

QUALITY REPORT

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4.0 Overall Score out of 10	■ Integrity (35%)	4.2
	■ Transparency (25%)	4.0
	■ Claim Safety (25%)	3.5
	■ Documentation (15%)	4.5

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

Assessment Summary

The project has a VVB-confirmed additionality statement and a named auditor, but major gaps remain in baseline specification, leakage quantification, buffer treatment and reversal risk. Contradictory statements between the verification report (2026) and an earlier monitoring report (2025) reduce confidence. The project is moderate-to-low quality overall and needs clearer baseline/leakage documentation and reconciliation of contradictions.

Project Details

Registry	Verra (VCS)
Registry ID	VCS-4888
Sector	soil_carbon
Country	Uganda
Vintage	Recent
Project Methodology	AR-ACM0003 2.0
Crediting Period	2021 — 2041
VVB	KBS Certification Services. Ltd.
Verified ERs	429,924 tCO2e
Monitoring Period	2021 — 2024
Confidence	High
Documents Reviewed	11 documents reviewed
Scored	2026-04-23

Red Flags

- No baseline method or last reassessment found in extracted records
- Reversal risk not addressed and buffer pool percentage not stated
- Multiple contradictions between the 2026 verification report and a 2025 monitoring report on safeguards, FPIC, benefit sharing and grievance mechanism

Score Breakdown

Integrity — 4.2 / 10

- + Additionality confirmed by the VVB (KBS Certification Services Ltd.) in the verification report (2026-01-26)
- Baseline method not stated in available documents despite use of AR-ACM0003 methodology; reversal events not addressed and buffer pool percentage not provided

The verification report (2026-01-26) confirms additionality via a barrier test and lists the VVB (KBS Certification Services Ltd.), which are positive integrity signals. However, the extracted record does not state a project-specific baseline method or the date of the last baseline reassessment; although the methodology cited is AR-ACM0003 (version 2.0), no baseline parameters or buffer pool percentage were provided. Reversal events are listed as not addressed and leakage has only a justification of being 'deemed negligible' with no quantified deduction, which weakens confidence in permanence and leakage controls.

Transparency — 4.0 / 10

- + Verification report (2026) and monitoring report (2025) are present and a monitoring period is reported (2021-03-01 — 2024-01-31)
- Key emissions inputs missing from extracted records (no baseline EF, no total ERR claimed reported) and minimum extraction confidence is medium

There is some transparency: a monitoring period is reported (2021-03-01 — 2024-01-31), a verification report and monitoring report are in the evidence list, and the verification report provides an audited total of 429,924 verified emission reductions. However, key inputs are missing from the extracted records (no baseline emission factor, no total ERR claimed, no usage monitoring method), and the minimum extraction confidence is medium, indicating incomplete public data and gaps in MRV detail.

Claim Safety — 3.5 / 10

- + Additionality tested (barrier test in the verification report) reducing basic greenwashing risk
- Leakage is only 'deemed negligible' with no leakage deduction percentage provided and baseline specification is missing, increasing over-crediting risk

Claim risk is elevated. While the VVB confirmed additionality (verification report, 2026), the absence of a documented baseline method and quantified leakage deduction leaves open the possibility of over-crediting. The project cites AR-ACM0003 methodology, but extracted files lack the baseline parameterisation needed to evaluate conservativeness. Contradictory historical documentation on safeguards and FPIC also increases reputational/greenwashing risk.

Documentation — 4.5 / 10

- + Multiple documents available (verification report, monitoring report, issuance) and VVB named; 10 documents indexed
- Several critical fields are not found in the extracted record (baseline reassessment, buffer pool %, grid EF, claimed ERR) and min extraction confidence is medium

Documentation coverage is partial: ten documents are indexed and the verification report is recent (2026), which supports recency. The minimum extraction confidence is medium, however, and several essential fields (baseline reassessment, buffer pool percentage, grid EF, claimed ERR) are not found in the extracted record. No material findings or corrective actions were reported in the verification report, but contradictions between documents indicate record inconsistency that reduces documentation reliability.

Risk Indicators

● Additionality	VVB-confirmed
● Permanence	reversal risk unclear
● Leakage	deemed negligible (unquantified)
● Baseline	method unspecified
● Safeguards	inconsistent documentation
● Double-claim	status not stated

What Would Improve This Score

- Publish and/or extract the project-specific baseline parameters and date of last reassessment (with AR-ACM0003 application details) so baseline conservativeness can be evaluated
- Resolve and document the contradictions between the 2025 monitoring report and the 2026 verification report (on safeguards, FPIC, grievance, benefit sharing and additionality test) and disclose any corrective actions or evidence

Documents Reviewed

- VCS 4888_Issuance Representation-Single-PP-v4.3 2911-Signed (1).pdf
- VCS 4888 PDMR 01 March 2021 - 31 January 2024 v2.2_clean.pdf
- RUBT_Uganda.kml
- VCS_4888_RUBT_First_Instance.kml
- VCS_4888_PRR_23JAN2026.pdf
- VCS_4888_Ex post_V8.xlsx
- VCS_NPR_REP_4888_3_1_2021_1_31_2024.pdf
- VCS 4888_Registration-Representation-Single-PP-v4.4-FINAL 2911_Signed (1).pdf
- VCS 4888 Listing representation_2201.pdf
- VCS_PROJ_DESC_PCP_4888_28DEC2023.pdf
- VCS 4888 JVVR 01March2021-31January2024_clean.pdf

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