

QUALITY REPORT

La La Hydropower Project, Vietnam

GS-1218 · GS · Viet Nam

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6.0 Overall Score out of 10	■ Integrity (35%)	6.8
	■ Transparency (25%)	5.4
	■ Claim Safety (25%)	5.8
	■ Documentation (15%)	5.2

Weights: Integrity 35% · Transparency 25% · Claim Safety 25% · Documentation 15%

Assessment Summary

This is a small hydropower project with a VVB-confirmed investment-test additionality claim and no material findings reported in the verification report. However, key disclosure gaps remain around emissions accounting, baseline reassessment, and the absence of a stated buffer pool, while the record also contains a contradiction on the crediting period and leakage treatment that reduces confidence.

Project Details

Registry	Gold Standard
Registry ID	GS-1218
Sector	renewable_energy
Country	Viet Nam
Vintage	Stale
Project Methodology	AMS I.D version 16
Crediting Period	2012 — 2019
VVB	Applus+ Certification
Monitoring Period	2017 — 2019
Confidence	Medium
Documents Reviewed	8 documents reviewed
Scored	2026-04-19

Red Flags

- The record shows a contradiction on leakage treatment: one document indicates leakage was not addressed, while the later verification report says it was quantified; the later verification report was privileged because it is more recent.
- The crediting period is inconsistent across documents, with the later verification report showing a later period than the earlier document; the later verification report was privileged because it is more recent.
- No buffer pool percentage is stated and reversal events are marked as not addressed, which weakens permanence confidence.
- Total ER claims and verified issuance are not stated, limiting transparency on over-crediting risk.

Score Breakdown

Integrity — 6.8 / 10

+ The verification report from Applus+ Certification confirms additionality through an investment test and reports no material findings.

- Baseline reassessment is not stated, buffer pool coverage is not found, and reversal risk is not addressed in the extracted record.

The verification report from Applus+ Certification confirms additionality through an investment test, and it reports no material findings or corrective actions required. The project also states a project baseline and a quantified leakage treatment with a 0% deduction, which supports the score. Confidence is reduced because buffer pool coverage is not stated, reversal events are marked as not addressed, and baseline reassessment timing is missing.

Transparency — 5.4 / 10

+ The monitoring period, crediting period, VVB name, and smart-meter usage monitoring method are stated in the verification report.

- Total ERs claimed and verified are not stated, and key emissions inputs such as the grid emission factor are missing from the extracted record.

The extracted record provides the VVB name, monitoring period, crediting period, and a smart-meter monitoring method, which helps traceability. However, total ERs claimed and verified are not stated, and the grid emission factor is missing, limiting the ability to check the emissions calculation. The absence of FNRB values and usage-rate figures also leaves important MRV details incomplete.

Claim Safety — 5.8 / 10

+ The project uses a project baseline and the verification report says leakage was quantified with a leakage deduction of 0%.

- The record contains a contradiction on leakage treatment, and no CORSIA eligibility or CCP status is confirmed, leaving residual dual-claim and over-crediting uncertainty.

Claim safety is helped by the VVB-confirmed additionality test and the quantified leakage treatment in the verification report. Still, the record contains a contradiction on leakage justification, with an earlier document saying leakage was not addressed and the later verification report saying it was quantified; the later verification report is privileged because it is more recent and more specific. CORSIA eligibility and CCP status are not confirmed, so dual-claim risk cannot be ruled out.

Documentation — 5.2 / 10

+ The record includes a recent verification report dated 2023-02-21, with six documents used and medium extraction confidence.

- One key document was not fully readable enough to eliminate gaps, and the extracted record does not show a complete set of issuance and baseline details.

Documentation is moderately strong because the record includes a recent verification report, six documents were used, and extraction confidence is medium rather than low. The project also has documented FPIC, a grievance mechanism, and benefit-sharing language. Even so, the evidence set is incomplete on issuance totals, baseline reassessment, and some emissions inputs, which keeps the score from being higher.

Risk Indicators

● Additionality	VVB-confirmed investment test
● Permanence	No buffer pool stated; reversal risk not addressed
● Leakage	Quantified in latest report, but earlier contradiction remain
● Baseline	Project baseline stated; reassessment timing missing
● Safeguards	FPIC, grievance mechanism, and benefit sharing documented
● Double-claim	CORSIA and CCP status not stated

What Would Improve This Score

- Publish verified issuance totals, claimed ER totals, and the grid emission factor used in the calculations.
- State buffer pool coverage, reversal handling, and a clear baseline reassessment history, and reconcile the leakage and crediting-period inconsistencies in a single authoritative document.

Documents Reviewed

- ER UN 4626-GS 480-LA LA- TQC 14819(1).xlsx
- MR LA LA GS mode version 5.0(3).pdf
- GS Passport_15-04-2013.pdf
- PDD_16-03-2011.pdf
- Gold Standard Registry — GS-1218
- Gold Standard Assurance Platform — GS-1218
- FVR-GS VER-La La Hydro-GS 840et(1).pdf
- Deviation-Request for GS840 - Verification_v2_GS decision.pdf

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