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Ms. Pauline Kalathas
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Dear Ms. Kalathas,

This letter is in reference to your exemption request submitted to Verra on 20 July 2020. It is our understanding that you are requesting an exemption from Section 4.1.20 of the *VCS Standard v4.0* for the following projects: ID 334 *Methane Recovery Project Cleanergy Wanroij, North Brabant, The Netherlands*, ID 335 *Methane Recovery Project Aben, Wanroij, North Brabant, The Netherlands*, ID 336 *Methane Recovery Project Houbensteyn Ysselsteyn, Limburg, The Netherlands*, ID 337 *Methane Recovery Project Princepeel Wilbertoord, North Brabant, The Netherlands* and ID 338 *Methane Recovery Project Praktijkcentrum Sterksel, North Brabant, The Netherlands*. Section 4.1.20 of the *VCS Standard v4.0* requires projects to rotate VVBs after six years of contiguous verifications.

Based on the information provided to Verra, these projects intended to verify emission reductions for all eight years remaining in their respective project crediting periods. However, due to the prohibitive cost of contracting two separate VVBs as per VCS requirements, the projects were unable to do so. Given this, GES Energie GmbH has requested an exemption from the requirement that the project proponents change VVBs after six years of contiguous verified emission reductions.

Considering the particular circumstances leading to this request, and the background information presented, Verra is able to grant the project proponents, Agrokracht, Aben Recycling BV, Houbensteyn BV, B.V. Landgoed de Principeel, and Praktijkcentrum Sterksel an exemption from Section 4.1.20 of the *VCS Standard v4.0* for the verification approval request of these projects, thus permitting the projects to contract one VVB to verify the final eight (8) years and five (5) months of the project crediting periods.

This exemption is granted with the understanding that project IDs 334, 335, 336, and 338 will not issue Verified Carbon Units (VCUs) for the dates 1 January 2008-30 April 2010, and project ID 337 will not issue VCUs for the dates 1 January 2008-31 May 2010, though the emission reductions achieved during this time period shall be assessed by a VVB as part of the project verification. 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.

Please submit a copy of this letter when submitting verification documents. This letter will be uploaded to the Verra Registry as a public document.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sam Hoffer".

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