

PROJECT REVIEW REPORT

Project ID	1286
Project Name	Ishasha 6.6 MW Small Hydropower Project
Program(s)	VCS
Verification Period	01 May 2020 – 01 March 2021
Project Proponent	Eco Power Uganda Limited and C-Quest Capital LLC
Methodology	ACM0008
Sectoral Scope(s)	1. Energy (renewable/non-renewable)
Validation/Verification Body (VVB)	LGAI Technological Center, S.A. (Applus+)
Assessment Criteria	VCS Standard, v4.1
Date of First Issue	25 October 2021
Date of Final Issue	<pending>

Summary:

An accuracy review of the *Ishasha 6.6 MW Small Hydropower Project* verification approval request has been conducted by Verra in accordance with Section 4.3 of the *Registration and Issuance*.

The accuracy review has raised 4 assessment 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 4 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 3.19.1 of the *VCS Standard*, v4.1, requires that projects do not seek credit for the same GHG emission reduction under the VCS Program and another GHG program (e.g., the CDM).

Although section 1.9 of the monitoring report discusses the project's participation under the CDM and provides a link to the details of credits that the project has claimed under the CDM, it does explicitly state whether the project will also claim credits under the CDM for GHG emission reductions achieved during this monitoring period.

The project proponent is requested to update section 1.9 of the monitoring report to clearly state whether the project will issue any credits under the CDM for GHG emission reductions achieved during this monitoring period.

VVB Response:

Section 1.9 of MR has been revised to include the declaration from PP about not claiming credits from any other scheme during this monitoring period.

Verra Response:

The text added to section 1.9 of the monitoring report clarifies that the project has not submitted a verification under any other GHG program, including the CDM, for this monitoring period and that the project will not claim credits under any other GHG program. This finding is closed and no further action is required in respect of this finding.

Finding 2

Section 3.3 of the verification report describes 6 project description deviations that have occurred during previous verifications, including one to extend the VCS crediting period to ten years (in accordance with VCS Program rules). However, this project description deviation is not included in the list in section 2.3.2 of the monitoring report.

The VVB is requested to clarify whether this project description deviation was previously applied and, if so, ensure that the monitoring report is updated to provide information about it.

VVB Response:

Section 2.3.2 of MR has been updated to include the change in crediting period of VCS project as project description deviation.

Verra Response:

The updated text in section 2.3.2 of the monitoring report clarifies that the project description deviation to update the project crediting period was previously applied. This finding is closed and no further action is required in respect of this finding.

Finding 3

The monitoring report includes two project proponents for this project: Eco Power Uganda Limited and

C-Quest Capital LLC.

Although the verification report references both Eco Power Uganda Limited and C-Quest Capital LLC, it refers only to C-Quest Capital LLC as the project proponent. Therefore, it is unclear from the verification report what role Eco Power Uganda Limited has in the project.

The VVB is requested to update the verification report to clarify the role of Eco Power Uganda Limited in the project (i.e., as a project proponent).

VVB Response:

Eco Power Uganda Limited (EPUL) is the project implementer and is responsible for day-to-day monitoring of the project activity as per the registered monitoring plan. Same has been mentioned under section 1.4 of verification report for clarity. However, role of EPUL is clearly mentioned in MR under different sections.

Verra Response:

The information added in section 1.4 of the verification report clarifies the role of Eco Power Uganda Limited in the project. This finding is closed and no further action is required in respect of this finding.

Finding 4

Section 4.1.14 of the *VCS Standard, v4.1* requires VVBs to 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* requires VVBs to include information about the implementation status of the project activity and the steps taken to assess the implementation status of the project activity, including the following:

- 1) Sustainable development contributions.

Section 4.1 of the verification report does not include information about the project's sustainable development contributions.

The VVB is requested to update section 4.1 of the verification report to include information about the project's sustainable development contributions, in accordance with the requirements of the *VCS Verification Report Template, v4.0*.

VVB Response:

Section 4.1 of the Verification report has been updated to include information about the project's sustainable development contributions.

Verra Response:

The text added to section 4.1 of the verification report about the project's sustainable development contributions meets the requirements of the *VCS Verification Report Template, v4.0*. This finding is closed and no further action is required in respect of this finding.

2. MINOR FINDINGS

No minor findings were raised as part of this review.

3. ASSESSMENT CONCLUSION

On 25 October 2021, Verra conducted a review of the verification approval request for project ID 1286 *Ishasha 6.6 MW Small Hydropower Project* and raised four assessment findings.

On 29 October 2021, the VVB, LGAI Technological Center, S.A. (Applus+), submitted updated documents and provided responses to the four assessment findings. The responses were sufficient to close all findings.

On 02 November 2021, all findings were closed and no further action was required in respect of the review.