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Mr. Colin Moore
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Dear Mr. Moore,

This letter is in reference to your exemption request titled "KSWS REDD Request for Exemption 2019" submitted on 19 November 2019. It is our understanding that you are requesting an exemption from the requirement set out in Sections 4.3.4 and 4.3.11 of the *CCB Program Rules*, version 3.1, for the "Reduced Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation in Keo Seima Wildlife Sanctuary" project on behalf of the project proponent, the Environment Ministry of the Royal Government of Cambodia. These sections of the *CCB Program Rules* require that the project proponent prepare a draft monitoring report using the relevant template (i.e., the *CCB & VCS Monitoring Report Template*) prior to start of the public comment period and that the VVB may only begin the verification audit after the start of the public comment period. Specifically, we understand that your request is to break up your verification audit into two stages, providing an incomplete CCB & VCS monitoring report in the first stage, while still starting the verification audit.

Based on the information provided to Verra, it is understood that the project proponent would like to break up the verification audit into two stages based on the availability of satellite imagery. Specifically, the project would like to present a CCB monitoring report for public comment that does not include the climate section, and undergo a VVB verification of the community and biodiversity implementation. Then, once the satellite imagery data is available, open a new public comment period for the full monitoring report and undergo a verification audit of the emission reductions and removals to demonstrate climate benefits.

Considering the limited non-conformance impacts associated with allowing project documents that are incomplete to undergo public comment and VVB assessment, given that they will be made public again for a second public comment period and VVB assessment, Verra grants the project proponent, the Environment Ministry of the Royal Government of Cambodia, an exemption from the requirements set out in Sections 4.3.4 and 4.3.11 of the *CCB Program Rules*, version 3.1, for the documents that are posted for the 30-day public comment period for the third verification of the project under the CCB Program. Prior to submission of final CCB verification documents the project must undergo a public comment period with a complete CCB monitoring report.

When submitting draft documentation for public comment, the project proponent must present a copy of this letter to the registry administrator as evidence of the exemption. This letter will be uploaded to the project record on the Verra project database as a public document.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julia Philpott".

Julia Philpott
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