sought any other form of environmental credit is available under the headline “Ownerships and other programs” (section 4.1). For further clarification environmental/carbon credit has been mentioned instead of carbon credits.

Verra Response:

Sections 1.9 and 1.10 of the monitoring report have been updated to confirm that the project is not receiving any other form of GHG-related credit. This finding is now closed, and no further action is required.

Finding 4

Section 3.4.3 of the *VCS Standard, v4.0* states that “the project proponent shall use the *VCS Monitoring Report Template...* and adhere to all instructional text within the template.”

Section 3.1 of the *VCS Monitoring Report Template* instructs the project proponent to describe the operation of the project activity during this monitoring period.

Section 3.1 of the monitoring report does not provide sufficient information on the operation of the project activity during this monitoring period.

The project proponent is requested to update Section 3.1 of the monitoring report with information on the operation of the project activity during this monitoring period. The VVB is requested to assess the updates and update the verification report, as needed.

VVB Response:

The information in section 3.1 of revised monitoring report has been updated and has been assessed in section 4.1 of the verification report.

Verra Response:

Section 3.1 of the monitoring report has been updated to include information on the operation of the project during the current monitoring period. This finding is now closed, and no further action is required.

Finding 5

Section 3.4.3 of the *VCS Standard, v4.0* states that “the project proponent shall use the *VCS Monitoring Report Template...* and adhere to all instructional text within the template.”

Section 4.1 of the *VCS Monitoring Report Template* instructs the project proponent to provide the value applied for each data and parameter.

Section 4.1 of the monitoring report does not provide the value applied for each data and parameter.

The project proponent is requested to update Section 4.1 of the monitoring report to include the value applied for each data and parameter. The VVB is requested to assess the updates and update the verification report, as needed.

VVB Response:

The revision has been done. Please see the revised documents.

Verra Response:

Section 4.1 of the monitoring report has been updated to include the values for the parameters. This finding is now closed, and no further action is required.

2. MINOR FINDINGS

No minor findings were raised.

3. ASSESSMENT CONCLUSION

On 25 March 2021, Verra sent KBS Certification Services Pvt. Ltd. the project review report with five assessment findings and no minor findings.

On 30 April 2021, KBS Certification Services Pvt. Ltd. returned the project review report with responses to all findings.

On 8 April 2021, Verra closed the review and no further action was required.