

## PROJECT CONCEPT NOTE

CARBON OFFSET UNIT (CoU) PROJECT



Title: 77.2 MW Bundled Wind Projects in AP, MP and Maharashtra, India

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BASIC INFORMATION					
Title of the project activity	77.2 MW Bundled Wind Projects in AP, MP and Maharashtra, India				
Scale of the project activity	Large Scale				
Completion date of the PCN	19/04/2023				
Project participants	Project Proponents: Blyth Wind Park Private Limited (BWPPL), Betul Wind Farms Pvt Limited (BWFPL) and Pradeep Metals Limited (PML)				
	UCR Aggregator: Climekare Sustainability Pvt. Ltd. UCR ID: 336812961				
Host Party	India				
Applied methodologies and standardized baselines	Type I (Renewable Energy Projects)				
	UNFCCC Methodology <b>ACM0002</b> : Grid-connected electricity generation from renewable sources Version 20.0				
	UCR Protocol Standard Baseline				
Sectoral scopes	01 Energy industries (Renewable/NonRenewable Sources)				
SDG Impacts:	SDG 7 Affordable and Clean energy SDG 8 Decent work and economic growth SDG 13 Climate Action				
Estimated amount of total GHG emission reductions per year	<b>148541</b> CoUs/yr ( <b>148541</b> tCO <sub>2eq</sub> /yr)				

#### **SECTION A.** Description of project activity

#### A.1. Purpose and general description of Carbon offset Unit (CoU) project activity >>

The project activity titled, <u>77.2 MW Bundled Wind Projects in AP, MP and Maharashtra, India</u> is a bundle of 3 (three) renewable (wind) energy projects located at the following locations in Country: India:

Bundled Sr No	Name of Wind Farm Bundle	Installed Capacity (MW)	Village/s		District	State
			Derpani,	Kabramall,	Betul	Madhya
			Khamla,	Baramcha,		Pradesh
01	Betul Wind Farms	49.5	Badgaon an	d Dhar		
			Kalyandurg		Ananthapur	Andhra
02	Blyth Wind Park	25.6				Pradesh
03	Pradeep Metals WTG	2.1	Uma	arani	Sangali	Maharashtra

The wind farm bundle Sr. No 01 (Betul Wind Farms) is owned by Betul Wind Farm Pvt Ltd (BWFPL). BWFPL (Project Proponent or PP) is a special purpose vehicle (SPV) owned by WPA Clean Energy Private Limited (held by Atria Brindavan Power Pvt Ltd - flagship company of Atria Group) and USEIPL (held by United Telecoms Limited). The total installed capacity of Betul Wind Farms is 49.5 MW and consists of 33 Wind turbine generators (WTGs) each of 1.5 MW capacity in Betul district of Madhya Pradesh.

The wind farm bundle Sr. No 02 (Blyth Wind Park) is owned by Blyth Wind Park Private Limited (BWPPL- Project Proponent or PP) which is a subsidiary of WPA Clean Energy (WPA) which is a part of Atria Group. The Atria group has investments in diverse segments viz. hydro power, renewable power, hospitality, real estate etc. in various geographies. The total installed capacity of the Blyth Wind Park is 25.6 MW wind power project in Ananthapur district of Andhra Pradesh. The Blyth Wind Park consists of 16 WTGs of 1.6 MW each. The entire Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) including Operations and Maintenance (O&M) services are provided by GE India Ltd.

The wind farm bundle Sr. No 03 (Pradeep Metals WTG) is owned by Pradeep Metals Limited (PML- Project Proponent or PP). The total installed capacity by PML is 2.1 MW and consists of one WTG in Sangali district of Maharashtra. The entire Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) including Operations and Maintenance (O&M) services are provided by Sulzon Ltd.

The generated electricity from the WTGs are connected to the state electric utility grids of AP, MP and Maharashtra. The bundled wind power projects are operational activities with continuous reduction of GHGs, currently being applied for voluntary carbon offset units (CoUs) under "Universal Carbon Registry" (UCR). The commissioning date of the first WTG in the bundle is considered as the start date of the project activity and is recorded as 18/07/2014.

In the absence of the project activity, electricity would have been delivered to the grid by the operation of fossil fuel-based grid-connected power plants and by the addition of new fossil fuel-based generation sources in the grid. As is the nature of wind projects (renewable energy), no fossil fuel is involved for power generation in the project activity. The electricity produced by the project is directly contributing to climate change mitigation by reducing the anthropogenic emissions of greenhouse gases (GHGs, i.e. CO<sub>2</sub>) into the atmosphere by displacing an equivalent amount of

power at grid.

The project activity is hence the installation of new grid connected renewable power plants/units. The baseline scenario and scenario existing prior to the implementation of the project activity are both the same.

The project activity is displacing an estimated annual net electricity generation i.e., 165,046 MWh from the Indian grid system, which otherwise would have been generated by the operation of fossil fuel-based grid-connected power plant. The estimated annual average CO2e emission reductions by the project activity is expected to be 148541 tCO<sub>2e</sub>, whereas actual emission reduction achieved during the first CoU period shall be submitted as a part of first monitoring and verification.

Since the project activity will generate electricity through wind energy, a clean renewable energy source it does not cause any negative impacts on the environment and thereby contributes to climate change mitigation efforts.

#### **Project's Contribution to Sustainable Development**

Indian economy is highly dependent on "Coal" as fuel to generate energy and for production processes. Thermal power plants are the major consumers of coal in India and yet the basic electricity needs of a large section of population are not being met. This results in excessive demands for electricity and places immense stress on the environment.

Changing coal consumption patterns will require a multi-pronged strategy focusing on demand, reducing wastage of energy and the optimum use of renewable energy (RE) sources. This project activity is a greenfield activity where fossil grid power is the baseline. The renewable power generation is gradually contributing to the share of clean & green power in the grid; however, grid emission factor is still on higher side which defines the grid as distinct baseline.

The Government of India has stipulated following indicators for sustainable development in the interim approval guidelines for such projects which are contributing to GHG mitigations. The Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, has stipulated economic, social, environment and technological well-being as the four indicators of sustainable development. It has been envisaged that the project shall contribute to sustainable development using the following ways:

# Social well being: □ Social well being is assessed by contribution by the project activity towards improvement in living standards of the local community. □ The project activity has resulted in increased job opportunities for the local population on temporary and permanent basis. □ Manpower was required both during erection and operation of the wind farms. This has resulted in poverty alleviation of the local community and development of basic infrastructure leading to improvement in living standards of the local population.

# Economic well being ☐ The project activity has created direct and indirect job opportunities to the local community during installation and operation of the WEGs. ☐ The investment for the project activity has increased the economic activity of the local area. ☐ The project activity also contributes in economic well being of the nation's economy by reducing

import of fossil fuel for electricity generation in hard currency.

#### **Environmental well being**

☐ The project utilizes wind energy for generating electricity which otherwise would have been
generated through alternate fuel (most likely - fossil fuel) based power plants, contributing to
reduction in specific emissions (emissions of pollutant/unit of energy generated) including GHG
emissions.
□ As wind power projects produce no end products in the form of solid waste (ash etc.), they
address the problem of solid waste disposal encountered by most other sources of power.
□ Being a renewable resource, using wind energy to generate electricity contributes to resource
conservation. Thus, the project activity causes no negative impact on the surrounding environment.

#### Technological well being

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towers,	diameters	of	towers,	etc.,	which	augurs	well	for	the	technolo	gical	well	being	in	the
develop	ment of wi	nd e	energy to	prod	uce clea	an electr	ricity.								

- $\Box$  The generated electricity from the project activity is connected to the grid. The project activity improves the supply of electricity with clean, renewable wind power while contributing to the regional/local economic development.
- ☐ Wind energy plants provide local distributed generation, and provide site-specific reliability and transmission and distribution benefits including:
  - o improved power quality
  - o Reactive power control
  - o Mitigation of transmission and distribution congestion

#### With regards to ESG credentials:

At present specific ESG credentials have not been evaluated, however, the project essentially contributes to various indicators which can be considered under ESG credentials. Some of the examples are as follows:

#### **Under Environment:**

The following environmental benefits are derived from the project activity:

- Produces renewable electricity without any GHG emissions.
- Wind power plants have little impact on the surrounding ecology.

For the PPs, energy sale pattern is now based on renewable energy due to the project and it also contributes to GHG emission reduction and conservation of depleting energy sources associated with the project baseline. Hence, project contributes to ESG credentials.

#### A.2 Do no harm or Impact test of the project activity>>

There are social, environmental, economic and technological benefits which contribute to sustainable development. Rational: As per 'Central Pollution Control Board (Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India)', final document on revised classification of Industrial Sectors under Red, Orange, Green and White Categories (07/03/2016), it has been declared that wind project activity falls under the "White category".

White Category projects/industries do not require any Environmental Clearance such as 'Consent to Operate' from PCB as such project does not lead to any negative environmental impacts. Additionally, as per Indian Regulation, Environmental and Social Impact Assessment is not required for Wind Projects.

#### **United Nations Sustainable Development Goals:**

The project activity generates electrical power using wind energy which is generated from windmills, there by displacing non-renewable fossil resources resulting to sustainable, economic and environmental development. In the absence of the project activity equivalent amount of power generation would have taken place through fossil fuel dominated power generating stations.

Thus, the renewable energy generation from project activity will result in reduction of the greenhouse gas emissions. Positive contribution of the project to the following Sustainable Development Goals:

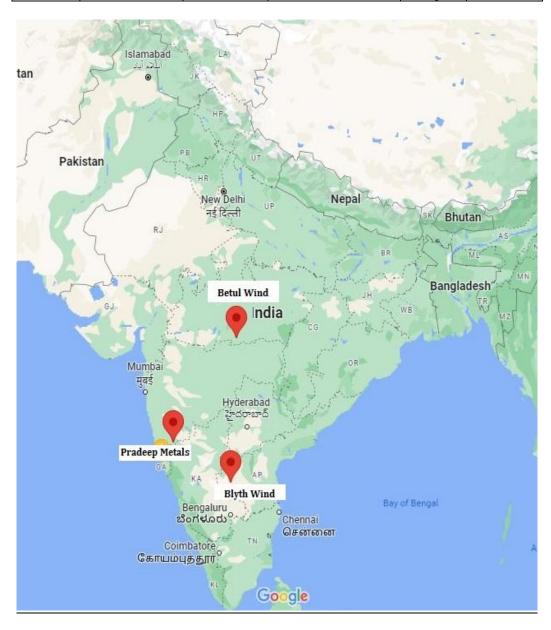
- SDG13: Climate Action
- SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy
- SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth

Development Goals	Targeted SDG	Target Indicator (SDG Indicator)
13 CLIMATE ACTION  SDG 13: Climate Action	13.2: Integrate climate change measures into national policies, strategies and planning  Target: 148541 tCO <sub>2</sub> per annum	13.2.1: Number of countries that have communicated establishment or operationalization of an integrated policy/ strategy/ plan which increases their ability to adapt to the adverse impacts of climate change, and foster climate resilience and low greenhouse gas emissions development in a manner that does not threaten food production (including a national adaptation plan, nationally determined contribution, national communication, biennial update report or other)
7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY  SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy	7.2: By 2030, increase substantially the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix  Target: 165046 MWh per annum	7.2.1: Renewable energy share in the total final energy consumption
8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH  SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth	8.5: By 2030, achieve full and productive employment and decent work for all women and men, including for young people and persons with disabilities, and equal pay for work of equal value  Target: Training, O&M staff	8.5.1: Average hourly earnings of female and male employees, by occupation, age and persons with disabilities

#### A.3. Location of project activity >>

**Country**: India

Name of Wind Farm Bundle	Installed Capacity (MW)	Village/s	District	State
		Derpani, Kabramall	, Betul	Madhya
		Khamla, Baramcha	,	Pradesh
Betul Wind Farms	49.5	Badgaon and Dhar		
		Borampalli/ Kalyandurg	Ananthapur	Andhra
Blyth Wind Park	25.6		-	Pradesh
Pradeep Metals WTG	2.1	Umarani	Sangali	Maharashtra



Blyth Wind Park					
INST_CAPACITY (MW)	WTG_MODEL_NAME	LONGITUDE	LATITUDE		
1.6	GE-1.6 XLE ESS	72.4798	16.09721		
1.6	GE-1.6 XLE ESS	72.4770	16.09555		
1.6	GE-1.6 XLE ESS	72.5403	16.09643		
1.6	GE-1.6 XLE ESS	72.5456	16.09465		
1.6	GE-1.6 XLE ESS	72.5265	16.09113		
1.6	GE-1.6 XLE ESS	72.4554	16.09218		
1.6	GE-1.6 XLE ESS	72.5293	16.08920		
1.6	GE-1.6 XLE ESS	72.5709	16.08253		
1.6	GE-1.6 XLE ESS	72.5644	16.08095		
1.6	GE-1.6 XLE ESS	72.5901	16.07856		
1.6	GE-1.6 XLE ESS	72.4715	16.10265		
1.6	GE-1.6 XLE ESS	72.4693	16.10440		
1.6	GE-1.6 XLE ESS	72.4644	16.10623		
1.6	GE-1.6 XLE ESS	72.5285	16.11338		
1.6	GE-1.6 XLE ESS	72.4963	16.11740		
1.6	GE-1.6 XLE ESS	72.4952	16.11931		

	Betul Wind Farms						
Location No.	Village	Dist.	Latitude	Longitude			
B17	Derpani	Betul	21.50088°	77.54987°			
B18	Derpani	Betul	21.50298°	77.55217°			
B19	Derpani	Betul	21.50360°	77.55685°			
B20	Kabramall	Betul	21.48359°	77.54753°			
B21	Kabramall	Betul	21.53241°	77.54646°			
B22	Kabramall	Betul	21.52778°	77.55361°			
B27	Kabramall	Betul	21.52125°	77.55296°			
B28	Kabramall	Betul	21.50822°	77.55732°			
B31	Kabramall	Betul	21.536728°	77.546868°			
B06	Khamla	Betul	21.49124°	77.51131°			
B07	Khamla	Betul	21.49250°	77.51431°			
B08	Baramacha	Betul	21.49627°	77.51817°			
B12	Badgaon	Betul	21.49906°	77.53222°			
B13	Badgaon	Betul	21.51374°	77.52738°			
B14	Badgaon	Betul	21.49551°	77.53724°			
B11	Badgaon	Betul	21.50557°	77.53116°			
B16	Badgaon	Betul	21.48640°	77.54503°			
B25	Baramacha	Betul	21.49942°	77.52105°			
B15	Derpani	Betul	21.49737°	77.54143°			

D01	Dhar	Betul	21.49889°	77.54490°
D02	Dhar	Betul	21.52537°	77.54765°
D03	Dhar	Betul	21.46739°	77.55531°
D04	Dhar	Betul	21.47085°	77.55958°
D05	Dhar	Betul	21.47279°	77.56774°
B01	Khamla	Betul	21.49686°	77.49503°
B02	Khamla	Betul	21.49753°	77.49802°
B03	Khamla	Betul	21.49130°	77.50460°
B04	Khamla	Betul	21.49321°	77.50591°
B05	Khamla	Betul	21.49760°	77.50891°
B10	Khamla	Betul	21.49587°	77.52537°
B23	Khamla	Betul	21.500315°	77.503947°
B24	Khamla	Betul	21.49899°	77.51071°
B29	Khamla	Betul	21.511166°	77.525649°

Pradeep Metals WTG							
Location	Village	Dist.	Taluk	Latitude	Longitude		
JTH -116	Umarani	Sangali	Jath	N16 53 34.1	E75 16 57.2		



Blyth Wind Park



Blyth Wind Park



Blyth Wind Park



Betul Wind Farms



Betul Wind Farms



Pradeep Metals WTG



Pradeep Metals WTG

#### A.4. Technologies/measures >>

All the machines have been developed using state of the art technology. In wind energy generation, kinetic energy of wind is converted into mechanical energy and subsequently into electrical energy. Wind has considerable amount of kinetic energy when blowing at high speeds. This kinetic energy when passes through the blades of the WEG is converted into mechanical energy and rotates the wind blades. When the wind blades rotate, the connected generator also rotates, thereby producing electricity. The technology is a clean technology since there are no GHG emissions associated with the electricity generation.

The important parts of a windmill are:

<u>Main Tower</u> This is a very tall structure with a ladder at the bottom. The ladder is used for operation and maintenance.

**<u>Blades</u>** The WEGs are provided with three blades. The blades are self-supporting in nature made up of Fiber Reinforced Polyester. The blades are mounted on the hub.

<u>Nacelle</u> The Nacelle is the one which contains all the major parts of a WEG. The nacelle is made up of thick rugged steel and mounted on a heavy slewing ring. Under normal operating conditions, the nacelle would be facing the upstream wind direction.

<u>Hub</u> The Hub is an intermediate assembly between the wing and the main shaft of the wind turbine. Inside the hub, a system to actuate the aerodynamic brake is fitted. The hub is covered with nose cone.

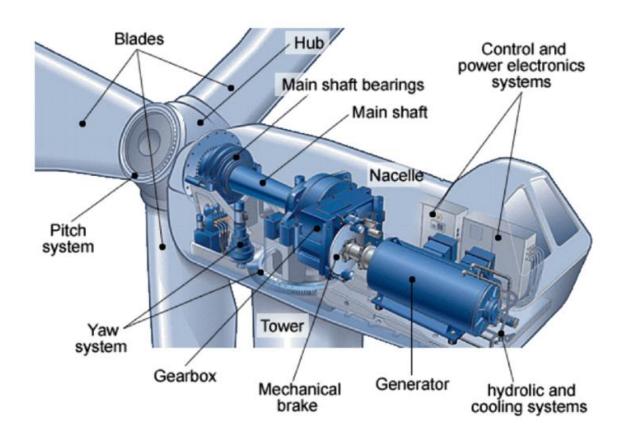
<u>Main Shaft</u> The shaft is to connect the gear box and the hub. Solid high carbon steel bars or cylinders are used as main shaft. The shaft is supported by two bearings.

<u>Gear Box, Bearing and Housing</u> The gearbox is used to increase the speed ratio so that the rotor speed is increased to the rated generator speed. Oil cooling is employed to control the heating of the gearbox. Gearboxes are mounted over dampers to minimize vibration. The main bearings are placed inside housing.

**Brake** Brake is employed in the WEGs to stop the wind turbine mainly for maintenance check. Brakes are also applied during over speed conditions of the wind turbine. The brakes are placed on the high speed shaft.

**Generator** The generator uses induction type of generator. The generators are provided with monitoring sensors in each phase winding to prevent damage to the generators.

In the absence of the project activity the equivalent amount of electricity would have otherwise been generated by the operation of fossil fuel-based grid-connected power plants and fed into unified India grid system, hence baseline scenario of the project activity is the grid-based electricity system, which is also the pre-project scenario as discussed in the previous section.



<b>Particulars</b>	Details
Project Activity	Betul Wind Farms
Project Capacity & Units	49.5 MW & 33 Nos WTGs
Project Commercial Status	Grid Connected
Project Evacuation Details	132/33 KV Gudgaon Sub Station of MPPTCL
Total number of Wind Turbine	33 No.
Rated power for Wind Turbine	1500 kwh
Make Wind turbine	V82 / Regen Powertech
Rotor diameter for Wind turbine	82.3 M
Hub height	85 MTS
Turbine Type	Tubular
Power Control	Pitch
Cut in wind speed	2.5 M/S
Cut-out Wind speed	22.5 M/S
Rated wind speed	1 M/S

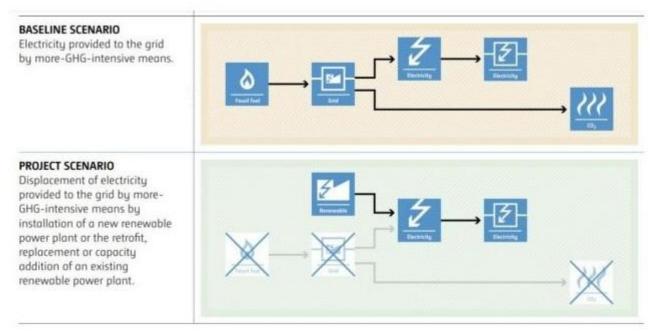
Particulars	Details
Project Activity	Blyth Wind Park Pvt Ltd
Project Location	Kalyandurg (AP)
Project Capacity & Units	25.6 Mw & 16 WTGs of 1.6Mw GE 87m
Project Evacuation Details	Power Evacuated through 33kv Line and connected to 220/132/33kv APTRANSCO substation SS Kalyandurg.
Total number of Wind Turbine	16 Nos
Rating of Photovoltaic Module / Wind Turbine / Hydro Units	GE 1.6Mw (Rotor 87m) (Hub Height 80M)
Make Solar Module / Wind turbine / Hydro Units	GE
LT Switchgear	ABB
LT Cable	400 Sq.mm Single core (14 runs)
No. of Inverter & Capacity	16 X 1.6Mw

Particulars	Details
Project Activity	Pradeep Metals Limited
Project Location	JTH -116, Village Umarani, Taluk Jath, Dist. Sangali, Maharashtra
Project Capacity & Units	2.1 MW & 01 No
Project Evacuation Details	110/33 KV Jath Sub Station
Total number Wind Turbine	01
Rating	2100 kw
Make	S-97 / Suzlon
Rotor diameter for Wind turbine	97 MTS
Hub height	90 MTS

### A.5. Parties and project participants >>

Party (Host)	Participants
	Project Proponents: Blyth Wind Park Private Limited (BWPPL), Betul Wind Farms Pvt Limited (BWFPL) and Pradeep Metals Limited (PML)
India	UCR Aggregator: Climekare Sustainability
	Pvt. Ltd.
	UCR ID: 336812961
	Email: sustainability@climekare.com

#### A.6. Baseline Emissions>>



In the absence of the project activity, the equivalent amount of electricity would have been imported from the regional grid (which is connected to the unified Indian Grid system), which is carbon intensive due to predominantly sourced from fossil fuel-based power plants. Hence, baseline scenario of the project activity is the grid-based electricity system, which is also the pre project scenario.

#### A.7. Debundling>>

This project activity is not a debundled component of a larger carbon or GHG registered project activity.

#### SECTION B. Application of methodologies and standardized baselines

#### **B.1.** References to methodologies and standardized baselines >>

SECTORAL SCOPE - 01 Energy industries (Renewable/Non-renewable sources)

TYPE I - Renewable Energy Projects

CATEGORY- ACM0002- Large-scale Consolidated Methodology: Grid-connected electricity generation from renewable sources Version 20.0

#### B.2. Applicability of methodologies and standardized baselines >>

The project activity involves generation of grid connected electricity from the construction and operation of a new wind power-based power project for supply to grid. The project activity has installed capacity of 77.2 MW which qualifies for a large-scale project activity. The project status is corresponding to the methodology ACM0002 version 20.0 and applicability of methodology is discussed below:

This project is included within the UCR Standard Positive List of technologies and is within the large -scale CDM thresholds (e.g. installed capacity greater than 15 MW). The UCR positive list comprises of: (a) generation of grid connected electricity from the construction and operation of a new wind power-based power project for supply to grid

Project activity involves power generation with installed capacity of 77.2 MW.

The project activity is a Renewable Energy Project i.e., Wind Power Project which falls under applicability criteria option 1 (a) i.e., "Install a Greenfield power plant". Hence the project activity meets the given applicability criterion of ACM0002

The project activity is wind energy power project and not a hydro power project activity.

The project activity does not involve any retrofit measures nor any replacement to existing WEGs. Hence there are no new units having either renewable or non-renewable components (e.g., a wind/diesel unit).

The project activity is not a combined heat and power (co-generation) system.

No biomass is involved, the project is only a wind energy power project. The case for retrofit, rehabilitation or replacement, towards a Large-scale project is also not applicable.

The project activity is a voluntary coordinated action. The project activity is a greenfield of 77.2 MW Wind Electric Project, i.e., no capacity addition was done to any existing power plant.

The project activity is not a landfill gas, waste gas, wastewater treatment and agro-industries project, and does not recover methane emissions and is not eligible under any relevant Type III category.

The project activity comprises of renewable power/energy generation through wind energy and displaces fossil fuel powered electricity from the regional grid by supplying renewable power to the grid itself. Hence this UNFCCC CDM Methodology is applicable and fulfilled.

The project activity involves the installation of new power plants at listed sites where there was no renewable energy power plant operating prior to implementation of project.

#### **B.3.** Applicability of double counting emission reductions >>

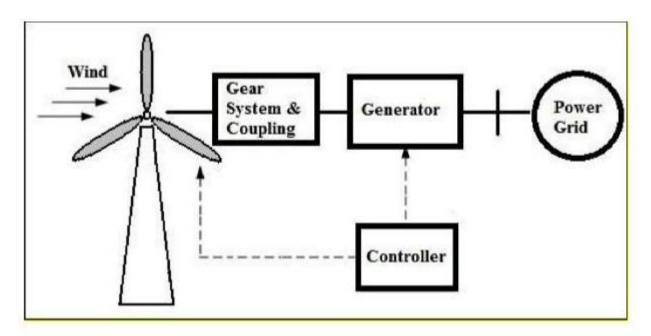
There is no double accounting of emission reductions in the project activity due to the following reasons:

- Project is uniquely identifiable based on its location coordinates,
- Project has dedicated commissioning certificate and connection point,
- Project is associated with distinct and unique energy meters which are dedicated to the consumption point for project developer

#### B.4. Project boundary, sources and greenhouse gases (GHGs)>>

As per applicable methodology ACM0002 version 20.0, the spatial extent of the project boundary includes the project power plant and all power plants connected physically to the electricity system that the UCR project power plants are connected. The project boundary encompasses the physical, geographical site of the wind energy power plant, the energy metering equipment and the connected regional electricity grid.

	Source	GHG	Included?	Justification/Explanation
Baseline Grid-connected electricity	CO <sub>2</sub>	Included	Major source of emission	
	$\mathrm{CH_{4}}$	Excluded	Excluded for simplification. This is conservative	
		$N_2O$	Excluded	Excluded for simplification. This is conservative
Project Activity Greenfield power project	$CO_2$	Excluded	Excluded for simplification. This is conservative	
	•	CH <sub>4</sub>	Excluded	Excluded for simplification. This is conservative
		N <sub>2</sub> O	Excluded	Excluded for simplification. This is conservative



Net GHG Emission Reductions and Removals

Thus, ERy = BEy - PEy - LEy Where:

ERy = Emission reductions in year y (tCO2/y)

BEy = Baseline Emissions in year y (t CO2/y)

PEy = Project emissions in year y (tCO2/y)

#### B.5. Establishment and description of baseline scenario (UCR Protocol) >>

Baseline emissions include only CO2 emissions from electricity generation in power plants that are displaced due to the project activity. The methodology assumes that all project electricity generation above baseline levels would have been generated by existing grid-connected power plants and the addition of new grid-connected power plants.

Total Installed Capacity: 77.2 MW

Estimated Annual Emission Reductions:  $BE_y = EG_{BL,yl} \times EF_{CO2, GRID, y}$ 

 $BE_y$  = Emission reductions in a year y.

where:

EG  $_{BL,y}$  = Quantity of net electricity supplied to the grid as a result of the implementation of the UCR project activity in year y (MWh)

 $EF_{Grid,CO2,y} = CO_2$  emission factor of the grid in year y (t  $CO_2/MWh$ ) as determined by the UCR Standard.

A "grid emission factor" refers to a CO2 emission factor (tCO2/MWh) which will be associated with each unit of electricity provided by an electricity system. The UCR recommends an emission factor of 0.9 tCO2/MWh for the 2013-2020 years as a fairly conservative estimate for Indian projects not previously verified under any GHG program. Also, for the vintage 2021-22, the combined margin emission factor calculated from CEA database in India results into same emission factors as that of the default value. Hence, the same emission factor has been considered to calculate the emission reduction.

Project Emissions As per ACM0002 version 20.0, only emission associated with the fossil fuel combustion, emission from operation of geo-thermal power plants due to release of non-condensable gases, emission from water reservoir of Hydro should be accounted for the project emission.

Since the project activity is a wind power project, project emission for renewable energy plant is nil. Thus, PEy =0.

Leakage As per ACM0002 version 20.0, 'If the energy generating equipment is transferred from another activity, leakage is to be considered.' In the project activity, there is no transfer of energy generating equipment and therefore the leakage from the project activity is considered as zero. Hence, LEy= 0

The actual emission reduction achieved during the first crediting period shall be submitted as a part of first monitoring and verification. However, for the purpose of an ex-ante estimation, following calculation has been submitted:

**Estimated annual Emission Reductions** (ER<sub>v</sub>) = 148541 CoUs/yr ( $148541 \text{ tCO}_{2eq}/\text{yr}$ )

#### **B.6. Prior History>>**

The project activity has not been registered or applied for voluntary carbon benefits under any other GHG program and hence there is no double counting issue of CoUs.

#### B.7. Changes to start date of crediting period >>

There is no change in the start date of crediting period. The start date of crediting under UCR is considered as 18/07/2014 and no GHG emission reduction has been claimed so far under any other voluntary GHG program.

# **B.8.** Permanent changes from PCN monitoring plan, applied methodology or applied standardized baseline >>

There are no permanent changes from registered PCN monitoring plan and applied methodology

#### **B.9.** Monitoring period number and duration>>

**1**st **Monitoring Period**: 18/07/2014 to 31/12/2022 (08 years 06 months) **1**st **Crediting Period**: 18/07/2014 to 31/12/2022 (08 years 06 months)

#### **B.10.** Monitoring plan>>

Key Data Monitored: • Quantity of net electricity supplied to the grid

#### 1. Monitoring Plan Objective and Organization

PPs are the project implementers and monitors the electricity delivered to the electricity grid by the project activity. The data is already archived electronically and is stored since 18/07/2014.

To ensure that the data is reliable and transparent, the PPs have established Quality Assurance and Quality Control (QA&QC) measures to effectively control and manage data reading, recording, auditing as well as archiving data and all relevant documents. The data is monitored on a daily basis and is submitted to PPs on a daily basis.

PPs have implemented QA&QC measures to calibrate and ensure the accuracy of metering and safety aspects of the project operation. The metering devices are calibrated and inspected properly and periodically, according to state electricity board's specifications and requirements to ensure accuracy in the readings.

#### 2 Data and Parameters to be monitored

The project activity essentially involves generation of electricity from wind, the employed WEGs can only convert wind energy into electrical energy and cannot use any other input fuel for electricity generation. Thus, no special ways and means are required to monitor leakage from the project activity. The recording of the electricity fed to the state utility grid is carried out jointly at the incoming feeder of the state power utility. The joint measurement is carried out once in a month in presence of both parties (the developer's representative and officials of the state power utility). Both parties sign the recorded reading.

Data / Parameter:	EGy
Data unit:	MWh
Description:	Quantity of net electricity supplied by the Project Activity to the grid in year y
Source of data:	JMR. Statement of net export of power to the grid issued Monthly by State Electricity Board or any other competent authority as applicable.
Measurement procedures (if any):	To be specified by State Electricity Board
Monitoring frequency:	The net energy exported to the grid is measured every month using calibrated energy meter by the State Electricity Board authorities in the presence of the project implementer or its representatives. The meter/s shall be jointly inspected, and sealed by authorised representatives of the company and the state utility.  Measuring procedure: Will be measured by an export-import energy meter. The net electricity exported by the project plant would either be directly sourced as a measured parameter or be calculated by deducting the amount of imported electricity from the total amount of exported electricity.
	Accuracy class of energy meter:As per Power Purchase

	Agreement (PPA) or relevant National standards amended/modified from time to time.  Calibration Frequency: As per the Central Electricity Authority the testing and calibration frequency should be minimum once in five years. However, the calibration will be done following the relevant applicable National Guidelines updated from time to time during the operation of the project activity.  Entity responsible: Aggregator
QA/QC procedures:	Monitoring frequency: Continuous Measurement frequency: Hourly Recording frequency: Monthly The electricity meter/s record both export and import of electricity from the solar Power plant and the readings with regard to net electricity generated will be used for calculation of emission reductions. The net electricity supplied to the grid will be cross checked with the monthly invoices. The meter/s would be checked for accuracy and the meters will be calibrated as per the procedures of State Electricity Board as per the national or international standards. Measurement results shall be cross checked with records for sold electricity (i.e. invoice).
Purpose of Data	-Calculation of baseline emissions

Data/Parameter	EF, CO2, GRID, y
Data unit	tCO2 /MWh
Description	Fixed Ex-Ante
of data Value(s) applied	UCR Standard Protocol As per Standard
Measurement methods and procedures	Fixed
Monitoring frequency	NA
Purpose of data	To estimate baseline emissions