

**Statement of CCB Standards Compliance**

**Katingan Peatland Restoration and Conservation Project**

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### Verification Scope

The SCS Greenhouse Gas Verification Program has conducted a verification audit of the “Katingan Peatland Restoration and Conservation Project” against the requirements of the Climate Community Biodiversity Alliance (CCBA) Project Design Standards Third 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. The “Katingan Peatland Restoration and Conservation Project” conforms to the 14 Required CCB Criteria. The project also conforms to the optional Climate Change Adaptation, Exceptional Community Benefits, and Exceptional Biodiversity Benefits CCB Criteria, qualifying the project for Gold Level.

### Project’s Climate Community and Biodiversity Benefits (from Monitoring and Implementation Report):

Katingan Project’s goal is to protect and restore 149,800 hectares of peatland ecosystems, to offer local people sustainable sources of income, and to tackle global climate change – all based on a solid business model. The project area stores vast amounts of CO<sub>2</sub>, and plays a vital role in stabilizing water flows, preventing devastating peat fires, enriching soil nutrients and providing clean water. It is rich in biodiversity, being home to large populations of many high conservation value species, including some of the world’s most endangered; such as the Bornean Orangutan (*Pongo pygmaeus*) and Proboscis Monkey (*Nasalis larvatus*). It is surrounded by villages for which it supports traditional livelihoods including farming, fishing, and non-timber forest products harvesting. The project’s achievements during this Monitoring Period include:

#### A) Climate benefits

- Achieved emissions reductions of 12,748,612 tons of GHG through avoided deforestation and forest degradation, prevention of peat drainage, and minimizing fires and fire damage
- Ecological enhancement at the landscape scale through ecosystem restoration

#### B) Community benefits

- Conducted participatory planning to identify community boundaries and goals
- Provided training for community members hired by the project
- Supported initiation of community-led enterprises and ensured long-term success and self-sufficiency through microfinancing and training
- Enabled community sanitation and renewable power projects

#### C) Biodiversity benefits

- Reduced threat of drivers of deforestation and forest degradation to stabilize healthy populations of faunal and floral species in the project zone
- Enhanced natural habitats and ecological integrity through ecosystem restoration

