

VCS PROJECT REVIEW REPORT

Project ID	1258
Project Name	<i>Saint Nikola Wind Farm</i>
Project Proponent	<i>AES Geo Energy OOD</i>
Methodology	<i>CDM ACM0002 “Large-scale Consolidated Methodology: Grid-connected electricity generation from renewable sources”, v14</i>
Sectoral Scope(s)	<i>1. Energy (renewable/non-renewable)</i>
Validation/Verification Body (VVB)	<i>RINA Services S.p.A</i>
Registry	<i>APX</i>

Assessment Criteria	<i>VCS Standard, v3.5; VCS Program Definitions, v3.5</i>
Date of First Issue	<i>24 June 2016</i>
Date of Final Issue	<i>5 August 2016</i>

Summary:

An accuracy review of the *Saint Nikola Wind Farm* issuance request has been conducted by VCS in accordance with Section 4.3 of the *Registration and Issuance Process*.

The accuracy review has raised one assessment findings and no minor findings, detailed below. The VVB, in coordination with the project proponent, is hereby required to provide a response to the assessment findings presented in Section 1. The assessment finding must be addressed to the satisfaction of VCS.

This findings report may be made publically available. Confidential information may be provided as separate attachments.

1 ASSESSMENT FINDINGS

Finding 1

Section 5.3.1(1) of the *VCS Standard* requires that validations and verification must have a level of assurance that is reasonable.

Section 1.3 on page 4 of the verification report states that the level of assurance is “high.” As it is uncertain what the definition of “high” is, the validation/verification body is requested to confirm if the audit was conducted to a reasonable level of assurance.

VVB Response:

The section 1.3 “Level of assurance” of the Verification Report has been revised in order to face the requirements of Section 5.3.1 (1) of the VCS Standard. Please refer to the Verification Report ver. 3 of 27/06/2016.

VCS Response:

The level of assurance has been changed to reasonable in section 1.3 of the verification report. These updates are sufficient to close this finding and no further action is required in respect of this finding.

2 MINOR FINDINGS

No minor findings were raised

3 ASSESSMENT CONCLUSION

On 24 June 2016, VCS issued the first round of findings to RINA Services S.p.A.

On 27 June 2016, VCS received the assessment finding response from RINA Services S.p.A. The response included an updated verification report document, which clarify that the level of assurance of the verification was reasonable, closing the finding.

On 5 August 2016, VCS closed all findings and no further action was required by the VVB.