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Project 1162, Jiangxi Province Le'an Country Forest Farm Carbon Sink Project: verification request denied.

Dear Ai Hansong and Mr TIAN Wei,

Verra has denied the VCS Verification request for the project (monitoring period: 01 January 2017 – 30 January 2022), and the project status has been updated to *Registration request denied*. Note the project has not been rejected.

Verra undertook a completeness check per Section 4.3.1 of the *Registration and Issuance Process*, v4.4, and has determined that the project does not conform with the VCS Program rules. The project documentation is deemed incomplete. Information provided on the baseline reassessment is insufficient for Verra to perform its review.

Next Steps:

The project proponent must:

1. Provide sufficient information on the baseline reassessment, capturing changes in the drivers and behavior of agents that cause the change in land use and carbon stocks. The PP must incorporate these changes into revised estimates of land-use change rates, patterns, and baseline emissions (ref: *VCS Standard*, v4.5, Section 3.2.6 (3)).
2. For the new baseline validity period, evaluate the impact of new relevant national and sectoral policies and circumstances on the validity of the baseline scenario (ref: *VCS Standard*, v4.5, Section 3.2.6 (4)) and provide the following evidence:
 - i. For all counties included in the project, provide the valid government issued county harvest quotas (i.e., 5-year plans) for both commercial and non-commercial purposes to define a legal allocation of rights to the forest timber resource (ref: *VM0010*, v1.3, Section 4.1). Quotas must be summarized and presented from all available 5-year plans that overlap with the project crediting period.
 - ii. Present a valid government approved license to commercially harvest for at least the first year of the project crediting period to establish that the legal right to harvest pre-existed project implementation (ref: *VM0010*, v1.3, Section 4.1). Please note, the licenses must include the entire project area and the ledger for harvest licenses is not sufficient.
 - iii. Present a valid government approved forest management plan for the baseline scenario that pre-existed the project implementation. The plan must define the spatial extent of the forest, the volume of the timber resource to be extracted, and the harvesting practices (ref: *VM0010*, v1.3, Section 4.1).



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3. The VVB must assess the updates and revise the validation and verification reports accordingly. For all evidence listed above, have the authenticity and relevance to the entire project area validated by the VVB.

Only where the VVB validates the authenticity and relevance of all the above evidence, the account holder may submit a new request before 11 April 2025, as follows:

1. Upload the revised project documents to the Verra Registry,
2. Upload a letter describing the actions taken by the project proponent and VVB to address the reasons for denial, and,
3. Submit a new Registration approval request via email to registry@verra.org.
4. Pay the "Project registration request review" fee.

The project will be rejected if a new request is not submitted within one year of denial or if the findings are not addressed to the satisfaction of Verra after two denials.

This letter will be made public on the Verra Registry.

Sincerely,

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