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VCS 3356 - Changing Lives via Improved Cooking Initiatives – Philippines

Requirement	Compliance Details																				
Project Design and Implementation, including Monitoring Results	The project involves the distribution of Improved Cookstoves (ICS) to households and communities across the Philippines. The deployment of these cookstoves has led to reduced biomass fuel consumption among participating households, resulting in corresponding greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reductions due to their improved thermal efficiency compared with traditional cooking technologies. During the current monitoring period, the project transitioned from VCS methodology VM0006 ver 1.1 to VM0050 ver 1.0. The results of the most recent performance monitoring exercise (MP2) are presented below:																				
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Risks, Costs, and Benefits to Stakeholders	Risks: The improved cookstoves (ICS) are designed with safety protocols, offering a sustainable and safe alternative to traditional cooking, without introducing any risks to the stakeholders. Costs: ICS are distributed at the zero cost to end users. Benefits: - Making ICS affordable to beneficiary by providing free of cost - Reduced fuel expenses, due to reduction in thermal energy needs. - Time savings due to reduced cooking time / fuel procurement needs - Reduced exposure to IAP – Smoke, PM, black soot - Generation of local employment during ICS distribution, maintenance and monitoring, etc.																				



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Benefit Sharing Mechanisms	The project ICS have been provided against future carbon credits generated from use of the ICS. Thus, the project has a pre-emptive benefit sharing feature with beneficiaries in advance.
Ongoing Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC) Process	The beneficiaries transfer rights on ownership of credits arising out of use of the ICS unconditionally to PP, at the time of ICS distribution via an agreement, thereby ensuring FPIC.
Relevant Laws and Regulations on Workers' Rights	The PP ensures that all relevant national / local laws and regulations on worker's rights are followed and complied with
VCS Validation and Verification Process & Site Visit	The project is registered as VCS project VCS3356 with VERRA. The validation was performed by Carbon Check India Private Limited. The project is scheduled to undergo a methodology upgrade (from VMR0006 to VM0050) assessment and periodic verification site visit by Earthood Services Limited from 03/08/2026 to 10/08/2026. As part of the audit process, the VVB will check the project implementation, compliance with application VERRA VCS requirements and visits to randomly selected monitored households to assess project performance. The VVB team may also interview relevant stakeholders as deemed appropriate. Stakeholders who wish to participate in the proposed audit or provide input regarding the project are kindly requested to contact the following representative: SD Environmental Projects Pte. Ltd.: Name: Renz Mae Ladroma Designation: Co-founder Contact details: 09278628420 Email: renz@nayon.org Earthood Services Limited: Contact details: +91 1244204599 Email: info@earthood.in We welcome any comments, concerns, or feedback related to the project and its implementation.

