

# PROJECT REVIEW REPORT

<b>Project ID</b>	849
<b>Project Name</b>	Inner Mongolia Ximeng Zheligentu Wind Farm Phase I Project
<b>Program(s)</b>	VCS
<b>Verification Period</b>	21 July 2018 – 20 December 2020
<b>Project Proponent</b>	Beijing International New Energy Co., Ltd.
<b>Methodology</b>	ACM0002, Grid-connected electricity generation from renewable sources, Version 20
<b>Sectoral Scope(s)</b>	Sectoral Scope 01, Energy (renewable/non-renewable)
<b>Validation/Verification Body (VVB)</b>	Shenzhen CTI International Certification Co., Ltd.
<b>Assessment Criteria</b>	VCS Standard, v4.0, ACM0002, v20.0
<b>Date of First Issue</b>	29 April 2021
<b>Date of Final Issue</b>	25 May 2021

## Summary:

An accuracy review of the Inner Mongolia Ximeng Zheligentu Wind Farm Phase I Project, verification approval request has been conducted by Verra in accordance with Section 4.3 of the *Registration and Issuance Process*.

The accuracy review has raised two 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 two 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 3.4.3 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 2.2 of the *VCS Monitoring Report Template, v4.0* requests the project proponent to include information about the mechanism for on-going communication with local stakeholders.

Section 2.2 of the monitoring report only states that “communications with local stakeholders are being carried out at periodic intervals.” The project proponent is requested to elaborate on the mechanism for on-going communication. The VVB is requested to assess the information accordingly.

#### VVB Response:

By checking the updated MR (version 3.0 dated 02/05/2021, it is confirmed by CTI that VCS Monitoring Report Template (version 4.0) has been used by the project proponent, within which all instructional text has been adhered to.

By checking the filled questionnaires from local stakeholders, it is confirmed by the verification team that communications with local stakeholders was being carried out at periodic intervals in July 2018, June 2019 and May 2020 by the project owner. There are no negative comments received for the project.

Via checking the questionnaires from local stakeholders and interviewing with staff from local environmental protection bureau and local residents during the site visit, it is confirmed by the verification team that during the implementation stage of this monitoring period, local authority has conducted follow-up interviews and ongoing communication with local stakeholders to collect any comments or inputs to the project implementation. It is confirmed by the verification team that there were no negative comments and issues from the local stakeholders during this monitoring period and the project passed all the periodic spot checks by local government.

It is noted that due to COVID 19 and as per requirements from local government, staff from local government should minimize direct contact with persons from outside, thus CTI interviewed the staff of the local environmental protection bureau in the form of teleconference during site visit. The interview list in the FVR was also updated.

#### Verra Response:

Section 2.2 of the monitoring report has been updated to provide more detailed response about the ongoing stakeholder communication mechanism and feedback received during the monitoring period. This finding is now closed, and no further response is required.

### Finding 2

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, v4.0* instructs the VVB to assess whether the project has participated or been rejected under any other GHG programs, whether the project has received or sought any environmental credits, whether the GHG emission reductions or removals generated by the project have become included in an emission trading program, and the project’s sustainable development contributions.

Section 4.1 of the verification report does not include information about whether the project has participated under other GHG programs, received any environmental credits, participated under any

emission trading programs, nor assess the project's sustainable development contributions (outlined in Section 1.11 of the monitoring report).

The VVB is requested to assess the items above and update Section 4.1 of the verification report accordingly.

**VVB Response:**

The final verification report has been updated by CTI using the VCS Verification Report Template (version 4.0), within which all instructional text has been adhered to.

By checking UNFCCC website (<https://cdm.unfccc.int/Projects/DB/BVQI1241775223.11/view?cp=1>), it is confirmed by CTI that the project has been registered as CDM project activity on 06/05/2010 with reference No. 2566 and there are no CDM issuance during this monitoring period. Furthermore, CTI checked public information from the REC Mechanism database of China, Chinese Emission Trading System, Gold Standard Registry and interviewed with project owner during site visit, it is confirmed that except CDM and VCS scheme, the project has not been participated or been rejected under any other GHG programs since validation or previous verification.

Therefore, the verification team confirmed that the project only applies CERs and VCUs under CDM and VCS, and no rejection from CDM and VCS occurs, there are no other forms of environmental credits applied or issued for the project activity, the emission reduction resulted from the project during this monitoring period would only apply for VCUs.

By checking the registered CDM PDD version 4 dated 11/04/2010, registered VCS PD version 02 dated 17/08/2020 and interviewing with stakeholders during site visit, CTI confirmed that the project would contribute to sustainable development (as outlined in section 1.11 of the monitoring report) in as below:

- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions compared to a business-as-usual scenario;
- Displacing the power generation of fossil fuel power plants, reducing CO<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>x</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> emissions significantly, thus mitigating the air pollution and its adverse impacts on human health;
- Providing clean and renewable energy source, and help to improve energy supply security;
- Providing job opportunities for local residents, helping to alleviate poverty;
- Helping to promote economic development of local area by contributing more tax revenues, increase tourism revenue and alleviate poverty;
- Promoting application and diffusion of the innovative/creative wind technology in China through the demonstrative practice of the project activity.

The same has been supplemented in section 4.1 of the FVR.

**Verra Response:**

Section 4.1 of the verification report has been updated to include information about whether the project has participated under other GHG programs, received any environmental credits, or participated under any emission trading programs. Furthermore, the project's sustainable development contributions (outlined has been assessed. This finding is now closed, and no further response is required.

## 2. MINOR FINDINGS

No minor findings were raised.

## 3. ASSESSMENT CONCLUSION

On 29 April 2021, Verra conducted a review of the verification approval request for project ID 849, Inner Mongolia Ximeng Zheligentu Wind Farm Phase I Project, the results of which can be found above. The project review report was sent to Beijing International New Energy Co., Ltd. And Shenzhen CTI International Certification Co., Ltd.

On 25 May 2021, Verra closed all findings of this review, and no further response is required.