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Dear Martin,

Verra does not grant the exemption request submitted on 25 January 2023

Verra does not grant Project ID 929 an exemption from Section 3.4.4 of the *VCS Standard, v4.3*.

Rationale:

Verra does not grant the exemption from Section 3.4.4 of the *VCS Standard, v4.3*, to project ID 929 - Energy Efficiency and Solid Waste Diversion Activities within the Quebec Sustainable Community. Verra's understanding is that there were no time constraints for the project proponent to submit a verification request for issuance including all the relevant project instances for the 01/01/2017 to 31/12/2018 monitoring period. On 29 September 2020, Verra approved the verification request on the basis that the information submitted by the project proponent was sufficient. The reasons provided for the exemption request by Will Solutions are within the control of the project proponent to mitigate and address, therefore, they do not comply with Verra's requirements for granting exemptions.

Background to the exemption request:

According to Section 3.4.4 of the *VCS Standard, v4.3*, The monitoring period of the monitoring report shall be a distinct time period that does not overlap with previous monitoring periods. Projects shall not be eligible for crediting of GHG emission reductions generated in previous monitoring periods. In addition, monitoring periods shall be contiguous with no time gaps between monitoring periods. Will Solutions is requesting an exemption to include 355,889 tCO₂e emission reductions related to the 2018 vintage in the 01/01/2019 to 31/12/2019 monitoring period.

Based on the information presented, Verra does not grant the exemption request from Section 3.4.4 of the *VCS Standard, v4.3* to Will Solutions for project ID 929 - Energy Efficiency and Solid Waste Diversion Activities within the Quebec Sustainable Community, as it was within the project proponent's control to mitigate and address the circumstances that led to an exclusion of 355,889 tCO₂e emission reductions related to the 2018 vintage.

Sincerely,

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