



CCB VALIDATION STATEMENT

i. Project Name:	Niassa reforestation project
ii. Project Location:	Lichinga and Sanga districts of the Niassa province of Mozambique, more specifically: the Malulu parcel in Sanga, and the Malica and Ntiuile parcels in Lichinga
iii. Project Proponent:	Niassa Green Resources SA and Green Resources AS
iv. Date of Validation: Expiry date:	17 December 2013 17 December 2018
v. Version of the CCB Standard used and level achieved:	CCB Standard Second Edition
vi. Optional Gold Level Criteria met:	Not applicable
vii. Summary of the climate, community and biodiversity benefits the project is expected to deliver:	<p>DNV Climate Change Services AS (DNV) has performed a validation of the “Niassa reforestation project” in Mozambique on the basis of criteria defined by the Climate Community and Biodiversity Alliance (CCBA) second edition and approved Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) methodology, “A/R-ACM0003 – Afforestation and reforestation of lands except wetlands Version 01.0.0”</p> <p>The validation consisted of the following three phases: i) a desk review of the project design, the baseline and the monitoring plan, ii) an onsite inspection and follow-up interviews with project stakeholders and the issuance of the finding list, and iii) the resolution of outstanding issues and the issuance of the final validation report and opinion.</p>



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	<p>In summary, it is DNV's opinion that the "Niassa reforestation project" as described in the CCBA Project Document dated 11 November 2013 version 02 meets all relevant CCBA requirements. In particular, it is DNV's opinion that the project aims to produce sustainable timber and contribute to carbon sequestration and climate change mitigation, while ensuring environmental conservation, community development and poverty alleviation in rural areas of Mozambique.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The plantation activities will contribute to achieve all these benefits through:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Production of raw wood materials (poles, wood chips, and sawn timber) for processing industry reducing thus the pressure on natural forests;• Contribute for carbon sequestration and climate change mitigation;• Change land use in current degraded areas and ensure conservation of ecosystem services (e.g. soil fertility, erosion control);• Generate employment opportunities that will diversify the income generating option for the families and contribute for the socio-economic development of the project areas. Furthermore, 10% of the revenues from carbon credits sales will be directed to the local communities as an additional contribution for social development in those areas.2. Through the implementation of the Community development programs/initiatives (agriculture, health, education, income generation, etc.) the project will contribute mainly for the social development of the project area. Specifically, the impacts from these initiatives include, among others, the
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	<p>following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Development of a sustainable settled agriculture that will reduce the environmental degradation while contributing for income generation;• Improvement in the communities livelihood through alternative income generating activities from allocation of community funds (e.g. acquisition of mills);• Establishment of socio-economic infrastructures (e.g. roads, schools, health facilities) that will improve the community wellbeing;• Increase the literacy level of the workers to empower them with writing, reading and calculation knowledge, as well as, understanding of paid work conditions, and health and safety issues. All these will consequently contribute to improve the communities' livelihoods;• Reduce the existing pressure over natural areas for subsistence purposes (e.g. charcoal production) through introduction of alternatives for income generation; <p>3. Through implementing the plan for conservation and management of HVCs (e.g. water springs, wetlands significance at the landscape level and natural areas of forests) and SSCIs (e.g. medicinal plants collection sites, worship sites and graveyards), the project will contribute for environmental conservation.</p> <p>The validation was based on the information made available to DNV and the engagement conditions detailed in the CCB Project Validation Report (DNV Report No.: 2013-9213, rev. 01).</p>
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