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Jeremy Freund
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Dear Jeremy Freund,

This letter is in reference to your exemption request submitted to Verra on 26 March 2021. It is our understanding that Wildlife Works (the Project Proponent), is requesting an exemption from Section 3.2.7 of the *VCS Standard v4.0* for the *Kasigau Corridor REDD Project Phase I - Rukinga Sanctuary* (Project 562). The exemption requested by the Project Proponent is to extend the use of the initial baseline without the need to reassess it until January 2022.

Based on the information provided to Verra, it is understood that Project 562 aims to nest into a national Forest Reference Emissions Level (FREL) and that a National REDD+ Program should be completed in 2022. Verra also understands that in January 2022 the project would nest into such a FREL, provided that it has been registered under the JNR Requirements.

Verra analyzed this exemption based on Section 3.2.7 of the *VCS Standard v4.0,* which states, "*For all IFM, REDD, WRC and ACoGS project types, the project proponent shall, for the duration of the project, reassess the baseline every 10 years and have this validated at the same time as the subsequent verification.*"

Considering the facts and background information provided during this analysis, Verra is able to grant an exemption from Section 3.2.7 of the *VCS Standard v4.0,* to the Project Proponent.

Please note, exemptions are granted by Verra on a case-by-case basis and do not form the basis of, or set a precedent for, future exemption request approvals or denials.

This letter will be uploaded to the Verra Registry as a public document.

Sincerely,

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