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Dear Dharsono Hartono,

This letter is in reference to the extension request titled *2016-09-27 Extension Request CCB* dated 27 September 2016.

It is our understanding that PT Rimba Makmur Utama's request is for the Katingan Peatland Restoration and Conservation Project to be exempted from the validation report and statement submission deadline set out on p. 25 of the *Rules for the Use of the Climate, Community & Biodiversity Standards*. This section of the *Rules* states that the VCS shall receive the validation report and statement within one year of the start of the public comment period. The validation report and statement in this case were due on 3 September 2016, and PT Rimba Makmur Utama requests that this be extended for two weeks from the date of the request.

Based on information provided to VCS, it is understood that PT Rimba Makmur Utama believed that they had taken the necessary measures to extend the deadline for the project's auditor to submit the required CCB validation report and statement by requesting that the project design documentation be posted for a new public comment period in June 2016. Due to circumstances over which PT Rimba Makmur Utama had little control, the project design documentation was not re-posted.

We understand that the CCB validation report and statement are scheduled for delivery to PT Rimba Makmur Utama and VCS on 10 October 2016. We find that extending the validation audit period for this amount of time is unlikely to result in negative impacts on the project's climate, community or biodiversity impacts or the project's eligibility. Further, to re-initiate the validation would delay the project's CCB verification which could potentially cause the project to forgo a potential sale of VCU's.

Considering the particular circumstances leading to this request and the information presented by PT Rimba Makmur Utama, an extension of the CCB validation document submission deadline is granted to the Katingan Peatland Restoration and Conservation Project until 14 October 2016. This means that the CCB validation report and validation statement must be submitted to VCS no later than 14 October 2016.

When CCB validation documents are provided to VCS for the project, a copy of this letter must be presented as evidence of the verification deadline extension. The letter will be uploaded to the project page on the CCB Standards website as a public document.

Yours sincerely,



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