



Gold Standard validation and verification

Overview

GHG project developers are increasingly opting to develop their projects under the Gold Standard, which demonstrates an additional commitment to sustainability and stakeholder engagement. ERM Certification and Verification Services (ERM CVS) provides high quality Gold Standard validation and verification, drawing on the global

sustainability experience of the ERM Group.

At ERM CVS we have audited hundreds of emission reduction projects – and have specialised knowledge of cooking stove, water purification, and other household level technologies in developing countries, especially in Africa.

Selected Gold Standard experience

ERM CVS has market-leading experience in sustainability assessment, and household energy projects in particular. The following are some examples of our Gold Standard work:

Lifestraw® project

Sustainable Deployment of the LifeStraw Family in Rural Kenya is the largest Gold Standard project to date. The project distributed 870,000 Lifestraw® water filters to provide safe drinking water and reduce the use of non renewable fuel wood for boiling. It also aims to reduce water borne diseases and indoor air pollution. ERM CVS has verified the project, resulting in the largest single issuance of a Gold Standard project to date – 1.3 million Verified Emissions Reduction (VER) credits.

Paradigm Cookstove Programme

Developed by The Paradigm Project, this is one of the largest household energy programmes in Africa, aiming to bring improved cookstoves to users in Rwanda and Ethiopia. The Gold Standard PoA uses entrepreneurial approaches to reach users in remote locations, enabling it to be scaled up over a wide area.

Aberdares Improved Cook Stoves

We conducted the first verification of this project, together with a similar project 'Kisumu Improved Cookstoves'. The projects are distributing thousands of improved cookstoves to rural households. Stoves are pre-fabricated in Kenya and installed by local masons, providing improved efficiency and reduced indoor air pollution. Following the verification, nearly 62,000 VERs were issued for both projects combined.



About Us

ERM CVS is the independent certification and verification body of ERM Group, the world's leading sustainability services provider.

ERM CVS delivers performance-focused, independent third-party certification and verification services, including certification of environmental, safety, and health management systems; validation and verification of greenhouse gas and other data and sustainability report assurance. To this end we:

- Operate in over 50 countries, with a global reputation for high quality, client-focused services
- Work for many of the world's leading multinational organisations
- Have an established track record in sustainability report assurance
- Have substantial global experience in GHG emissions verification across a range of national and international programs

Contact Us

For further information on how ERM CVS can add value to your GHG validation and verification, please contact:

Neringa Pumputyte
Gold Standard Manager
neringa.pumputyte@ermcvs.com
Telephone +44 20 3206 5504

Jonathan Avis
GHG Business Manager
jonathan.avis@ermcvs.com
Mobile +44 7500 553 639

Global Head Office
ERM Certification and Verification Services Ltd.
2nd Floor, Exchequer Court
33 St Mary Axe
London
EC3A 8AA

www.ermcvs.com

Our International Presence



© 2013 ERM Certification & Verification Services Limited