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### SECTION A. Project Title

Title: Orb Energy Solar Project, India  
Version: 03.1  
Date: 15/1/2013

### SECTION B. Project description

Orb Energy ('Orb') has proposed a VER project to increase access and penetration of solar PV and solar thermal systems in India. This is to be achieved through the establishment of a network of Orb Energy branches (own branches and franchisees). So far, the company has established 80 branches, mainly in the state of Karnataka where the process started. By the end of 2013, the company aims to establish 150 branches across Karnataka State.

Some Orb Energy branches are franchised and the rest are run directly. But, whether franchised or directly run, the objective of an Orb Energy branch is the same: to ensure that customers receive a high quality product, installed on their premises, with reliable after-sales service.

Orb sells both solar thermal for hot water and solar PV systems for lighting and other electrical services. Solar PV systems are sold under the brand names 'Solectric' and 'Solite'. System sizes start at 20 watts and scale to whatever size suits the customers demand. The aim is to ensure that the product is closely tailored to the customer needs.

PV systems are sold in both urban and rural areas, but the majority are sold in rural areas. They are bought by residential and commercial customers not just for lighting, but also for a broad range of electricity needs (fans, TV, refrigerators, etc). To ensure customer satisfaction and repeat sales Orb gives a system warranty of 1-3 years and 3 free after-sales visits in the first year for every Solectric and Solite system sold.

In addition to providing installed solar systems, Orb also helps customers to arrange loans. Orb has MOUs with more than 10 banks that offer customers 1-5 year-loans for solar systems. This enables less affluent customers to also enjoy the benefits of solar.

Solar thermal systems for hot water are sold by Orb under the brand name 'Sunstream'. Like PV systems, thermal systems come in various sizes, measured in litres delivered to the customer per day<sup>1</sup>. The smallest standard system starts at 100 litres per day and goes up from there. Like solar PV, solar thermal systems can be tailored to the precise hot water needs of the customer.

Once a customer buys a solar system, it is installed by one of Orb Energy's trained technicians, who are either employed by Orb Energy or by an Orb Energy franchise. Both technicians receive the same training and must execute work to the highest technical standards. These technicians ensure optimal installation of the solar system and provide after-sales service. In order to ensure that customer complaints are addressed and preventative service visits are done as scheduled, Orb Energy's marketing and technical divisions in the head office in Bangalore track and process them centrally.

<sup>1</sup> Typically, the amount of water delivered per day at 65°C, with an ambient temperature of 25°C, is directly dependent on the Glazed Flat Plate area.







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Use of both solar PV and solar thermal systems by rural and urban households lead to a switch from either grid electricity, fuel wood, LPG, diesel or kerosene in energy provision. The proposed project therefore will realise emissions reductions from reduced consumption of grid electricity, LPG, diesel and kerosene.

### SECTION C. Proof of project eligibility

#### C.1. Scale of the Project

[See Toolkit 1.2.a]

Project Type	Large	Small
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>

#### C.2. Host Country

India

#### C.3. Project Type

[See Toolkit 1.2.c and Toolkit Annex C]

Project type	Yes	No
Does your project activity classify as a Renewable Energy project?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does your project activity classify as an End-use Energy Efficiency Improvement project?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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*Please specify your project type:*

The proposed project is a renewable energy project which involves electricity generation for the user and thermal energy for the user without electricity.

The project involves generation of energy from solar radiation using solar PV technology and also generation of thermal energy for water heating using Thermal solar systems. The renewable energy replaces the fossil fuels and wood fuel use lighting, electrical appliances and for thermal applications in both urban and rural areas.

Pre Announcement	Yes	No
Was your project previously announced?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Explain your statement on pre announcement		
The project has never been announced without carbon finance before. The project design incorporated carbon finance in its expansion programme.		

### C.4. Greenhouse gas

[See Toolkit 1.2.d]

<b>Greenhouse Gas</b>	
Carbon dioxide	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Methane	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nitrous oxide	<input type="checkbox"/>

### C.5. Project Registration Type

[See Toolkit 1.2.f]

<b>Project Registration Type</b>				
Regular	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Pre-feasibility assessment	<table border="1"> <tbody> <tr> <td>Retro-active projects (T.2.5.1)</td> <td>Preliminary evaluation (T.2.5.2)</td> <td>Rejected by UNFCCC (T2.5.3)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Retro-active projects (T.2.5.1)	Preliminary evaluation (T.2.5.2)	Rejected by UNFCCC (T2.5.3)
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### SECTION D. Unique project identification

#### D.1. GPS-coordinates of project location

[See Toolkit 1.6]

	Coordinates
Latitude	See map below
Longitude	See map below



*Explain given coordinates*

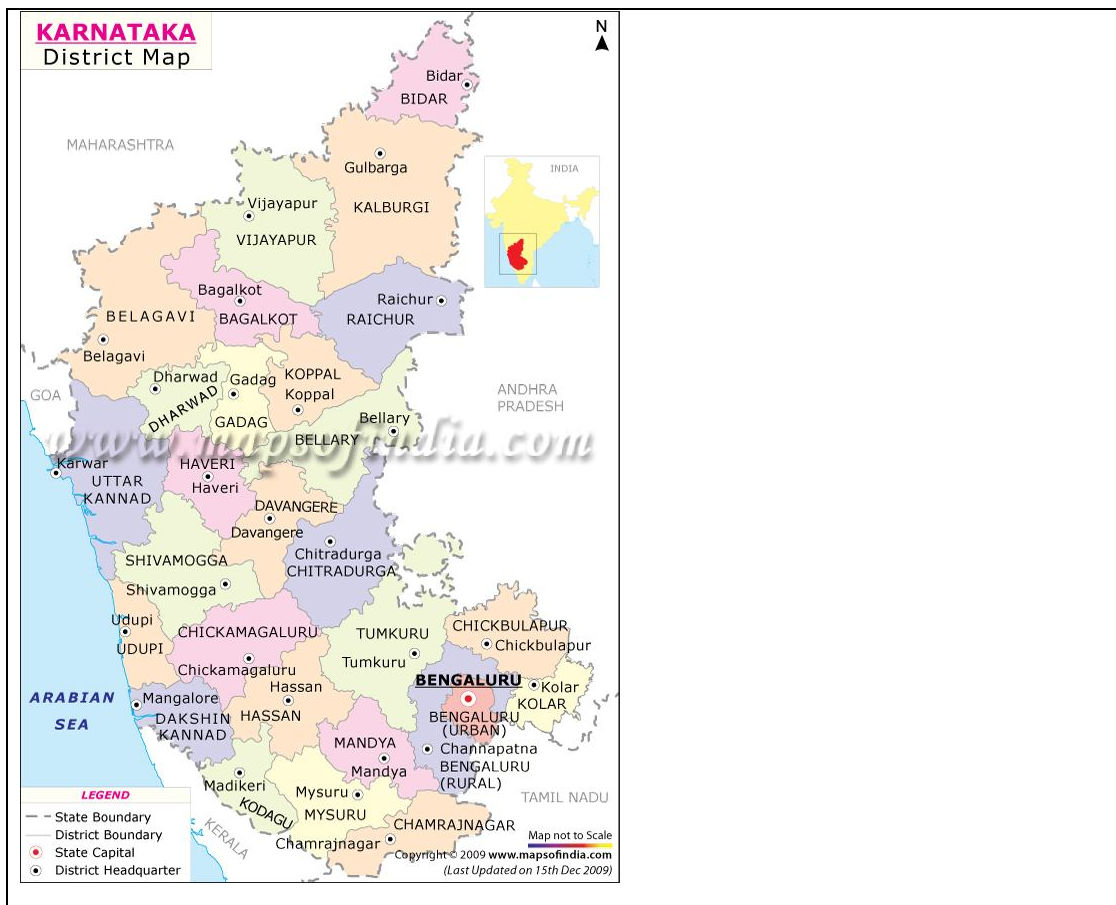
The project boundary covers the state of Karnataka located in southern India as outlined in the map below.

#### D.2. Map

[See Toolkit 1.6]

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**SECTION E. Outcome stakeholder consultation process**

**E.1. Assessment of stakeholder comments**

[See Toolkit Annex J]

[See Local Stakeholder Consultation Report B.5 and insert table from ii Assessment of comments. Insert a summary of alterations based on comments]

Stakeholder Comment	Assessment	Response to comment
Orb Energy to ensure a minimum of 1-2 people are trained at the Taluk (sub-district) level where it operates	This proposal was considered reasonable in view of the need to be responsive and minimise travel costs associated with service	This is in line with Orb Energy's strategy and is already being done
Orb Energy to concentrate more on rural areas, and not to	Has merits in the sense that urban areas are usually served	Orb Solar is driven by demand and already 94%

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sell as much in the cities	already by the grid system.	of the Solar PV systems are in rural areas. While 78% of solar thermal is rural.
High cost of solar PV	Upfront cost is high but competes very well with other well established technologies over time	Carbon being used to finance expansion instead of factoring it in the product price.
Orb Energy should make sure customers know that when a customer buys a solar thermal on a financed basis, they are saving money from day one	This makes sense and is already part of the sales and marketing information sent by Orb Energy.	Orb Solar to keep monitoring and collecting data on the exact amount of savings realised by a household through purchase of a solar system

The outcome of the project did not bring any major concerns from stakeholders which needed re-designing of the proposed project. This is because the stakeholders' were unanimous in endorsing the project and giving it a go ahead. Their decision was based on the positive aspects of the project to the community in alleviating their dependency on fossil fuels and reducing the inconvenience of frequent power cuts experienced in the grid.

All the enhancement suggestions made during the meeting have been implemented (see table above).

### E.2. Stakeholder Feedback Round

Please describe report how the feedback round was organised, what the outcomes were and how you followed up on the feedback.

#### [See Toolkit 2.11]

The stakeholders' consultation was convened through a newspaper advertisement (Deccan Herald) on 8th December 2008, personal invitation letters and postal mail invitations were sent to stakeholders. Screen shot of the postal mail invitation, which were sent out for the first round of stakeholder consultation in 2008 have been mentioned in annex 2. A copy of the proof of postage to stakeholders by registered post has been attached as annex 3 for your reference. During the forum, the stakeholders were taken through the project design and implementation and how the project will benefit the community(ies).

After presentations by the project proponent, the stakeholders' in attendance were allowed to give their contribution and ask questions.

They were then given the questionnaires where they were asked to fill and hand them back before the end of the day's activities.

After receiving the pre feasibility assessment for Orb Energy Solar Project stakeholder feedback round was carried out between 10th and 13th August 2009 following discussions with Gold Standard. A total of 78 households who participated in the consultations were randomly selected from the Orb Energy customer list database. Of the total participating households, 30 households falling within Karnataka state were visited for questionnaire administration, while the remaining 48

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were interviewed through telephone. The same was discussed and approved by GS. Please refer to the Annex 4.

### SECTION F. Outcome Sustainability assessment

#### F.1. 'Do no harm' Assessment

[See Toolkit 2.4.1 and Toolkit Annex H]

Safeguarding principles	Description of relevance to my project	Assessment of my project risks breaching it (low/medium/high)	Mitigation measure
1 The project respects internationally proclaimed human rights including dignity, cultural property and uniqueness of indigenous people. The project is not complicit in Human Rights abuses.	The solar lighting and heating systems are directly sold to the families. The dignity, cultural properties and the economic, social and cultural freedom of the participants and local people are not affected. All families decide independently whether they want to participate and every family, who can afford the technology, can participate regardless of their political or social background. The project is not complicit in any human rights abuses. Hence, it can be concluded that the	Low	N/A

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	project respects internationally proclaimed human rights and does not lead to Human Right Abuses.		
2. The project does not involve and is not complicit in involuntary resettlement.	The project leads to installation of solar PV and heater to be used by farmers in rural areas. The project does not lead to any involuntary resettlement of the local community, either indirectly or directly.	Low	N/A
3. The project does not involve and is not complicit in the alteration, damage or removal of any critical cultural heritage	Since this project is implemented in already existing households in rural areas, the issue of alteration, damage and removal of any cultural heritage does not arise.	Low	N/A
4. The project respects the employees' freedom of association and their right to collective bargaining and is not complicit in restrictions of these freedoms and rights	The project is in compliance with the laws of Government of India. Government of India has ratified the ILO convention 87 (freedom of association) and 98 (right to collective bargaining). The guarantees provided for under these two Conventions are by and large available to workers in India by means of	Low	N/A

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	constitutional provisions, laws and regulations and practices. <sup>2</sup>		
5. The project does not involve and is not complicit in any form of forced or compulsory labour	The project abides by Factories Act of India, 1948 <sup>3</sup> and does not employ any form of forced or compulsory labour. Orb energy is an at will employer. Employees can quit their services at any time. All the employees offer their labour on a voluntary basis.	Low	N/A
6. The project does not employ and is not complicit in any form of child labour	The project neither employs nor intends to employ child labour. As per the laws prevailing in India, the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act prohibits employment of children in certain specified hazardous occupations. Orb energy abides by this law. Orb also has internal anti-child labor policy to ensure prohibition of unlawful employment of children below the	Low	N/A

<sup>2</sup> <http://labour.nic.in/ilas/indiaandilo.htm>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.ilo.org/dyn/natlex/docs/WEBTEXT/32063/64873/E87IND01.htm>

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	age of 18 years.		
7. The project does not involve and is not complicit in any form of discrimination based on gender, race, religion, sexual orientation or any other basis.	The project's employment policy does not promote discrimination of any kind. It is in abidance with the laws that promote the principle of anti-discrimination.	Low	N/A
8. The project provides workers with a safe and healthy work environment and is not complicit in exposing workers to unsafe or unhealthy work environments.	The Project does not involve any work that has the potential to expose the workers to unsafe and unhealthy work environment. No hazardous material is used in the project. The project provides safe and healthy work condition to the employees.	Low	N/A
9. The project takes a precautionary approach in regard to environmental challenges and is not complicit in practices contrary to the precautionary principle.	Relevant and pertains to the disposal of the obsolete equipment	Medium	Project developer has arranged for recycling of obsolete batteries and other equipment. On replacement of old batteries, the project developer's technician advises the users on how to replace an old batteries and where to sell the old battery for disposal. Users get a discount on new battery if they give old battery for disposal, The same is also monitored to ensure that the batteries collected are regularly

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			recycled.
10. The project does not involve and is not complicit in significant conversion or degradation of critical natural habitats, including those that are (a) legally protected, (b) officially proposed for protection, (c) identified by authoritative sources for their high conservation value, or (d) recognized as protected by traditional local communities.	Neither the production nor the installation or operation of these units threatens natural habitats. It does not pose any harm to the natural habitats of the native species.	Low	N/A
11. The project does not involve and is not complicit in corruption.	Project developer neither indulges nor promotes corruption at any stage of the project. Orb has internal anti corruption policy and all the employees are made aware of the same by internal training for abidance. The project is working in India to improve the social, economic and environmental conditions of families in need. The employees of Orb have been trained to not to complicit any form of corruption through training modules.	Low	N/A
<b>Additional relevant critical issues for my project type</b>	<b>Description of relevance to my project</b>	<b>Assessment of relevance to my project (low/medium/high)</b>	<b>Mitigation measure</b>
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**F.2. Sustainable Development matrix**

[See Toolkit 2.4.2 and Toolkit Annex I]

Insert table in section C3 from your Stakeholder Consultation report (Sustainable Development matrix).

Indicator	Mitigation measure	Relevance to achieving MDG	Chosen parameter and explanation	Preliminary score
Air quality		Improvement in air quality reduces acid rain and improves indoor air quality which affects biodiversity and human health. These two issues have a direct impact on environmental integrity and child mortality (MDG goals 7 and 4)	The project will help reduce indoor air pollution and also component of NOx, and SOx, release to the atmosphere which are associated with fossil fuels use.	0 <sup>4</sup>
Water quality and quantity		The project has no direct impact on water quantity and quality. However, long term impact of harvesting firewood has a negative impact of water quantity in the catchment areas (MDG 7).	Because there are several factors affecting water quality and quantity, it is impossible to monitor a specific parameter on this indicator.	0
Soil condition		MDG 7 of environmental conservation	The project will not have any impact or change in soil	0
Other pollutants	Orb Energy will collect "take back" old batteries and advise on the right way to dispose them so that they don't pose a negative impact on the environment.  The advisory will be in form of liaising	MDG 7 of environmental conservation	Solar systems do not generate any pollutants which are harmful to the environment. However, disposal of batteries and used solar equipment may pose a problem if not done in the right manner.	0

<sup>4</sup> Despite the positive air quality impact at the power station (from reduced grid electricity use) and at the local level from reduced fossil fuel use, this has been marked as 0 because it is not possible to measure and monitor direct impacts in each household.

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	branch outlets to collect selling them to a specific recycler.			
Biodiversity		MDG 7 of environmental conservation	The project will not lead to any change in biodiversity but may indirectly affect biodiversity through impact on local air quality and reduced fuel wood usage	0
Quality of employment*		Employment creation assist in achieving MDG 1	The project will create 2,500 jobs by end 2013. These include management, sales personnel, technicians, and administrators. All personnel will receive extensive training in the Orb Energy training academy, which they may use once they leave Orb. Through training, the quality of employment in India will be higher compared with the baseline. Also, the employees hired will be qualified.	+
Livelihood of the poor*		Assist in achieving MDG 1 of eradicating poverty for the population where units are installed	The project would lead to improved living condition of the end users by saving money spent on fuel usage. Also usage of clean energy will reduce pollution and provide improved health outcomes for users. The project provides direct and indirect employment opportunities to skilled and unskilled labourer in turn eradicating poverty by creating a source of income. Although the project has a positive impact on this parameter but it would be difficult to monitor the same. Therefore this parameter is assumed as neutral.	0
Access to affordable and clean energy services*		The contributes to MDG 7a through increased access and use of renewable and clean energy, reduced per capita CO <sub>2</sub> emission	The project will deliver thousands of solar systems installed by 2020. Solar energy generates clean and cheap source of energy. Solar energy provision is	+

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		and reduction of forest destruction associated with energy provision. It also contributes to MDGs 3 and 2 as women and children are the fuel wood collectors and if the requirement for such fuel is reduced, women and children will have more time for more productive activities and studying	continuous so long as there is enough solar radiation, and Orb's systems have 2-3 days of autonomy built into them This will go a long way to ensuring that there is steady provision of energy to households, associated health benefits such as clean kitchen lighting, better quality of light for reading and studying. The project will help the women more especially in rural areas by reducing time spent in gathering fuel <sup>5</sup> .	
Human and institutional capacity*		The project contributes to MDGs 2 and 3 and could also have a neutral impact on MDG 1.	The exposure of new technology to the end users aids in their capacity development. The same is ensured by conducting training sessions at multiple levels regarding environmental aspect, health and hygiene. Also, it increases the capacity to implement renewable thermal and photovoltaic units. Hence the parameter is considered to be neutral.	0
Quantitative employment and income generation*		MDG 1 is achieved through the project creating an avenue for enhancing income-generating activities in addition to direct jobs.	Number of jobs created. With the establishment of approx 80 branches till date, roughly 200 jobs have been created, many of them in rural areas. Orb Energy expects to create 500 jobs, and by the end of 2013. Since the activity of Orb focuses on rural areas, a lot of employees are local as they know the local language. Remuneration offered by Orb for its employees is at par with market standard. By creating jobs in rural areas, it further helps to generate economic activity and stem urban migration.	+

<sup>5</sup> [http://www.unmillenniumproject.org/documents/MP\\_Energy\\_Low\\_Res.pdf](http://www.unmillenniumproject.org/documents/MP_Energy_Low_Res.pdf) page 25, 46

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Balance of payments and investment		Saving foreign exchange ensures that individuals, companies and the country will have more funds for investing in other sectors of the economy which will help the country's economy to grow, and this will ensure that poverty levels are reduced (MDGs 1 and 8).	Equivalent savings on fossil fuels from the use of solar energy. The project will help in saving foreign exchange which would have been otherwise used for buying fossil fuels for use in the generation of electricity which the project will displace from the national grid.	0
Technology transfer and technological self-reliance*		MDG 8	The project will help in the dissemination and adaptation of solar technology in rural areas of India. The exposure of new technology to the end users aids in their capacity development. The project does not involve any technology transfer. However it does contribute to technological self reliance as solar units are designed and manufactured indigenously. As it is difficult to monitor the same therefore the parameter is deemed as neutral.	0

### SECTION G. Sustainability Monitoring Plan

[See Toolkit 2.4.3 and Toolkit Annex I]

No	1	
Indicator	Quality of employment	
Mitigation measure	-	
Chosen parameter	Type of jobs created (permanent or temporary)	
Current situation of parameter	The company has established approx 80 branches and roughly 200 jobs (salesmen and technicians) have been created.	
Estimation of baseline situation of parameter	There exist technicians in solar installation and repair. Most of them are electrical engineers and not solar engineers.	
Future project target for parameter	Creation of permanent or temporary jobs for technician, marketers, salesmen and repair technicians. This will be done through training and recruitment.	
Way of monitoring	How	Keeping records on type and number of people employed.
	When	Ongoing, shall be monitored at least annually
	By who	Orb Energy management

No	2	
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Indicator	Access to affordable clean energy services	
Mitigation measure	N/A	
Chosen parameter	Number of units installed by type	
Current situation of parameter	4,328 units sold <sup>6</sup>	
Estimation of baseline situation of parameter	Households were using expensive energy source either from grid, fossil fuel or wood.	
Future project target for parameter	Expansion and target to set up Orb outlets in Karnataka state in India through which households can access them and after sale services	
Way of monitoring	How	Branch expansion records and sales records
	When	Ongoing, shall be monitored at least annually
	By who	Orb Energy management

No	3	
Indicator	Quantitative employment and income generation	
Mitigation measure	N/A	
Chosen parameter	Number of jobs created mainly jobs for local people and income level	
Current situation of parameter	200	
Estimation of baseline situation of parameter	Orb has helped create source of employed which would not have arisen had Orb Energy not started operation	
Future project target for parameter	500 by year 2013, of which preference is given to people having knowledge of local language	
Way of monitoring	How	Record keeping
	When	Ongoing, shall be monitored at least annually
	By who	Orb Energy management

No	4	
Indicator	Disposal mechanism of the used batteries	
Mitigation measure	N/A	
Chosen parameter	Number of old batteries recycled	
Current situation of parameter	Batteries are recycled	
Estimation of baseline situation of parameter	No recycling of used batteries was done	
Future project target for parameter	Recycling of old batteries received by Orb	
Way of monitoring	How	Record keeping
	When	Ongoing, shall be monitored at least annually
	By who	Orb Energy management

<sup>6</sup> Approximately 20,000 units of solar thermal and PV have been installed till 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011 cumulatively.

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No	5	
Indicator	Preventative maintenance service	
Mitigation measure	N/A	
Chosen parameter	No of services being done on each unit	
Current situation of parameter	Service being performed	
Estimation of baseline situation of parameter	No preventative maintenance service was being provided	
Future project target for parameter	Completion of preventative maintenance services	
Way of monitoring	How	Record keeping
	When	Ongoing, shall be monitored at least annually
	By who	Orb Energy management

### Additional remarks monitoring

The monitoring of sustainable contribution of the project to the community will be done by Orb Energy management. Records will be kept on the number of units sold each month, number of outlets opened and the particulars of jobs created and how they will benefit the organisation and the community as a whole.

**SECTION H.      Additionality and conservativeness**



This section is only applicable if the section on additionality and/or your choice of baseline does not follow Gold Standard guidance

**H.1.      Additionality**

[See Toolkit 2.3]

Not applicable because the Gold Standard guidelines have been followed and the latest version of the additionality tool has been applied

**H.2.      Conservativeness**

[See Toolkit 2.2]

N/A

**ANNEX 1 ODA declarations**

[See Toolkit Annex D]



**To: Gold Standard Foundation**

**Declaration of Non-Use of Official Development Assistance by Project Proponent:**

As Legal Owner ("Project Proponent") of the above-referenced project, acting on behalf of all project participants, I now make the following representations:

I hereby declare that I am duly and fully authorised by the legal owner ("Project Proponent") of the above-referenced project, acting on behalf of all project participants, to make the following representations on Project Proponent's behalf:

**I. Gold Standard Documentation**

I am familiar with the provisions of Gold Standard Documentation relevant to Official Development Assistance (ODA). I understand that the above-referenced project is not eligible for Gold Standard registration if the project receives or benefits from Official Development Assistance under the condition that some or all credits coming out of the project are transferred to the ODA donor country. I now expressly declare that no financing provided in connection with the above-referenced project has come from or will come from ODA that has been or will be provided under the condition, whether express or implied, that any or all of the credits [CERs, ERUs or VERs] issued as a result of the project's operation will be transferred directly or indirectly to the country of origin of the ODA.

**II. Financier Declarations**

I hereby declare that I have submitted [1] declaration of Non-Use of ODA, representing declarations from all project financiers. If additional financiers are added to the project, I will promptly notify the Gold Standard Foundation and ensure that additional declarations are promptly submitted.

**III. Financing Plan**

I agree to complete and submit a sufficiently clear and transparent financing plan for the project so that during validation the Validator can assess compliance with the Non-Use of ODA requirement.

**IV. Duty to Notify Upon Discovery**

If I learn or if I am given any reason to believe at any stage of project design or implementation that ODA has been used to support the development or implementation of the project, or that an entity providing ODA to the host country may at some point in the future benefit directly or indirectly from the credits generated from the project as a condition of investment, I will make this known to the Gold Standard immediately.

**V. Sanctions.** I am fully aware that under Section 10 of the Gold Standard Terms and Conditions sanctions and damages may be incurred for the provision of false information related to Projects and/or Gold Standard credits.

Signed:

Name: *Damian Miller*

Title: *CFO*

On behalf of: *Orb Energy Pvt. Ltd.*

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United States Department of State  
Washington, D.C. 20520

June 5, 2009

To: Gold Standard Foundation

### Declaration of Financier of Non-Use of Official Development Assistance

The United States Department of State, hereinafter 'Financier', is providing or has or will provide financial or other support for the above-referenced project.

**I. Declaration of Non-Use of ODA.** Financier understands that projects are not eligible for Gold Standard Registration if they receive Official Development Assistance (ODA) for project activities under the condition that some or all credits resulting from the project are transferred to the donor country. Financier now expressly declares that no financing provided in connection with the above-referenced project has come from or will come from ODA that has been or will be provided under the condition, whether express or implied, that any or all of the credits [CERs, ERUs or VERs] issued as a result of the project's operation will be transferred directly or indirectly to the country of origin of the ODA.

**II. Definition of Official Development Assistance.** For purposes of this section, the term ODA shall have the same meaning provided in the Gold Standard Documentation, including section 1.2.e of the Gold Standard Toolkit, which provides a reference to the OECD Development Assistance Committee Glossary definition of ODA. In the event of any question of interpretation as to the definition of ODA, the definition applied by the OECD shall prevail

**III. Acknowledgment of Duty to Notify Upon Discovery.** If Financier learns or is given reason to believe at any stage of project design or implementation that ODA has been or will be used to support the development or implementation of the project, and that the donor country or entity providing such ODA to the host country may at some point in the future benefit directly or indirectly from the credits generated from the project as an intended result of the extension of this support, this information will be provided to the Gold Standard immediately. Sanctions associated with failure to notify the Gold Standard are addressed under Annex M to the Gold Standard Toolkit ('Gold Standard Terms & Conditions').

Signature: Date: June 5, 2009

On behalf of Financier: BSEOP

**ANNEX 2 Screenshot of invitation to stakeholders**

[See Toolkit 2.6 and Toolkit Annex J]



17<sup>th</sup> November, 2008

Dear Sir / Madam,

**RE: INITIAL STAKEHOLDERS CONSULTATION FORUM FOR THE ORB ENERGY  
SOLAR PROJECT IN INDIA BY ORB ENERGY**

Orb Energy Pvt Limited ("Orb") is implementing a Voluntary Emission Reduction (VER) project which involves increasing access and penetration of solar PV and solar thermal systems through the establishment of a network of franchised and direct-run branches across a number of states in India.

The proposed project is aimed at increasing the rate and density of solar system usage by households in India and enhancement of climate change mitigation efforts. The project is being implemented as a Gold Standard Voluntary Emission Reduction (VER) project.

As a Gold Standard VER project, it is a requirement that the project meets the sustainable development criteria for the host country statutory regulations and other state requirements. The key stakeholder requirements for the project have also got to be identified and adequately addressed. The requirements will be identified during a planned stakeholder consultation meeting.

The purpose of this letter is to invite you to a consultation meeting which is to be held in our Bangalore offices on **9<sup>th</sup> December 2008 starting at 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.** During the meeting, the project details, including any anticipated positive and negative impacts, and the planned mitigation measures will be presented to the participants who will then be requested to give their feedback on the project as proposed.

Attached with this letter, please find the following:

1. A non-technical summary of the Project design Document
2. Agenda for the meeting

In case of any need for further clarification, please contact the undersigned.

Thank you

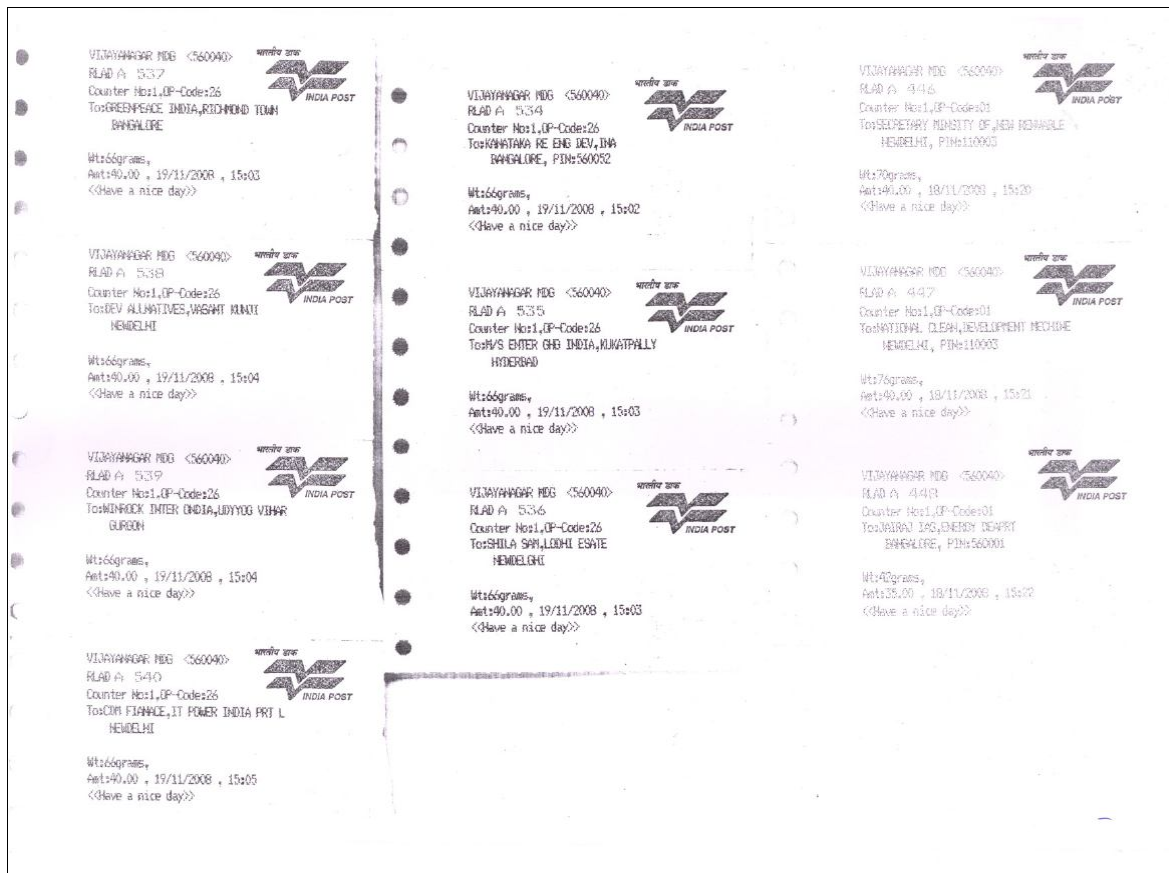
Yours faithfully,



Damian Miller  
Chief Executive Officer



**ANNEX 3 Proof of postage to stakeholders by registered post**



### Annex 4 E mail from GS confirming appropriateness of stakeholder feedback round conducted

