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Project 981 – CCB Validation and Verification Approval Request Denied

Dear Dr. Vishnu Nikkam and Nazida Islam,

Verra denies the CCB validation and verification approval request for project 981, Pacajai REDD+ Project. The project has failed to comply with the CCB Program rules and the project's CCB status will be updated accordingly.

No response was received from the validation/verification body (VVB) within 60 business days from the date the project review report was sent to the VVB, as required by Section 4.3.30(5) of the *CCB Program Rules, v3.1*. Where no responses are received, Verra reserves the right not to approve the project's CCB validation and/or verification.

Next steps

The account holder may submit a new CCB validation and verification request no sooner than 25 June 2023 by:

- 1) Uploading revised project documents to the Verra Registry, and
- 2) Submitting a new CCB validation and verification request via email to registry@terra.org.

Background

Verra reviewed a CCB validation and verification approval request for project 981 and sent a project review report with 73 findings to the VVB, EPIC Sustainability, on 18 December 2021. On 28 September 2022, Verra sent an email to EPIC Sustainability citing Section 4.3.30(5) of the *CCB Program Rules, v3.1* and requesting a response to the findings issued in the project review report. Verra granted EPIC Sustainability an additional 30 business days (i.e., until 7 November 2022) to respond to the findings. No response was received, and the project has therefore failed to comply with the CCB Program rules. On this basis, Verra denies the CCB validation and verification approval request for project 981.



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Note that the project's VCS status has been changed to *registered*, because it was mistakenly advanced to *verification approval requested* by the account holder.

This letter will be made public on the Verra Registry.

Sincerely,

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Director, Sustainable Development Innovation