

## Verification Statement Climate, Community and Biodiversity Project Design Standards (Second Edition – December 2008)

## CarbonCo Purus Project - A Tropical Forest Conservation Project in Acre, Brazil

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This verification statement confirms that Environmental Services, Inc. (Climate, Community & Biodiversity Alliance-Approved VVB) has evaluated *The Purus Project Implementation Report, A Tropical Forest Conservation Project in Acre, Brazil* prepared by CarbonCo (Project Developer), dated 03 October 2016, according to the criteria outlined by the Climate, Community and Biodiversity Project Design Standards (Second Edition-December 2008), and that this verification statement is consistent with ISO 14064-3:2006 and ISO 14065:2013. *The Purus Project* is located near the City of Manoel Urbano, State of Acre, Brazil. The dates of the period evaluated for this verification are 01 January 2015 to 31 December 2015

The cover page of the verified PIR (03 October 2016) summarizes the climate, community and biodiversity benefits the project has delivered. It states, "The Purus Project successfully achieved net positive climate, community and biodiversity benefits between May 23, 2011 and December 31, 2012 which included, but were not limited to: a reduction in the Project Area's deforestation; preservation of biologically diverse habitats; local hires and transfer of technical knowledge; and the overall development of the first-ever, VCS-CCBS validated REDD+ project in the State of Acre, Brazil (Page 7 of 143).

Net positive climate, community and biodiversity benefits between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2013 included, but were not limited to: a reduction in the Project Area's deforestation; preservation of biologically diverse habitats; deployment of motion-sensitive, wildlife camera traps; offering of agricultural extension courses to local communities; continuing progress towards legalization of local communities' land tenure; and achievement of the first-ever, VCS-CCBS verified REDD+ project in the State of Acre, Brazil.

Net positive climate, community and biodiversity benefits between January 1, 2014 and December 31, 2014 included, but were not limited to: a reduction in the Project Area's deforestation; preservation of biologically diverse habitats; completion of study using motion-sensitive wildlife camera traps; installation of a permanent phone at the Project headquarters; medical assistance provided to local communities; and initiation of granting official land title to several local communities.

Net positive climate, community and biodiversity benefits between January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2015 included, but were not limited to: a reduction in the Project Area's deforestation; preservation of biologically diverse habitats; construction of an onsite health clinic; acquisition of a boat to provide free transport for the communities; installation of potable water system at the Project's headquarters; and completion of land titling to first few community members.

"Gold Level Criteria Used and Brief Summary of Exceptional Benefits: The Purus Project achieved Gold Level due to exceptional biodiversity benefits as there were at least two endangered flora species identified at the Purus Project as classified on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List. These endangered flora species are Car-cara (Aniba rosaeodora) and Baboonwood (Virola surinamensis). In addition, numerous IUCN vulnerable and near threatened species, including short-eared dogs, jaguars, giant anteaters, and lowland tapirs, have been photographed at the Purus Project."

Environmental Services, Inc. confirms all verification activities including objectives, scope, criteria, level of assurance, PD implementation, stakeholder interviews, and project monitoring and implementation report adherence to the CCB Project Design Standards as documented in our report entitled *Project Verification Report, CarbonCo - Purus Project*, dated 17 October 2016 are complete and concludes without any qualifications or limiting conditions that the *Purus Project, a Tropical Forest Conservation Project in Acre, Brazil* (28 December 2012) is without material discrepancy and that the verification activities provide a reasonable level of assurance. *The Purus Project Implementation Report - A Tropical Forest Conservation Project in Acre, Brazil*, dated 03 October 2016, meets the requirements of the Climate, Community and Biodiversity Project Design Standards (Second Edition – December 2008) and produces net climate (90,922 tCO<sub>2</sub>e), community, and biodiversity benefits for the period of 01 January 2015 to 31 December 2015. The project also achieved Gold Level for Exceptional Biodiversity Benefits.

## **Attestation:**

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Date: 17 October 2016

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