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According to the EQUITABLE EARTH Program rules, a project must undergo a verification by a validation/verification body. TÜV NORD CERT GmbH is an accredited validation/verification body for validation and verification of projects EQUITABLE EARTH with additional competence based on project specific knowledge, training and experience.

1. GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK

The verification will be performed based on the validated EQUITABLE EARTH Project Design Description including the approved baseline & monitoring methodology, the baseline study, the monitoring plan, the validation report, the monitored emission reductions/removals against EQUITABLE EARTH Program rules and associated interpretations and host country requirements.

The verification is based on the information made available to TÜV NORD CERT GmbH and on the contract conditions. TÜV NORD CERT GmbH cannot be held liable by any entity for making its verification opinion based on any false or misleading information supplied to it during the course of verification.

TÜV NORD CERT GmbH employs a risk-based approach in the verification, focusing on the identification of significant risks for project implementation and the generation EQUITABLE Carbon Units (ECUs).

The verification is not meant to provide any consulting to the project developer (entity or individual responsible for initiating, planning, and implementing ecosystem restoration projects). However, stated requests for forward actions and/or corrective actions may provide input for improvement of the monitoring system.

The verification will follow the procedures of TÜV NORD CERT GmbH's Climate Project Standards Quality manual and the applicable EQUITABLE EARTH Program rules.

The verification will be carried out as follows:

- Verification of the actual monitoring systems and procedures to be in compliance with the monitoring systems and procedures described in the monitoring plan as a part of the registered EQUITABLE EARTH Project Design Description .
- Submission of Verification Report to the project developer

2. VERIFICATION PROCESS

The verification of the project shall follow the sequence of steps presented below.

2.1. Desk Review

The verification will be performed as per Audit plan mentioned in the Project Mandate. In order to start related work, the project developer has to provide the TÜV NORD CERT GmbH with a copy of the latest version of the monitoring report and all other information requested by TÜV NORD CERT GmbH at least 4 weeks prior to the planned on-site visit or remote audit.

At least the following documents shall be provided:

- the last revision of the EQUITABLE EARTH Project Design Description (PDD) and attached documents, including the most recent monitoring plan,
- the last revision of the monitoring report (MR), including the claimed emission reductions/removals for the project,
- the last revision of the validation report and/or the last revision of the initial or previous verification report.
- If the first verification will be conducted at the same time of the validation, instead of the documents mentioned above in the first two points, the last revision of the EQUITABLE EARTH Project Design Description (PDD) and Monitoring Report (MR) and attached documents including the most recent monitoring plan are required.

Please refer to the EQUITABLE EARTH Website ([Templates | EQUITABLE EARTH Program](#)) for the relevant templates.

2.2. On-site visit and follow-up interviews

Visit of the project site(s) will be carried out in line with EQUITABLE EARTH Program rules, EQUITABLE EARTH Validation and Verification Procedure and related stakeholders as applicable. TÜV NORD CERT GmbH will evaluate the necessity of an on-site visit as per EQUITABLE EARTH Remote Audit policy of the Validation and Verification Procedure). During this on-site visit, the project implementation will be cross-checked against the registered project documentation and further topics as described below but not limited to those.

TÜV NORD CERT GmbH prepares the audit by:

- Determining to which extent the project will be visited on-site (on the basis of a statistical analysis considering the nature of the project).
- Carrying out a strategic analysis considering all relevant information sources.
- Organising the logistical aspects of the visit, including the agenda and whom to interview.

Typical activities on-site include:

- Opening and introduction meeting, explanation of objectives of the verification,
- Interviews with data co-ordinators, process engineers and other key personnel at site,
- Review of performance records and collection of measurements,
- Check of monitoring equipment and observations of monitoring practices,
- Interviews with local project stakeholders, as applicable,
- Specific testing and calculation checks to be done on high risk, material data sources and data management issues,
- Closing meeting including presentation of any preliminary results.

An on-site visit and assessment focuses on the following key areas:

- Project installation as per registered EQUITABLE EARTH Project Design Description
- Information flows for generating, aggregating/collating and reporting the selected monitoring parameters
- Calculations and assumptions made in determining the GHG emission reductions/removals
- Controls in place to prevent, or detect and correct any significant errors or omissions in the selected monitoring parameters reported

2.3. Resolution of Clarification Requests and Corrective Action Requests via Preliminary Findings List and Draft Verification Report (DVR)

In order to remedy any mistakes, problems or any other outstanding issues that need to be clarified for positive conclusion on the project design, TÜV NORD CERT GmbH will formally communicate the project developer the findings in form of CARs and CLs with the help of a verification checklist, in order to arrive at conclusions related to the claimed emission reductions/removals. In the event of issuance of CARs / CLs the project developer will have to close CARs and respond to CLs before the verification can be completed.

As a consequence such aspects shall receive a special focus during the next consecutive verification.

It is the responsibility of the project developer to respond to the CLs and CARs reported by TÜV NORD CERT GmbH in a timely manner. The CARs and CLs stated in the preliminary findings list will have to be resolved by the project developer, if these are issued. The requests can be resolved or “closed” by desk review or by another site visit, if required. If findings cannot be solved, this may cause the project to not be recommended for issuance of corresponding emission reduction/removal units.

The number of assessments on the corrective actions for closure of CARs and CLs raised is limited to two consecutive rounds. For further resolution, EQUITABLE EARTH and TÜV NORD CERT GmbH may enter into an amendment for additional man-days required.

In addition to the preliminary findings list, the project developer will also receive a draft verification report, based on the initial desk review and on-site visit.

2.4. (Final) Verification Report (FVR)

Following the completion of the verification assessment, i.e. the closure of all findings communicated by TÜV NORD CERT GmbH, a verification report will be prepared.

2.5. Technical review & Final Approval

Before the submission of the final verification report, an internal technical review and final approval of the whole verification process will be carried out by TÜV NORD CERT GmbH.

2.6. Submission to the EQUITABLE EARTH

TÜV NORD CERT GmbH will inform the project participants, the Parties of its verification decision in writing. This will be done immediately upon completion of the verification process.

TÜV NORD CERT GmbH will submit the verification report to the via the EQUITABLE EARTH platform to the project developer.

3. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Precondition for starting the verification as per the scope and procedures set out above is the submission of all necessary project-related documents such as but not limited to the MR and the emission reduction/removal calculation, and all necessary documentation regarding EQUITABLE EARTH Program rules by the project developer to TÜV NORD CERT GmbH. The project developer shall submit all necessary project-related documents at least four (4) weeks before TÜV NORD CERT GmbH's (first) site visit. If the project developer fails to meet the aforementioned timeline or fails to submit any project-related documents that TÜV NORD CERT GmbH requested or which the project developer should reasonably have submitted to TÜV NORD CERT GmbH, TÜV NORD CERT GmbH may, at its sole discretion, postpone its site visit(s).

TÜV NORD CERT GmbH will use reasonable efforts to forward the Preliminary Findings List and the DVR including the CARs and CLs to the project developer within three 20 business days of its (final) site visit. Upon the ClientProject developer's submission of its response to CARs and CLs, TÜV NORD CERT GmbH will use reasonable efforts to finalise the FVR: within 50 business days, corrective actions between TÜV NORD CERT GmbH and project developer shall be completed, and technical review and final approval conducted by TÜV NORD CERT GmbH. This timeline applies under the condition of a maximum of two review rounds for developers. TÜV NORD CERT GmbH shall assess responses to identified non-conformities and provide feedback within 10 business days. This timeline applies under the condition of project developer responding within 15 business days. Within 15 business days, the Validation Report and its independent review shall be finalized (FVR).

4. TEAM COMPOSITION

An experienced team will carry out the verification of the project.

The verification team will consist of experienced (lead) auditors and experts covering technical, methodological, environmental, host country and socio-economic competence as required.

The final team composition will be announced after conclusion of contract and in the course of the audit planning. EQUITABLE EARTH has the right to reject any team member with sufficient justification.

Related Curriculum Vitae of the audit team will be provided upon request vide operations.carbon@tuev-nord.de.

5. RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF TÜV NORD CERT GMBH

TÜV NORD CERT GmbH shall be entitled to interview attorneys, engineers, analysts, accountants, or other parties deemed by TÜV NORD CERT GmbH to have the qualifications necessary to assist in the performance of the service. TÜV NORD CERT GmbH may select and engage such persons without the project developer's prior approval save that, should the project developer and EQUITABLE EARTH advise TÜV NORD CERT GmbH that a conflict of interest exists, TÜV NORD CERT GmbH will take all necessary measures to engage alternate advisors. TÜV NORD CERT GmbH may also consult with

stakeholders to assist in the performance of the service. Stakeholders shall include the public, including individuals, groups or communities affected, or likely to be affected, by the activity in question. In performing the service, TÜV NORD CERT GmbH shall observe and obey all applicable laws, regulations, rules and standards imposed by any government or other duly constituted authority having jurisdiction in the host country.

TÜV NORD CERT GmbH by accepting the offer neither automatically guarantees a positive verification opinion.

TÜV NORD CERT GmbH has the right to subcontract members of the TÜV NORD GROUP of other entities and external individuals.

TÜV NORD CERT GmbH has the right to conduct interviews, meetings and/or discussions with project developer's employees and agents on any matters relating to the service.

6. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PROJECT DEVELOPER

The project developer is responsible for:

Preparing a Monitoring Report (MR)/Project design description and monitoring report (PDDMR) and further project specific documents (if necessary) in compliance with the rules set by the applied scheme. Providing TÜV NORD CERT GmbH with

- The necessary and requested access to project developer books, records, information systems and facilities such that TÜV NORD CERT GmbH is able to verify the data and information in the Monitoring Report.
- All information, documentation, data or other material or taking all measures required by the scheme unless TÜV NORD CERT GmbH is expressly responsible for providing such measures.
- All obligations of the project developer shall be performed according to the scheme in force when performing the obligations. In case of changes to the scheme affecting performances already rendered the project developer shall amend or render anew its performances accordingly.