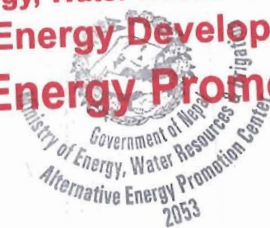




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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Alternative Energy Promotion Center (AEPC) as a government agency for the promotion of renewable energy in Nepal, has been working in the carbon projects since 2007 starting from the Clean Development Mechanism and five biogas projects are registered in year 2013 in Gold Standard Registry. Ecozone Improved Cooking Stove (ICS) Project in Nepal (VCS ID 5173) is a completely a new project listed in VERRA registry. The project is developed by the UNICEF with local governments and handed over to the AEPC as a Coordinating and Managing Entity (CME) to develop it as a carbon project as per the decision of the Project Steering Committee led by the Ministry of Federal Affairs and General Administration along with membership from Ministry of Forests and Environment. AEPC as a CME/Project focal point for the Ecozone Improved Cooking Stove (ICS) Project in Nepal, hereby declares that the amount taken from the beneficiary is minimal and only covers transportation costs. Additionally, the cost of the cookstove is high, and without carbon revenue, the project is not feasible to run. If the project will not be continued under the carbon financing, the repair and maintenance cost and promotion of ICS among the community will not be possible. Similarly, the SUPREME/HYMECH JV provider of VORTEX/VR1 model Improved Cook Stove (ICS) to Ramaroshan Rural Municipality, M.N International provider of SAIURJA/FD-MSS-304 model ICS to Khadachakra Municipality, Emerging Alternative Sustainable Technology Pvt. Ltd provider of SSM F-18 model to Triveni Municipality and Husk Power Nepal Pvt Limited provider of HUSK-PBM/HPN01FD model improved cookstove (ICS) to Raskot Municipality, Badimalika Municipality and Simta Rural Municipality, they have declared that as per the procurement bid called by the municipalities, the stove procured by the respective municipalities belongs to the municipalities or the beneficiaries for any kind of ownership. As a manufacturer or supplier, they have not claimed on the ownership of the carbon credit. Similarly, the supplier companies have not included ICS technologies provided to municipalities and are not included in any other emission trading program. The households have not kept any investment cost for the technologies and the project is funded by the UNICEF Nepal and it is not part of any government scheme. The support through UNICEF was not a multi-lateral fund rather through a small project (supported by JoA) designed to facilitate carbon trading benefit reaches to the community and household level. As VERRA's requirement on supply chain (Scope 3) emission, AEPC on behalf of UNICEF and participating municipalities confirms that 'VCUs may be issued for green house gas emission reductions and removals associated with these ICS under the project titled 'Ecozone Improved Cooking Stove (ICS) Project in Nepal' (VCS ID 5173).

Thank you.

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