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Validation Statement

VALIDATION OF THE CCBA-PROJECT:
REDUCED EMISSIONS FROM DEGRADATION AND
DEFORESTATION IN COMMUNITY FORESTS - ODDAR
MEANCHEY, CAMBODIA

REPORT No. 600500753-10

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Subject: Validation of the CCBA Project “Reduced Emissions from Degradation and Deforestation in Community Forests - Oddar Meanchey, Cambodia”

Accredited TÜV SÜD Unit: TÜV SÜD Industrie Service GmbH Certification Body “climate and energy” Westendstr. 199 80686 Munich, Germany	TÜV SÜD Contract Partner: TÜV SÜD Industrie Service GmbH Carbon Management Service Westendstr. 199 80686 Munich, Germany
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Project Participant: Forestry Administration of the Royal Government of Cambodia Other entities involved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PACT; • Children’s Development Association, Cambodia; • The Buddhist Monk’s Association, Oddar Meanchey, Cambodia; • The Community Forestry Federation of Oddar Meanchey Province, Cambodia; • Community Forestry International, USA; • Terra Global Capital, USA; (TÜV SÜD contract partner) • William J. Clinton Foundation - Clinton Climate Initiative, USA; • Technical Working Group on Forestry and the Environment, Cambodia; • SNR Denton 	Project Site(s): The project area covers 56,050 hectares and consists of 13 discrete parcels spread across the central section of Oddar Meanchey Province. The PDD includes information on geographic boundary. Digital boundary files are provided jointly with this report.
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Applied Methodology / Version: CCBS / Version No. 2

First PDD Version: Date of issuance: 11 July 2011 Version No.: 01	Final PDD version: Date of issuance: 28 September 2012 Version No.: 04
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Assessment Team Leader: Sebastian Hetsch Assessment Team Member: Juan Chang	Technical Reviewer Karin Wagner, Martin Opitz Certification Body responsible: Thomas Kleiser
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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 # 600500753-10:

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

VALIDATION OPINION

TÜV SÜD performed a validation of the proposed CCBA project activity “Reduced Emissions from Degradation and Deforestation in Community Forests - Oddar Meanchey, Cambodia”.

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.

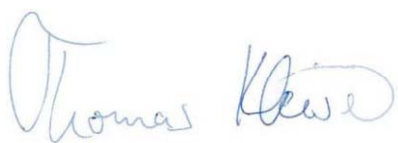
An analysis as provided by the applied methodology demonstrates that the proposed project activity is not a likely baseline scenario. GHG removals attributable to the project are additional to any that would occur in the absence of the project activity. Given that the project is implemented as designed,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

Munich, 17 October 2012

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