Statement of CCB Standards Compliance

Kasigau Corridor REDD+ Project Phase I - Rukinga Sanctuary

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Project Location: Taita Taveta County, Kenya

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Verification Scope

The SCS Greenhouse Gas Verification Program has conducted a verification audit of the "Kasigau Corridor REDD+ Project Phase I - Rukinga Sanctuary" against the requirements of the Climate Community Biodiversity Alliance (CCBA) Project Design Standards Second Edition. SCS conducted both desk and field based assessment activities in its evaluation of the project. SCS used the client-supplied project documentation as the basis for its evaluation.

Verification Opinion

Based on the results of our verification activities, it is our opinion that the project meets the quality standard defined by CCBA from January 1st 2013 to December 31st, 2014. The "Kasigau Corridor REDD+ Project Phase I - Rukinga Sanctuary" conforms to the 14 Required CCB Criteria. The project also conforms to the optional Climate Change Adaptation and Exceptional Biodiversity Benefits CCB Criteria, qualifying the project for Gold Level.

Project's Climate Community and Biodiversity Benefits (from Project Implementation Report):

The Kasigau Corridor REDD+ Project Phase I – Rukinga Sanctuary (is estimated to avoid the emission of over 6 million metric tonnes of CO2e that would have been emitted due to slash and burn deforestation over the 30-year project life. This project will achieve this emission reduction through a combination of dryland forest protection and extraordinary community sustainable development activities. This is an average of approximately 210,000 metric tonnes per year across the carbon pools of above and belowground biomass (forest carbon), and soil carbon. This is an average approximately 1.3 million metric tonnes per year across the carbon pools ofabove and belowground biomass (forest carbon), and soil carbon. During the current M4 monitoring period (January 1st, 2013 – December 31st 2014) through the continued protection of the Project Area the Project had a gross emission of 500,831 t CO2e, for a total of 2,446,570 t CO2e gross emission reduction since the Project Start Date.

The Project ecosystem is home to a fantastic diversity of mammals (over 50 species of large mammal, more than 20 species of bats), birds (over 300 species) and important populations of IUCN Red List species such as Grevy's zebra (Equus grevyi), Cheetah (Acinonyx jubatus), Lion (Panthera leo) as well as over 500 African elephants (Loxidonta africana) seasonally. The Project has continued to protect and enhance this biodiversity through anti-poaching patrols by the Wildlife Works Rangers and specific human-wildlife conflict alleviation programs. During this monitoring period the Wildlife Works Rangers were boasted by the hiring of 7 additional full-time staff. While 2013 showed a slight increase in the number of overall incidents and specifically animal poaching (mostly elephant), in 2014 the number of incidents showed a significant decline in both categories.

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Since the Project Start the Project has provided significant community benefits. This includes serving as major source of local employment through both the clothing Eco-Factory, the Wildlife Works Rangers and general Project employment. Additionally, the Project has provided thousands of school bursaries to community children each year, and provided significant funding for school building construction, renovation and improvements to improve the learning facilities of community children. The Project has developed several programs for the growth and suply of both fruit trees and indigenous tree species for the re-forestation of the area. The Project has additionally started several other programs to supply employment and reduce resource pressure on the Project Area, such as the soap factory and the Eco-Charcoal program. During the current M4 monitoring period (January 1st, 2013 – December 31st 2014) the Project has provided significant community benefits. This includes providing full time permanent employment to over 350 people with many additional people hired on a casual daily basis. The Project has provided significant educational community benefits, including school bursary's to over 14,000 primary, secondary and University students, and funding over $125,000 USD in school building renovations and improvements. During this monitoring period the Project also funded 7 community water projects and provided over 8,500 fruit and indigenous tree species to be planted in the communities.