

# **UCR Project Verification Report**

**UCR-472** 

Climensys Pvt. Ltd.



# **Project Draft Verification Report Form** (DVR) CARBON OFFSET UNIT (CoU) PROJECT

# Verification Report (VR) Basic Information

Basic Information				
Name of approved UCR Project Verifier/Reference No.	Climensys Pvt. Ltd.			
Validity of UCR approval of Verifier	Valid			
Completion Date of this FVR (Final Verification Report)	29/09/2025			
UCR Project Registration Code	UCR-472			
Approved UCR Scopes and GHG Sectoral scopes for Project Verification for the current project	Scopes specific to ACM0006: 01 Energy industries (Renewable/Non-Renewable Sources)			
Host Country where project is located	India			
Title of the project activity	Carbon Credit Generation Project by NSL Sugars Ltd. Aland Unit Karnataka, India			
Name of Entity requesting verification service	NSL Sugars Ltd.			
(Can be Project Owners themselves or any Entity having authorization of Project Owners, example aggregator.)				
Contact details of the representative of the Entity, requesting verification service (Focal Point assigned for all communications)	Bhusnoor, Aland Taluka, Gulbarga District, Karnataka-571425, India. Contact: krishnareddy.bv@nslsugars.com			
Applied methodologies (approved methodologies by UCR Standard used)	CDM Methodology: ACM0006: Electricity and heat generation from biomass, version16.0			
	Standardized baseline: Not applicable.			
Current Status	Verification process completed.			
Project Verifier's Confirmation: The UCR Project Verifier has verified the UCR project activity and therefore confirms the following:	The UCR Project Verifier [Vivek Ahirwar, C/o Climensys Pvt. Ltd.], certifies the following with respect to the UCR Project Activity [Carbon Credit Generation Project by NSL Sugars Ltd. Aland Unit Karnataka, India, UCR ID 472].  The Project Owner has correctly described the			
	<ul> <li>The Project Owner has correctly described the Project Activity in the Project Concept Note</li> </ul>			

(version 01, dated 15/11/2024) including the applicability of the approved CDM methodology [ACM0006 Version 16.0] meets the required conditions adequately and has achieved the estimated GHG emission reductions, complies with the monitoring methodology and has calculated emission reductions estimates correctly and conservatively. The Project Activity was designed to generate GHG emission reductions estimated at 80,681 tCO<sub>2</sub>e per annum, as indicated in the PCN. These reductions are additional to those likely to occur in the absence of the Project Activity and comply with all applicable UCR rules. However, the actual claim achieved during the current monitoring period is an annualized average of 55,046 tCO<sub>2</sub>e. During the current verification period a total of 733,951 CoUs were achieved. However, for the biomass power related scope, PP has applied UCR specified adjustment factor of 10%, which has conservatively resulted into the final ER of 660,557 CoUs, hence final net annualized ER is 55,046 CoUs. The Project Activity is not likely to cause any net-harm to the environment and/or society. The Project Activity complies with all the applicable UCR rules, guidelines, provisions prescribed and therefore recommends UCR Program to register the Project activity with above mentioned labels. Name of the authorized personnel of UCR Name: Vivek K Ahirwar Project Verifier and his/her signature with Date: 29/09/2025 date Signature & Stamp:

#### SECTION A. PROJECT VERIFICATION REPORT

## A.1. Executive summary:

Climensys Pvt. Ltd., an approved UCR Auditor represented by Vivek Kumar Ahirwar, has been appointed by "NSL Sugars Limited (NSL)" to perform an independent UCR verification of its project, "Carbon Credit Generation Project by NSL Sugars Ltd. Aland Unit Karnataka, India", UCR ref. no. 472 for the reported GHG emission reductions for the given monitoring period from 01/01/2013 to 31/12/2024 (both dates included). As per UCR Standard, a UCR project must undergo independent third-party verification and certification of emission reductions as the basis for issuance of 'Carbon Offset Units' (CoU).

NSL Sugars Limited (NSL), formerly known as SCM Sugars Ltd, is one of the known sugar companies in south India and a sugar arm of 'NSL' group. NSL Group entered the 'sugar' business being related to agro-commercial crop business. This project is a GHG mitigation scope registered under UCR with Project ID 472. This registered project activity is included under the Aland unit of NSL Sugars Ltd. which is located in Bhusnoor, Aland Taluka, Gulbarga District, Karnataka, 571425, India.

The project activity mainly includes this scope: -

**Scope:** Generation of carbon credits is due to the existing 34 MW bagasse-based cogeneration unit at the Bhusnoor sugar mill which exports electricity to grid.

The objectives of this verification exercise are to establish that:

- Project activity has been implemented and operated as per the registered PCN/ and that all physical features (technology, project equipment, and monitoring and metering equipment) of the project are in place;
- Monitoring report and other supporting documents are complete;
- ➤ The actual monitoring systems & procedures and monitoring report conforms with the requirements of the approved monitoring plan and the approved monitoring methodology;
- ➤ The data is recorded and stored as per the monitoring methodology and approved monitoring plan.

In this regard, the verification scope was initiated by the Verification team (i.e. Climensys audit team) in the month of March 2025, followed by submission of project related documents, data and UCR reports from Project Proponent. The Verifier has conducted a detailed desk review of the submitted information. As an audit procedural, Climensys has submitted the first set of Audit Findings under this Draft Verification Report (DVR), which were addressed by the project consultant with appropriate justification and revision into the project Monitoring Report and ER calculation sheet.

As a next step of the process, audit team has evaluated the revised submission received from project consultant, followed by the UCR declarations and other supporting documents. Upon satisfactory closure of the findings and completeness of all documentation, the Audit team has finally confirmed the emission reductions as approved under this Final Verification Report.

## A.2. Scope:

The scope of the verification is the independent and objective review and ex-post determination of the monitored reductions in GHG emission by the project activity. The verification is based on review of monitoring report, supporting information.

- a) The registered PCN, including the monitoring plan and the corresponding validation opinion(s);
- b) Previous verification reports, deviation requests, requests for revision of monitoring plan;
- c) Monitoring report for the monitoring period under verification including CoU calculations sheets and all supporting documents;
- d) The applied monitoring methodology
- e) Relevant decisions, clarifications and guidance from the UCR;
- f) All information and references relevant to the project activity, resulting in emission reductions:
- g) The project is assessed against the requirements of the UCR.
- h) Verifier has, based on the recommendations in the latest version of UCR requirements for project activity, employed a rule-based approach in the verification, focusing on the identification of significant reporting risks and the reliability of project monitoring.

## A.3. Description of project:

As per the review and assessment, it is stated that NSL Sugars Limited (NSL), is one of the most efficient sugar companies in south India and a sugar arm of 'NSL' group. NSL Group entered the 'sugar' business being related to agro- commercial crop business. The current carbon project activity included under this UCR document falls under the Bhusnoor Sugar unit of NSL Sugars Ltd. which is located in Bhusnoor, Aland Taluka, Gulbarga District, Karnataka-571425, India. The main scope is:

**Scope:** Generation of carbon credits is due to the existing 34 MW bagasse-based cogeneration unit at the Bhusnoor sugar mill which exports electricity to grid.

The scope is well recognized activities under GHG mechanisms due to the reduction of carbon emissions as compared to their respective baseline scenarios viz. displacement of grid electricity with the export power produced by NSL.

#### **Review of the Co-generation Unit:**

The verification team has reviewed that the project activity utilizes available mill generated bagasse effectively for generation of steam and electricity for both in-house consumption and to export surplus electricity to the power grid. The project meets the captive steam and power requirement of sugar unit, co-generation (Cogen) plant auxiliaries and power requirement of the facilities. The balance power is exported to Indian Grid. This export power is eligible for emission reduction claim.

As per design specification, the unit has an existing co-generation unit with installed capacity of 34 MW turbine, out of which 2% of gross electricity generated is assumed to be imported electricity and 40% of gross electricity generated is assumed to be used for captive-consumption and the remaining gross electricity is exported to the grid. PLF for the plant is assumed to be 60% and the plant is operational since commissioning on 05/08/2011.

The major equipment of the project activity comprises 170 Tons Per Hour (TPH) capacity steam generator with the outlet steam parameters of 110 atm and 540°C, 34 MW capacity turbine generator set Multi stage Extraction cum Condensing (MEC) type.

The design of the plant is to operate for 340 days per annum, which includes 310 days of crushing season, and balance 30 days during off-season (plant operates on an average of 8 months in a year including the crushing season and some off-season months). The plant is designed with all other auxiliary plant systems like bagasse/biomass handling system with storage and processing arrangements, ash handling system, water treatment plant, cooling water system and cooling tower, De-Mineralized (DM) water plant, compressed air system and balance of plant including high pressure piping etc. for its successful operation. The provision of extraction cum condensing machine allows the possibility of operating the plant during the off-season with the saved bagasse and procured surplus biomass residues

NSL Sugars Limited, Unit-II, Aland, project activity has implemented the steps which are well recognized activities under GHG mechanisms due to the reduction of carbon emissions as compared to the baseline scenarios viz. displacement of grid electricity with the export power produced & supplied from the co-generation unit. Thus, NSL Sugars project activity helps to contribute to emission reductions as well as SDG targets creating a sustainable pathway.

#### COUs **Existing Unit** Single project under UCR. Expansion **NSL Sugar** Combined **Plant** Cogeneration **Net Electricity** Registration Supplied to Unit (Bagasse Verification grid based) & Issuance Since Jan 2013

### **Project boundary of the scope reviewed by the verification team:**

#### **Scope of Capacity Expansion:**

The audit team has reviewed that the NSL Bhusnoor unit has not planned any capacity expansion in the current monitoring period.

The project scope contributes to emission reductions as well as SDG targets creating a sustainable pathway on the region.

# **SECTION B. Project Verification team, technical reviewer and approver**

# **B.1. Project Verification team**

No.	Role	Last name	First name	Affiliation	Invo	lveme	nt in
				(e.g. name of central or other office of UCR Project Verifier or outsourced entity)	Doc ume nt revi ew	Re mot e Insp ecti on	Inte rvie ws
1.	Team Leader	Ahirwar	Vivek	Climensys Pvt. Ltd.	Υ	Υ	Υ
2.	Validator / Verifier	Barwal	Anjali	Climensys Pvt. Ltd.	Υ	N	N
3.	Technical Expert	Ahirwar	Vivek	Climensys Pvt. Ltd.	Υ	Υ	Υ
4.	Financial/ Other Expert	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

## **Technical reviewer and approver of the Project Verification report**

No.	Role	Type of resource	Last name	First name	Affiliation (e.g. name of central or other office of UCR
					Project Verifier or outsourced entity)
1.	Technical reviewer	External	Soni	Ravikant	Independent Expert (Outsourced entity)
2	Approver	Lead Validator / Verifier	Ahirwar	Vivek	Climensys Pvt. Ltd.

## **SECTION C. Means of Project Verification**

#### C.1. Desk/document review:

As per the registered project document and based on the ex-ante project calculation, it has been verified that the project activity utilizes the bagasse for co-generation of steam and electricity and is capable to generate around 92,373.33 MWh of annualized power next export to the grid.

Based on the primary data collected during the project design and based on all methodological parameters, the estimated emission reductions are about 80,681 CoUs per annum whereas actual emission reductions accounted during the first CoU period has been submitted as a part of first monitoring and verification. This period was considered from 01/01/2013 to 31/12/2024 which led to an annual avg. CoUs of 55,046 (after considering gross-to-net adjustment factor).

The project meets the captive steam and power requirement of sugar unit, co-generation (Cogen) plant auxiliaries and power requirement of the facilities. The balance power is exported to Indian grid since commissioning on 05/08/2011. Therefore, the consideration of crediting period for the project is justified as 01/01/2013 and is in line with UCR Requirements.

Through document review in conjunction with the interview with the plant personnel, the verification team confirms that all physical features of the project activity including technology, data collection systems and storage systems have been implemented in accordance with the Project PCN. The monitoring plan required equipment(s) are available at the plant, and most of the calculation parameters are considered based on primary data; hence overall estimation was found justified and monitoring of all the required parameters are properly addressed.

The managers of the individual unit are responsible for maintaining records of daily, monthly and annual data. These data sets or the internal reporting practices are reviewed by the plant head or at group head level, further reviewed by responsible or authorized official at NSL group, followed by consultant who is responsible for the carbon project cycle. Moreover, the data related to ex-ante & post monitoring parameters are mainly sourced from authentic official records, and already approved by UCR under the registered PCN. Also, the ex-post values are driven from primary records verified and signed by the NSL officials; hence considered as self-declared official data. All the monitored data and related documentation shall be archived and stored (electronically & hard copies) till two years beyond the crediting period.

The energy meters were found to be installed at the respective places as observed through captured photographs by the verification team and through the live video during the remote assessment.

The project boundaries and all key equipment are in line with the registered PCN. The verification team confirmed during the remote auditing (video conferencing) that the UCR project is completely operational and the name plate details of all key equipment are in line to the registered PCN.

The details of operation of the project activity were cross checked through interviews and found consistent. The plant was not operational for 4-5 months in each year due to availability and season variation which has affected the generation values and co-gen unit achieved lower emission reductions compared to ex-ante. But no major breakdowns have been observed

during the monitoring period which has affected the applicability of the applied methodology as reported in the MR.

The allocation of the responsibilities is followed as described in the registered PCN. Routines for the data archiving are defined and documented. Calculations laid down in the monitoring report are in line with registered PCN.

Interviews were carried out with the plant personals during the audit to verify the actual monitoring system practiced by NSL Group. It was found that the plant personnels are well aware of their roles & responsibilities.

The actual emission reductions achieved **733,951 tCO<sub>2</sub>e** (i.e., **733,951 CoUs**) for the current monitoring period. This value is derived most conservative manner by using rounding down approach in the calculated values. However, in line with the requirement for biomass power related scope prescribed under UCR, PP has applied UCR specified adjustment factor of 10%, which has conservatively resulted into the final ER of **660,557 CoUs**.

## **C.2. Remote inspection:**

Date:	Activity Performed	Means of communication	Outcome
05/03/2025	Document Review, Monitoring plan, project parameters, calculations & Interviews	Online via Zoom Meeting Call	Satisfactory and acceptable

#### C.3. Interviews:

CNI		Interviews		Date	Subject
SN	Last Name	First Name	Affiliation		
1	Akula	Lokesh Kumar	Deputy Manager (Environment)	05/03/2025	Overall Supervision, Technical Review, Generation Data, records, monitoring practices etc.
2	Nidadavolu	Nagaraju	DGM-ESG Lead	05/03/2025	Admin and documentation support, signature of UCR related documents etc.
3	Naidu	Gorijala Bhaskar	Unit Head	05/03/2025	Overall documentation, data management, training and technical
4	K.V.V.S.	Narayana Murthy	Sr. DGM – Operations	05/03/2025	Technical parameters, Monitoring details, Training and quality assurance etc.

5	Sarambi	Saranappa	Deputy Manager	05/03/2025	Overall	UCR
			– WTP & ETP		Requirements,	
					documentations	,
					baseline,	ER
					calculation,	
					clarifications,	
					communications	3,
					Clearances,	
					Environmental	Risks,
					Sustainability r	elated
					etc.	

CAT	Interviews			Period	Subject
SN	Last Name	First Name	Affiliation		
1	NA (interacted at team level)	NA (interacted at team level)	Consulting Team of PP, affiliated to Hive Of Boradinco Services.	During February 2025 to August 2025	Overall coordination for the entire carbon cycle, audit findings and responses etc.

# C.4. Sampling approach:

No sampling has been undertaken; full data set reviewed to arrive on a reasonable level of assurance.

# C.5. Clarification request (CLs), corrective action request (CARs) and forward action request (FARs) raised:

The verification team has observed some points where clarification and corrective actions were required to finalize the verification assessment. These were responded by PP and found satisfactory. Please refer to the Appendix D of this report for more details.

Areas of Project Verification findings	No. of CL	No. of CAR	No. of FAR
Green House Gas (GHG)			
Identification and Eligibility of project type			
General description of project activity			
Application and selection of methodologies and standardized			
baselines			
Application of methodologies and standardized	1		
baselines			
- Deviation from methodology and/or methodological			
tool			
- Clarification on applicability of methodology, tool	1		
and/or standardized baseline			
- Project boundary, sources and GHGs	1		
- Baseline scenario			
- Estimation of emission reductions or net	1		
anthropogenic removals			
- Monitoring Report	1		
Start date, crediting period and duration			
Environmental impacts			
Project Owner- Identification and communication			
Others (such as supporting documents, revised templates etc.)	1		
Total	1		

# **SECTION D. Project Verification findings**

# D.1. Identification and eligibility of project type:

Means of Project Verification	Verification team checked the monitoring report with "UCR Program Verification Standard", latest version. The information in the registered PCN has been referred during verification and reflected in the UCR MR adequately. The verification of the current monitoring period is found to have met all the requirements.
Findings	Nil
Conclusion	The project is a renewable energy project which relates to sectoral scope 01. The project is a UCR registered project, the eligibility requirements of UCR met for the project type.

# **D.2. General Description of project activity:**

Means of Project Verification	Verifier checked the monitoring report against the project description submitted under the registered UCR PCN.  Also, while verifying "UCR Program Verification Standard", latest version has been referred, the verification of the current monitoring period is found to have met all the requirements.  Through document review in conjunction with the interview with the Project Representatives and UCR consulting team, the verification team confirms that all physical parameters of the project activity including technology, data collection systems and monitoring systems etc. have been implemented in accordance with the project PCN.					
Findings	Nil					
Conclusion	According to UCR Program Verification Standard, the verifier confirms that:					
	(a) The project activity is implemented as per the registered PCN, the project activity was fully commissioned and operational at the time of verification.					
	(b) The actual operation of the UCR project activity is in line to the registered PCN, all baseline data and emission factors are reasonably applied which were approved in the registered UCR PCN.					
	(c) The actual emission reduction is reasonable but on lower side while comparing with the expected emission reductions reported in the PCN for the current monitoring period. This decrease in CoUs does not have any material impacts as results are					

correlated to the production data, which are based on primary records.

- (d) The ER values are verifiable from the monthly data and official declarations etc. Also, the measuring equipment and test certificates are reasonably addressed during the remote audit to ensure all monitoring requirements of the project activity.
- **(e)** The verifier has reviewed the registered PCN including the monitoring plan, revised monitoring report, the applied monitoring methodologies, also the UCR related guidelines and specifications, relevant decisions from UCR.

# D.3. Check and balances of overall applicability for the current Monitoring Period:

SN	Review description	Assessment Remark
1	Consistency with Registered PCN	YES
	- Project Description	- Acceptable
	<ul> <li>Capacities &amp; technical parameters</li> </ul>	- Acceptable
	- Baseline scenarios	- Acceptable
	- Additionality	- Not Applicable
	- Start date criteria	- Acceptable
	<ul> <li>Crediting period</li> </ul>	- Acceptable
	<ul> <li>Monitoring Parameters</li> </ul>	- Acceptable
	- Calculation Methods	- Acceptable
	- Others	- Not Applicable
2	Requirements as per UCR Standard	YES, acceptable
3	Requirements as per applied Methodologies	YES, acceptable
4	Availability of data as per monitoring plan	YES, acceptable
5	Accuracy of data & information	YES, acceptable
6	Availability of Monitoring equipment & relevant practices	YES, acceptable
7	Availability of team and organization structure	YES, acceptable
8	Availability of Clearances, NOCs, Approvals etc.	YES, acceptable
8	Stakeholders related information	YES, but not applicable
9	Environmental Risk related information	YES, acceptable
10	Sustainable Development related information	YES, acceptable
11	Consistency with UCR Templates	YES, acceptable
12	Contact Details and Communication	YES, acceptable
13	Onsite/Off-Site Audit Process	YES, remote audit conducted
14	Other remarks	Not Applicable

## D.4. Remarks related to some specific sections:

#### **Positive Environmental impacts**

#### **Means of Project Verification**

The project is resulting in a net carbon positive emission reduction (COUs) and same has been transparently reported in the submitted MR supported with the ER spreadsheet. The calculation is verified with the respective data sets.

The verifier has reviewed the final version of the emission reduction (ER) spread sheet /2.2/ and checked all the formulae and verified them to be correct and in line with the monitoring plan of the registered PCN and the applied monitoring methodology /10/. All the monitored parameters are described in MR. All the ex-ante parameters which are used in the calculation of emission reduction are presented in in MR /1.2/ transparently. It is confirmed that all the ex-ante parameters have been correctly used in the emission reduction calculation.

#### **Baseline emissions:**

The baseline emissions are to be calculated as follows:

 $BEy = EL_{BL,GR,y} \times EF_{EG,GR,y}$ 

Where:

BEy = Baseline emissions in year y  $(tCO_2/yr)$ 

 $EL_{BL,GR,y}$  = Baseline electricity sourced from the grid in year y (MWh)

= Net electricity produced from the co-gen unit that has been supplied to grid (MWh)

 $EF_{EG,GR,y}$  = Grid emission factor in year y (tCO<sub>2</sub>/MWh)

Therefore,

#### For Biomass co-gen unit:

 $BEy = ELBL, GR, y \times EFEG, GR, y$ 

Parameter	From Jan 2013 to Mar 2017	From Apr 2017 to Dec 2023	From Jan 2024 to Dec 2024
EL <sub>co-gen,project</sub> (MWh)	509,367	387,328	92,766
EL <sub>cap,n</sub> (MWh)	None	131,216	28,809

EL <sub>PJ,imp,y</sub> (MWh)	2,372	1,305	114
EFEG,GR,y (tCO2e/MWh)	0.90	0.90	0.757
BEy (tCO <sub>2</sub> e)	458,430	230,501	48,415

Total BEy = **737,346 tCO**<sub>2</sub>**e** 

#### **Project Emissions**

As per ACM0006: Electricity and heat generation from biomass, version16.0

#### For Biomass co-gen unit:

If project proponents chose to include emissions due to uncontrolled burning or decay of biomass residues in the calculation of baseline emissions, then emissions from the combustion of this category of biomass residues have also to be included in the project scenario. Otherwise, this emission source may be excluded. The project activity does not include biogas. The project activity does not include any fossil fuel. The project activity does not include emission reduction in electricity generation at the project site.

Parameter	From Jan 2013 to Mar 2017	From Apr 2017 to Dec 2023	From Jan 2024 to Dec 2024
EL <sub>PJ,imp,y</sub> (MWh)	2,372	1,305	114
EFEG,GR,y (tCO2e/MWh)	0.90	0.90	0.757
PEy (tCO <sub>2</sub> e)	2,135	1,174	86

Thus, Total PE<sub>v</sub> = 3,395 tCO<sub>2</sub>e

#### For Biomass co-gen unit:

For the current project activity, leakage emission is considered as zero as power generation is based on bagasse which are available from the same sugar factory. Hence both availability and transportation related concerns are eliminated.

Hence,  $LE_y = 0$ 

The total net ER value considered for claim for the current monitoring period after applying the rounded

	down function on each vintage/year based on the conservative grounds. = 733,951 tCO <sub>2</sub> e (i.e., 733,951 CoUs)
	However, in line with the requirement for biomass power related scope prescribed under UCR, PP has applied UCR specified adjustment factor of 10%, which has conservatively resulted into the final net ER of 660,557 CoUs.  Annual ER estimations are reported under the Appendix 5.
Findings	Clarification was raised and it was resolved after review of PPs response.
Conclusion	The project is resulting in a net carbon positive emission reduction (COUs) and same has been transparently reported in the submitted MR supported with the ER spreadsheet.

# **Project Owner- Identification and communication**

Means of Project Verification	PO has declared that the project is not registered in other GHG programs; PO confirmed that the project will only be going forward with UCR registry, as declared in MR. Thus, emission reductions generated by project will be solely claimed by PO and PO has the right of use, which is acceptable. Net GHG emission reductions or removals generated by this project will not be used for compliance with an emissions trading program or to meet binding limits on GHG emissions as the host country i.e., India is not a participant in any emission trading programs or nor does it have any binding limits.
Findings	Nil
Conclusion	PO will not claim any other the environmental/carbon credits under any other GHG emission reduction scheme for the crediting period under UCR and PO has provided declaration on the same during the validation. Hence, there is no possibility of double counting.

## **Positive Social Impact**

Means of Project Verification	Not reported by PO.		
	However, generic descriptions are reported in the		
	PCN and MR, which are found justified and		
	reasonable. Since, there is no positive claim made by		
	PO, hence no further assessment was conducted.		

## Sustainable development aspects (if any)

Means of Project Verification	Not reported by PO. However, a few generic descriptions and some organization level CSR activities are reported under the MR. From such generic description Verification team could reasonably accept that project is
	associated with a few sustainable development indicators, upto a certain extent, However, since there is no positive claim made by PO or specific SDGs are not monitored and claimed, hence no further assessment was conducted; while reported SDG indicators are accepted under "limited assurance" by the verification team.

## D.5. Internal quality control

Following the completion of the assessment process and a recommendation by the verifier provided after undertaking all due diligence. Verifier has experience of more than 300 GHG audits under various sectors and having more than 15 years of experience explicitly in GHG auditing. Therefore, it can be confirmed that all standard auditing techniques applied to complete the verification task, and it's the responsibility of verifier that the reported COUs are calculated in an adequate manner by compiling all the requirements of methodology in conjunction with UCR standard.

## D.6. Project Verification opinion

As an accredited auditor, we would like to express an independent GHG verification opinion on the GHG emissions calculation and the overall reporting of the GHG emission reductions from the project for the verified monitoring period based on the required project guidance and compliance to the applied methodology. Based on an understanding of the risks associated with reporting GHG emissions data and the controls in place to mitigate these, verifier planned and performed work to obtain the information and explanations that we considered necessary, to provide sufficient evidence for us to give reasonable assurance that this reported amount of GHG emission reductions for the period is fairly stated.

Climensys Pvt. Ltd., hereby confirms the following;

**Reporting period**: From 01/01/2013 to 31/12/2024

#### **D.6.1 Verified emission in the above reporting period** (for scope 1):

Details	Value	Unit
Total net baseline emissions (BE)	737,346	tCO <sub>2</sub> e
Total project emission (PE)	3,396	tCO <sub>2</sub> e
Leakage emission (LE)	0	tCO₂e
Gross to net adjustment factor for co-gen unit	10% on each vintage	UCR guideline
Thus, final net ERs for the entire period	660,557	tCO₂e (rounded
		down)

### D.6.2. Vintage Wise Breakup of COUs

#### **Actual Estimates:**

Year/	ER for Biomass co-gen			
Description	BE (tCO2e)	PE (tCO2e)	Net ER (tCO2e)	
Year 1 (2013)	47,837	646	47,191	
Year 2 (2014)	164,444	403	164,041	
Year 3 (2015)	158,803	245	158,558	
Year 4 (2016)	84,200	695	83,505	
Year 5 (2017)	7,077	415	6,661	
Year 6 (2018)	45,476	88	45,389	

Year 7 (2019)	28,569	73	28,496
Year 8 (2020)	26,020	110	25,910
Year 9 (2021)	35,188	121	35,067
Year 10 (2022)	54,331	49	54,281
Year 11 (2023)	36,987	464	36,524
Year 12 (2024)	48,415	86	48,329
Total =	737,346	3,395	733,951

#### Final Estimates after adjustment for Biomass co-gen:

**Source:** As per UCR Guideline released dated 04/10/2023 on default PE's for biomass projects via update link: <a href="https://medium.com/@UniversalCarbonRegistry/biomass-based-power-thermal-energy-project-transport-emissions-related-default-parameters-6dea0e40c938">https://medium.com/@UniversalCarbonRegistry/biomass-based-power-thermal-energy-project-transport-emissions-related-default-parameters-6dea0e40c938</a>. The application of 10% of gross-to-net adjustment factor is reasonable and conservative. Hence, final value verified and approved for the current monitoring period is as follows:

Year wise ER estimate:				
Year/Description	ER for Scope 1 (Biomass co-gen)			Net-to-gross adjustment of 10% as per UCR guidance for biomass projects
	BE (tCO <sub>2</sub> )	Net ER/CoU after deduction (tCO₂e)		
Year 1 (2013)	47,837	646	47,191	42,472
Year 2 (2014)	164,444	403	164,041	147,637
Year 3 (2015)	158,803	245	158,558	142,702
Year 4 (2016)	84,200	695	83,505	75,155
Year 5 (2017)	7,077	415	6,661	5,995
Year 6 (2018)	45,476	88	45,389	40,850
Year 7 (2019)	28,569	73	28,496	25,646
Year 8 (2020)	26,020	110	25,910	23,319
Year 9 (2021)	35,188	121	35,067	31,560
Year 10 (2022)	54,331	49	54,281	48,853
Year 11 (2023)	36,987	464	36,524	32,872
Year 12 (2024)	48,415	86	48,329	43,496
Total =	737,346 3,395 733,951 660,557			

Detailed calculations and related parameters shall be referred from the ER sheet.

Estimated amount of GHG emission reductions for this monitoring period as per the registered PCN	968,172	tCO <sub>2</sub> e
Final Net GHG emission reductions (ERs) achieved for the current monitoring period (after gross-to-net adjustment factor):	660,557	tCO₂e
Thus, % variation in ERs	-31.77%	

**Reason:** The audit team has verified that this lower ER is due to lower production and non-operational months realized by PP during the current MP. The ex-ante values were estimated based on annualized project PLF and factors, whereas current ER is based on actual generation, also gross-to-net adjustment factor on final ERs for biomass power scope further reduced the ER by 10%. Hence variation is significant, but acceptable and found conservative.

#### D.6.3. Final COUs approved for issuance:

### Actual and Final Emission Reductions claimed after gross-to-net adjustment factor:

Year wise ER estimate:				
Year/Description	ER for Scope 1 (Biomass co-gen)			Net-to-gross adjustment of 10% as per UCR guidance for biomass projects
	BE (tCO <sub>2</sub> )	Net ER/CoU after deduction (tCO₂e)		
Year 1 (2013)	47,837	646	47,191	42,472
Year 2 (2014)	164,444	403	164,041	147,637
Year 3 (2015)	158,803	245	158,558	142,702
Year 4 (2016)	84,200	695	83,505	75,155
Year 5 (2017)	7,077	415	6,661	5,995
Year 6 (2018)	45,476	88	45,389	40,850
Year 7 (2019)	28,569	73	28,496	25,646
Year 8 (2020)	26,020	110	25,910	23,319
Year 9 (2021)	35,188	121	35,067	31,560
Year 10 (2022)	54,331	49	54,281	48,853
Year 11 (2023)	36,987	464	36,524	32,872
Year 12 (2024)	48,415	43,496		
Total =	737,346	3,395	733,951	660,557

Hence, final approved CoUs for issuance at UCR = 660,557 CoUs.

# **APPENDIX 1:**

### **Abbreviations**

Abbreviations	Full texts	
BE	Baseline Emissions	
CAR	Corrective Action Request	
CDM EB	CDM Executive Board	
CL	Clarification Request	
CO2e	Carbon dioxide equivalent	
COU	Carbon Offset Units	
DISCOM	Distribution Company	
DNA	Designated National Authority	
DG	Diesel Generator	
DOE	Designated Operational Entity	
EF	Emission Factor	
ERs	Emission Reductions	
FAR	Forward Action Request	
GHGs	Greenhouse Gas(es)	
JMR	Joint Meter Reading	
kWh	Kilo Watt Hour	
LE	Leakage Emissions	
MR	Monitoring Report	
MP	Monitoring Plan	
MWh	Mega Watt Hour	
PE	Project Emissions	
PCN	Project Concept Note	
PS	Project Standard	
PO	Project Owner	
QA/QC	Quality Assurance/Quality Control	
Т	Tonnes	
UCR	Universal Carbon Registry	

# **APPENDIX** 2:

# **Competence of team members and technical reviewers**

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Vivek Kumar Ahirwar (Mr.)	Vivek Kumar Ahirwar is a BEE-Certified Energy Auditor by Govt of India with over ten years of relevant experience in energy efficiency, energy audit, thermal and electrical energy generation technology from renewable source and energy conservation in energy intensive industries, designated consumers and commercial buildings, implementation of energy conservation building codes, research, process and green building projects. He is a certified lead auditor for ISO 14001 EMS and 14064. He has experience under various categories of projects stating from renewable to waste to supercritical projects and WCD. He has successfully audited more than 100 GHG (CDM/VCS/GS) projects and audits in different states across the India. He has done Master in Technology (Energy Management) from a premier institute, School of Energy & Environmental Studies, DAVV, Indore (M.P.), India and Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical Engineering) from Govt. Engineering college, Rewa, RGPV, India.  In this current UCR verification, Vivek is the lead auditor and team leader, managed end to end to assessment as per UCR requirements,
Ravikant Soni (Mr.)	Ravi Kant Soni is a certified lead auditor for Lead Auditor ISO 14001:2004&Lead Auditor ISO 14064:2006 GHG Inventory and verification. He has more than 10 years of work experience across Climate Change, Environmental Management & Monitoring, Health & Safety Management, and Statutory Compliance. He was involved in more than 100 CDM validation and verifications activities and Gold Standard, VER projects as a team leader/technical reviewer / validator / verifier covering the sectoral scope 1 technical area 1.2., 3.1. He has done Master in Technology (Energy Management) from a premier institute, School of Energy & Environmental Studies, DAVV, Indore (M.P.), India and Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical Engineering) from M.I.T.S Gwalior Jiwaji University Gwalior, India.  In this current UCR verification, Ravikant is acting as the Technical Reviewer and conducted required review of the assessment as per UCR requirements,

## Dr. Anjali Barwal

Dr. Anjali is a distinguished professional with extensive expertise in the environment, climate change, sustainable development, clean development mechanisms (CDM), disaster management and resilience. With over a decade of combined research and industrial experience, Dr. Anjali is recognized for her exceptional qualifications and knowledge in these vital fields. Holding an M.Phil. in Energy and Environment and a Ph.D. in Water and Wastewater Treatment from Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya, Indore (India), her academic achievements underscore her dedication to advancing environmental science. Dr. Anjali's credentials include certifications as a Lead Validator and Verifier for ISO 14064-3:2019 and ISO 14064-2:2019, with proficiency in ISO 14064-1:2018 requirements, as well as certification as a Lead Auditor for ISO 9001:2015.

In this current UCR verification, Dr. Anjali is acting as the Verifier and conducted required reviews of the documents as per UCR requirements.

# **APPENDIX** 3:

## **Document reviewed or referenced**

No.	Author	Title	References to the	Remark
	_		document	
1	PO	Initial MR	Version 01, 01/03/2025	Ok
2a	PO	Final MR	Version 04, 29/09/2025	Ok
3	PO	ER sheet	Version 01, 01/03/2025	Ok
4a	PO	Final ER sheet	Version 04, 29/09/2025	Ok
5	РО	Registered PCN	Version 01, 15/12/2024, UCR Website	Ok
6	РО	Commissioning Certificates	Corresponding to Project units	Ok
7	РО	Monthly Energy Statements and Invoices	Corresponding to Project activity, for the entire monitoring period	Ok
8	РО	Equipment, Scales, Meters & Calibration/testing details	Corresponding to Project monitoring devices, tools, scales etc. for the entire monitoring period	Ok
9	РО	Training Records	Corresponding to Project activity, for the entire monitoring period	Ok
10	РО	Declaration on Double- accounting	Corresponding to Project activity, for the entire monitoring period	Ok
11	РО	Verification Statement - No Conflict-of-Interest Statement	Corresponding to Project activity, for the entire monitoring period	Ok
12	РО	CSR related documents	Received from different regions contributed by NSL Sugars Ltd	Ok
13	РО	ISO Certificates	Received specific to the four units, maintained regularly	OK
14	РО	NOCs and Approvals	Received specific to the four units, maintained regularly	Ok

### **APPENDIX** 4:

### Clarification request, corrective action request and forward action request

Table 1. CLs & CARs from this Project Verification

Descriptions	Specifications
Assessment Level:	1 <sup>st</sup> Assessment
Date of release of Assessment:	15/04/2025
Project Title:	Carbon Credit Generation Project by NSL Sugars Ltd. Aland Unit Karnataka, India
UCR ID:	472
Verification Period:	01/01/2013 – 31/12/2024
Expected date of Response from Project proponent:	30/04/2025

Туре	Date	Reference
Clarifications & Documentation	15/04/2025	UCR Monitoring Report, version 01

#### **Description of the Non Conformance**

- 1) PP is requested to submit the supporting documents for the following:
  - (a) as per parameters included in the ER calculation
  - (b) details of the monitoring devices
  - (c) Proof of commissioning
  - (d) Proof of power export/sale with the relevant party/discom
  - (e) documents confirming the project capacities
- 2) PP is requested to clarify if SDG related impacts included in the MR are measured and PP intends to verify/certify their positive impacts? If yes, kindly clarify and submit some supporting documents
- 3) PP is requested to correct the ER values (COUs claimed) in both ER and MR as per the final calculations conducted and communicated to VVB during and after the visit/audit calls.
- 4) PP is requested to clarify the following:
  - (a) PP needs to inform the end use of byproducts of the process, i.e. CO2. In case PP intends to include any Carbon scope related to the CO2 byproducts please share the details.
  - (b) PP is requested to reconfirm the accurate applicability of leakage factor into the ER calculation.
- 5) PP is requested to include some more information as part of the Monitoring Plan/Process.
- 6) PP is requested to submit the Declaration for No-double accounting as per the UCR template requirements.

1 <sup>st</sup> Response from Project Owner/Representative	Date	16/05/2025
<ol> <li>PP has provided the following supporting doe</li> <li>JMRs</li> </ol>	cuments:	

- (b) Calibration certificates of energy meter installed
- (c) Commissioning certificates
- (d) PPA
- (e) Plant SLD
- 2) SDGs are not claimed by PP in the current monitoring period hence no supporting documents are provided as evidence.
- 3) PP has corrected the ER values in the MR and ER sheet as per the monitoring period applicable.
- 4) PP has clarified the following:
  - (a) Since the project activity does not include any release of CO2 emissions from the Aland unit hence there is no change required to be done.
  - (b) PP has already properly demonstrated the use of 10% leakage factor as per UCR guideline clearly in various sections of MR and into the ER calculation sheet also and the final value of CoUs claimed is also after accounting the 10% leakage factor.

<ul><li>5) The meter details have been added in the Monitoring Plan.</li><li>6) PP has submitted the Declaration for No-double accounting.</li></ul>				
1stAssessment by Audit Team	Date	27/05/2025		
The Verification team has done assessment of all the responses and also the revised set of MR, ER and supporting documents have been reviewed. The responses are found to be satisfactory and the verification team is therefore able to confirm that the requirements are in line with the UCR standard and COUs claim is also conservative, which are measured and verified.				
There is no specific finding or open comment from Technical Reviewer.				
Hence, accepted and closed.				
Assessment Outcome				
Closed: ⊠	Forward Action Request :			
Onon :				

Table 2. FARs from this Project Verification

Not applicable	

# **APPENDIX 5:**

# **Screenshots of the approved COUs:**

Bagasse based co-generation, ER against net export power:				
	Values from Jan 2024 to Dec 2024	Values from Apr 2017 to Dec 2023	Values from Apr 2013 to Mar 2017	Total Values from Apr 2013 to Dec 2024
ELBL,GR,y (MWh)	63956	256112	509367	829435
Fomula used in calculation for net power export	ELBL,net,exp = ELco-gen,project - ELcap,n			none
EL <sub>co-gen,project</sub> (MWh)	92766	387328	509367	989461
EL <sub>cap,n</sub> (MWh)	28809	131216	none	160025
EL <sub>PJ,imp,y</sub> (MWh)	114	1305	2372	3791
UCR recommended emission factor (EFEG,GR,y) (tCO2e/MWh)	0.757	0.90	0.90	
Baseline ER for the current MP (tCO2e)	48415	230501	458430	737346
Project emission for discounting in current MP (tCO2e)	86	1174	2135	3395
Therefore, ER for the current MP (tCO2e) =	48329	229327	456295	733951

Year wise ER estimate:				
Year/Description	ER for Scope 1 (Biomass co-gen)			Net-to-gross adjustment of 10% as per UCR guidance for biomass projects
	BE (tCO2)	BE (tCO2) PE (tCO2) Net ER (tCO2e)		
Year 1 (2013)	47837	646	47191	42472
Year 2 (2014)	164444	403	164041	147637
Year 3 (2015)	158803	245	158558	142702
Year 4 (2016)	84200	695	83505	75155
Year 5 (2017)	7077	415	6661	5995
Year 6 (2018)	45476	88	45389	40850
Year 7 (2019)	28569	73	28496	25646
Year 8 (2020)	26020	110	25910	23319
Year 9 (2021)	35188	121	35067	31560
Year 10 (2022)	54331	49	54281	48853
Year 11 (2023)	36987	464	36524	32872
Year 12 (2024)	48415	86	48329	43496
Total =	737346	3395	733952	660557

Final Approva	l of this report:	Name: Vivek K Ah	Name: Vivek K Ahirwar	
		Date: 29/09/2025		
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