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Dear M. Kemal Demirkol,

This letter is in reference to your exemption request submitted to Verra on 18 August 2021. It is our understanding that Egenda Ege Enerji Uretim A.S. (the project proponent), is requesting an exemption from Section 4.1.20 of the *VCS Standard, v4.1* for project 1221, Eglence I-II Hydroelectric Power Plant. The exemption requested by the project proponent is to be allowed to perform a verification for seven years and seven months, while Section 4.1.20 of the *VCS Standard, v4.1* requires that a validation/verification body may not verify more than six consecutive years of a project's GHG emission reductions or removals.

Based on the information provided to Verra, it is understood that project 1221, Eglence I-II Hydroelectric Power Plan, having started the verification of the project, was informed by the VVB that it may not verify more than six consecutive years of a project's GHG emission reductions. However, the monitoring report submitted to the VVB for verification covers the period from 10 April 2013 to 31 December 2020, lasting for seven years and seven months. The project proponent states that conducting another verification for the remaining time period would prove too costly for the project. In addition, the availability of VVBs in Turkey during the Covid-19 pandemic is limited.

Verra acknowledges the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the ability of VVBs to carry out their work in Turkey. Therefore, considering the particular circumstances leading to this request, and the background information presented, Verra is able to grant this one-off exemption from Section 4.1.20 of the *VCS Standard, v4.1* for project 1221 for the verification of the monitoring period from 10 April 2013 to 31 December 2020.

Please note that exemptions are granted 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. Verra would like to emphasize that it is our expectation that project proponents keep abreast of updates to the *VCS Standard*, and ensure projects are in conformance with such rules throughout the project lifetime. The intent of this expectation is set out in the "Version Control" section (page 3) of the *VCS Standard, 2007.1*, which states "The current version is the version available at the time of use on the www.v-c-s.org."

Therefore, Verra expects that the project proponent and the VVB will continue to use the current rules and requirements of the VCS Program. Since the Project Proponent and the VVB have been made aware of the current rules and requirements, they are expected to be compliant of such rules in the future. Thus, Verra cannot grant any future exemptions to Project 1221 regarding this rule.

This letter will be uploaded to the Verra Registry as a public document.

Sincerely,

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