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# Validation Statement

VALIDATION OF THE CCBA-PROJECT:  
BIKIN TIGER CARBON PROJECT - PERMANENT PRO-  
TECTION OF OTHERWISE LOGGED BIKIN FOREST IN  
PRIMORYE, RUSSIA

REPORT NO. 600500624 - 20

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**Subject:** Validation of the CCBA Project “Bikin Tiger Carbon Project - Permanent protection of otherwise logged Bikin Forest in Primorye, Russia”

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<b>Project Participants:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tribal Commune Tiger (TCT)</li> <li>• CF Partners (UK) LLP</li> </ul> <b>Other entities involved:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WWF Germany</li> <li>• WWF Russia (Amur Branch)</li> </ul>	<b>Project Site(s):</b> The project area covers 450,374 hectares of forest in Primorsky Krai, south-eastern Russia. The PDD includes information on geographic boundary. Digital boundary files are provided.
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**Applied Methodology / Version:** CCBS / Version No. 2

<b>First PDD Version:</b> Date of issuance: 10 Jan 2012 Version No.: 01	<b>Final PDD version:</b> Date of issuance: 09 Jan 2013 Version No.: 1.3
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**Summary of the Validation Opinion:**

The review of the project design documentation and the subsequent follow-up interviews have provided TÜV SÜD with sufficient evidence to determine the fulfilment of all stated criteria. In our opinion, the project meets all relevant requirements for the CCB Standards. Hence, TÜV SÜD is recommending the project for registration by CCBA.

The review of the project design documentation and the subsequent follow-up interviews did not provide TÜV SÜD with sufficient evidence to determine the fulfilment of all stated criteria. Hence, TÜV SÜD will not recommend the project for registration by CCBA and will inform the project participants and CCBA on this decision.

### Summary of CCBA requirements:

The following table resumes the compliance of the different sections of the CCBA standards, Detailed findings are presented in the Validation Report # 600500624 - 20:

Section	Status
<b>General Section</b>	
G1. Original Conditions in the Project Area	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
G2. Baseline Projections	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
G3. Project Design and Goals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
G4. Management Capacity and Best Practices	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
G5. Legal Status and Property Rights	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Climate Section</b>	
CL1. Net Positive Climate Impacts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CL2. Offsite Climate Impacts ("Leakage")	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CL3. Climate Impact Monitoring	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Community Section</b>	
CM1. Net Positive Community Impacts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CM2. Offsite Community Impacts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CM3. Community Impact Monitoring	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Biodiversity Section</b>	
B1. Net Positive Biodiversity Impacts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
B2. Offsite Biodiversity Impacts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
B3. Biodiversity Impact Monitoring	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Gold Level Section</b>	
GL1. Climate Change Adaptation Benefits	NA
GL2. Exceptional Community Benefits	NA
GL3. Exceptional Biodiversity Benefits	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Approved Status</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Gold Status</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## VALIDATION OPINION

TÜV SÜD performed a validation of the proposed CCBA project activity “Bikin Tiger Carbon Project - Permanent protection of otherwise logged Bikin Forest in Primorye, Russia”.

Standard auditing techniques have been used for the validation of the project. A methodology-specific protocol for the project has been prepared to conduct the audit in a transparent and comprehensive manner.

The review of the project design documentation, subsequent follow-up interviews and further verification of references provided TÜV SÜD with sufficient evidence to determine the fulfilment of stated criteria in the protocol. In our opinion, the project meets all relevant requirements of the CCBS second edition. Therefore, TÜV SÜD recommends the project for registration by CCBA. According to the scorecard approach introduced by CCBA (second edition), TÜV SÜD considers the project to comply with Gold Level requirements of CCBS.

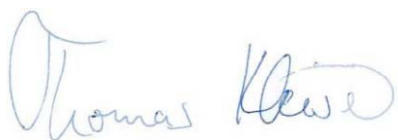
An analysis as provided by the applied methodology demonstrates that the proposed project activity is not a likely baseline scenario. GHG removals attributable to the project are additional to any that would occur in the absence of the project activity. Given that the project is implemented as designed, the project is likely to achieve the estimated amount of GHG removals as specified within the final PDD version.

In this context it is underlined that from the auditor’s perspective a combined audit of CCB Standards and VCS is feasible as CCBA does not foresee the actual issuance of carbon credits. Thus, no immediate risk of double counting is considered to exist. However, TÜV SÜD refrains from liabilities related to ownership of carbon rights and credit issuance.

The validation is based on the information made available to us, as well as the engagement conditions detailed in this report. The validation was performed following the VVM requirements. The single purpose of this report is its use during the registration process as part of the CCBA project cycle.

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