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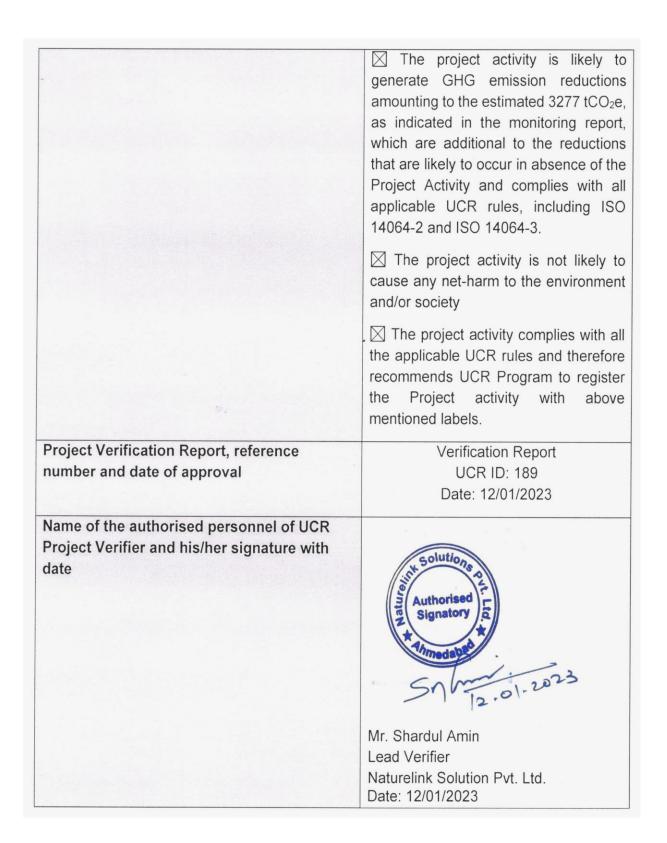
Verification Report UCR ID: 189



Title	1.4 MW Bundled Ground Mounted Solar Power Project in Himachal Pradesh, India
Project Proponent	M/S Himalayan Solar PV Power Project M/S Shrikhand Solar PV Power Project
Project Location	Village- Bahwa, Tehsil- Nirmand, Kullu District, Himachal Pradesh, India. Latitude: 31°25'19.2"N Longitude: 77°34'59.2"E
Verified By	Mr. Shardul Amin, Lead Verifier, Naturelink Solutions Pvt. Ltd. Email: <u>audit@thenaturelink.in</u> , Contact: +91- 7574804497
Date	12/01/2023

COVER PAGE Project Verification Report Form (VR)		
BASIC INFORMATION		
Name of approved UCR Project Verifier / Reference No.	Naturelink Solutions Pvt Ltd.	
Type of Accreditation	CDM Accreditation ISO 14065 Accreditation UCR Approved Verifier	
Approved UCR Scopes and GHG Sectoral scopes for Project Verification	Sectoral Scope: 01 Energy Industries	
Validity of UCR approval of Verifier	May 2022 onwards	
Completion date of this VR	12/01/2023	
Title of the project activity 1.4 MW Bundled Ground Mounted So Power Project in Himachal Prades India		
Project reference no. (as provided by UCR Program)	189	
Name of Entity requesting verification service (can be Project Owners themselves or any Entity having authorization of Project Owners, example aggregator.)	Creduce Technologies Private Limited (Aggregator)	
Contact details of the representative of the Entity, requesting verification service (Focal Point assigned for all communications)	Shailendra Singh Rao Mobile: +91-9016850742 Address: 2-O-13,14 Housing Board Colony, Banswara, Rajasthan - 327001, India.	
Country where project is located	India	
Applied methodologies (Approved methodologies by UCR Standard used)	AMS-I.D.: "Grid connected renewable electricity generation", version 18	

Project Verification Criteria:	UCR Standard
Mandatory requirements to be assessed	Applicable Approved Methodology
	Applicable Legal requirements /rules of host country
	Eligibility of the Project Type
	Start date of the Project activity
	Meet applicability conditions in the applied methodology
	Credible Baseline
	🛛 Do No Harm Test
	Emission Reduction calculations
	Monitoring Report
	No GHG Double Counting
	Others (please mention below)
Project Verification Criteria: Optional requirements to be assessed	Environmental Safeguards Standard and do-no-harm criteria
optional requirements to be assessed	Social Safeguards Standard do- no-harm criteria
Project Verifier's Confirmation: The UCR Project Verifier has verified the UCR project activity and therefore confirms the following:	The UCR Project Verifier Naturelink Solution Pvt. Ltd., certifies the following with respect to the UCR Project Activity "1.4 MW Bundled Ground Mounted Solar Power Project in Himachal Pradesh, India". The project aggregator has correctly described the Project Activity in the Project Concept Note 2.0 (dated 25/08/2022) including the applicability of the approved methodology A.M.S I. D and meets the methodology applicability conditions and has achieved the estimated GHG emission reductions, complies with the monitoring methodology and has calculated emission reductions estimates correctly and conservatively.



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Project Verification Report

A. Executive Summary

The verification work has been contracted by project aggregator Creduce Technologies Pvt Ltd to perform an independent verification of its UCR project titled **"1.4 MW Bundled Ground Mounted Solar Power Project in Himachal Pradesh, India UCR approved project ID:189**, to establish number of CoUs generated by project over the crediting period from 10/04/2021 to 31/12/2022 (both days included).

Verification for the period : 10/04/2021 to 31/12/2022

In my opinion, the total GHG emission reductions over the crediting/verification period stated in the Monitoring Report (MR), submitted to me is found to be correct and in line with the UCR guidelines.

The GHG emission reductions were calculated on the basis of UCR Protocols which draws reference from, Standard Baseline, AMS. I. D - Grid connected renewable electricity generation (Version 18.0). Owing to the Covid pandemic, the verification was done remotely by way of video calls, phone calls and submission of documents for verification through emails.

I am able to certify that the emission reductions from the 1.4 MW Bundled Ground Mounted Solar Power Project in Himachal Pradesh, India (UCR ID – 189) for the period 10/04/2021 to 31/12/2022 amounts to 3277 CoUs (3277 tCO2e).

<u>Scope</u>

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

- 1. The quality of data management and records of underlying data;
- 2. Completeness and accuracy of calculations and baseline emission reports;
- 3. Proper inclusion and documentation of all project locations,
- 4. Correct application of offset rules for filling baseline period data gaps;
- 5. Other data, methods, and procedures deemed necessary to establish the accuracy of emission reductions.
- 6. Agreement stating Assurance to avoid double accounting for the project to be verified, along with required proof.

The project is assessed against the requirements of the UCR programme verification Guidance Document, UCR Standard, UCR Programme Manual and related rules and guidelines. Due professional care has been exercised and ethical conduct has been followed by the assessment team during the verification process. The verification report is a fair presentation of the verification activity. The validation of project is not part of present assignment and projects deemed validated post registration by UCR.

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Description of the Project

As described in the Project Concept Note (PCN), the project activity involves installation and operation of solar PV power project of total 1.4 MW. The project is located at Bahwa village, in Kullu district, in the state of Himachal Pradesh, in India.

The technical specification of the project is as follows;

Parameter	Description	
	Himalayan Solar Power	Shrikhand Solar Power
Total number of Photovoltaic Modules	1950 Nos.	1950 Nos.
Capacity of Module	360 Wp	360 Wp
Module make	Canadian Solar	Canadian Solar
PV Array Capacity	700 KWp	700 KWp
Technology proposed	Polycrystalline	Polycrystalline
No. of Inverter	3	3
Invertor make/Technology	Sungrow/String Invertor	Sungrow/String Invertor
Power Conditioning Unit (Invertors capacity)	3 * 250 kVA(each)	3 * 250 kVA(each)
Transformer Capacity	1500 kVA	

As mentioned in the Monitoring Report and Emission Reduction Calculation sheet submitted for the verification, the project replaces anthropogenic emissions of greenhouse gases (GHGs) estimated to be approximately 3277 tCO₂e for the said period under verification, there on displacing 3642 MWh amount of electricity from the generation mix of power plants connected to the Indian electricity grid, which is mainly dominated by the fossil-fuel based power plant.

The project activity is a grid connected renewable energy generation project having capacity of less than 15 MW. The project is a small-scale activity. The methodology applied in the Monitoring Report is verified against the A.M.S I. D "Grid connected renewable electricity generation" version 18.0.

Verified total emission reductions achieved through the project activity during the monitoring period is summarised below:

Summary of the Project Activity and ERs Generated for the Monitoring Period		
Start date of this Monitoring Period	10/04/2021	
Carbon credits claimed up to 31/12/2022		
Total ERs generated (tCO2e)	3277 tCO2e	
Leakage emission	0	
Project Emission	0	

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B. Project Verification team, technical reviewer and approver:

		Last	First	Affiliation		Involvement	t in
No.	Role	name	name	Annation	Doc review	Off-Site inspection	Interviews
1.	Lead Verifier	Amin	Shardul	Naturelink Solution Pvt Ltd.(UCR approved Verifier)	Yes	No	Yes

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C. Means of Project Verification

C.1 Desk/document review

The project documents submitted to UCR approved verifier Naturelink Solution Pvt. Ltd. was reviewed by the technical expert and by the lead verifier. The documents reviewed involves verification of legal status of individual project owner for consistency, project related documents like installation and commissioning of equipment used in project activity. Environmental clearances from state or central pollution control board Consent to establish and operate, monitoring related meters/parameters equipment measuring instruments and their calibration records, to establish running of equipment for the crediting period.

The PCN is made available to the verifier post approval by UCR which is considered as validated documents and the content of validated PCN is considered as record wherever required. Further, the communication agreement made between the project owner and the project aggregator is a document of the UCR registry hence the project aggregator is treated as an authorized representative of the project owner. All the documents submitted by project aggregator to the verifier is treated as documents submitted on behalf of the project owner.

The list of submitted documents is available in a subsequent section of this verification report under the section "Document reviewed or referenced"-section I.

C.2 On-Site inspection- Not applicable.

•	off-site ion: DD/MM/YYYY /M/YYYY	Not applicable as per UCR guideline site visit not conducted f this verification activity.		ducted for
No.	Activity performed Off-Site Site location Da		Date	
1.				

C.3 Interviews:

As per UCR guidelines, the site visit was not conducted during the course of verification and the only interview was conducted.

No.	Interview		Date	Subject	
	Last name	First name	Affiliation		

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1.	Sharma	Kailash	Project In-	05/01/2023	Project
			charge		Overview
					and JMRs,
					Calibration
					Report

C.4 Sampling approach: Not Applicable

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

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

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D. Project Verification findings

D.1 Identification and eligibility of project type

Means of Project Verification	Project has taken reference of CDM methodology AMS-I.D, version 18 Grid Connected Renewable Electricity Generation.
Findings	 Project activity is described through UCR approved PCN. UCR project communication agreement clearly defines the Project Proponent and Project Aggregator.
Conclusion	The UCR approved format is used for description and project meets the requirement of UCR verification standard and UCR project standard.
	UCR project communication agreement has been verified. Methodology referenced and applied appropriately describing the project type. The eligibility of project aggregator is verified using UCR communication agreement, Project correctly applies the verification standard, UCR project standard and UCR regulations.
	The project activity is overall meeting the requirements of UCR Verification standard and UCR project standard.

D.2 General description of project activity

Means of Project Verification	Document verification of Detailed Project Reports, Commissioning certificates, Calibration reports, Power Plant and Meter Photographs, and Joint Metering Reading Reports.
Findings	Project commissioning date is verified in accordance with the commissioning certificate.CL-1 is raised as the plant capacity as per communication agreement and the HPSEBL document shows 500 kW each for both Himalayan and Shrikhand power project.
Conclusion	CL-1 is closed. As the 500 kW is AC capacity as per the government document but the actual capacity in DC is 700 kW each for both plant.It was cross checked with the purchase invoices that defines the plant aggregate capacity. The total number of panels purchased was 1950 of 360-365 Wp DC capacity.The description of the project activity is verified to be as per the
	actual electricity generation from the solar plant based on the

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review	of	Emission	reduction	excel	sheet,	PCN,	MR,
Commis	sion	ing Certifica	ite, DPR and	d PPA.			

D.3 Application and selection of methodologies and standardized baselinesD.3.1 Application of methodology and standardized baselines

Means of Project Verification	Project has taken reference of CDM methodology A.M.S I.D. CDM website is referred to check the latest version of the methodology. For the applicability mentioned in the PCN and MR, Commissioning certificate, and Detailed Project Report documents were referred.
Findings	The methodology applied is applicable for the project activity.
Conclusion	The methodology application is appropriate meeting the requirements of UCR and its standardized baseline. The methodology version is correct and valid. The referenced methodology is applicable to project activity.

D.3.2 Clarification on applicability of methodology, tool and/or standardized baseline

Means of Project Verification	The documents reviewed are A.M.S I. D "Grid connected renewable electricity generation" version 18, UCR Program standard, and UCR Verification Standard.
Findings	The emission factor is taken as 0.9 tCO ₂ /MWh as per UCR standard.
Conclusion	The emission factor considered for the calculation of the emission reductions is verified with the UCR Program Standard. The total installed electrical energy generation capacity of the project equipment does not exceed 15 MW thus meeting the requirement of small-scale project.

D.3.3 Project boundary, sources and GHGs

Means of Project Verification	Letter from CPCB dated 07/03/2016 No. B-29012/ESS(CPA)/2015- 16. PCN section B.4.
Findings	Project boundary is appropriately defined in PCN version 02 which is the physical and geographical site of powerhouse.
Conclusion	The project boundary is correctly defined in revised PCN version 2.0. GHG source correctly identified and reported. The project meets the requirements of UCR project standard, verification standard and methodology requirements for GHG source.

D.3.4 Baseline scenario

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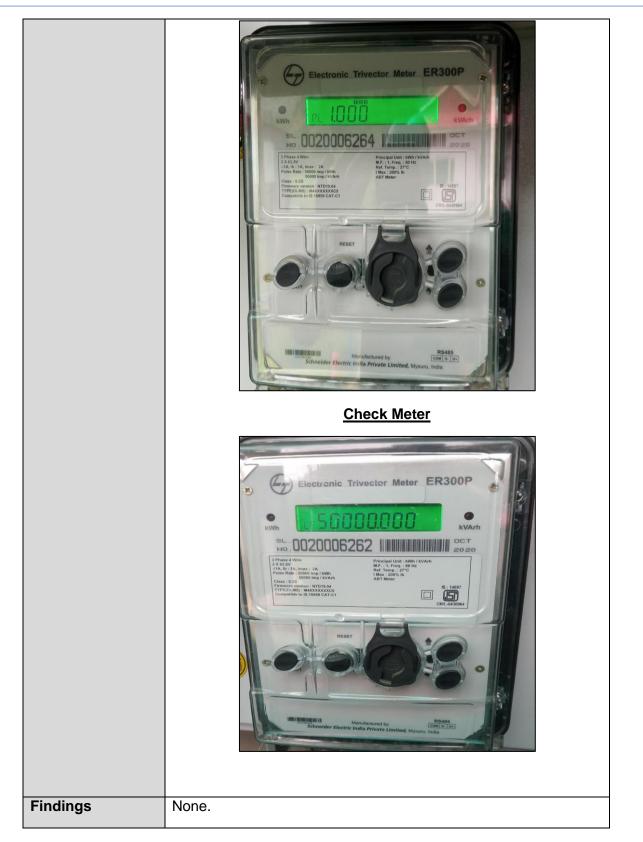
Means of Project Verification	PCN Section B.5 and General Project Eligibility Criteria and Guidance, UCR Standard.
Findings	Declared information is correct and verified.
Conclusion	Baseline scenario is appropriately described. The conservative value for emission for each vintage year during the crediting period has been considered. The baseline scenario is in accordance with UCR project verification standard and UCR project standard.

D.3.5 Estimation of emission reductions or net anthropogenic removal

Means of Project Verification	Meter Calibration reports, Joint Meter Reading Reports, and General Project Eligibility Criteria and Guidance, UCR Standard, page 4.
Findings	None.
Conclusion	The emission reduction calculation sheet attached with MR was rounded down for each vintage year. Monitoring parameters as reported adequately represents the parameters relevant to emission reduction calculation. The emission factor for electricity is as per UCR standard for electricity component. Based on monitoring and emission reduction are correctly calculated and reported. The monitoring report meets the requirements of UCR project verification requirements.

D.3.6 Monitoring Report

Means of Project Verification	Meter Calibration reports, Joint Meter Reading Reports, and General Project Eligibility Criteria and Guidance, UCR Standard, page 4.
	Energy Meters installed at site:
	<u>Main Meter</u>



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Conclusion		thin permissible	e meters provided by limits as per IEC 6205	-
	Meter	Meter Sr. No	Calibration Date	

motor		Calibration Bato
Main	0020006264	25/01/2021
Meter		
Check Meter	0020006262	25/01/2021

The monitoring parameter reported in MR adequately represents the parameters relevant to emission reduction calculation. The calibration report ensures the accuracy of data reported. The number of CoUs generation is calculated based on this accurately reported data. The calculation was done using excel sheet where all the parameters were reported. The emission factor for electricity is as per UCR standard for electricity component. In the monitoring report, emission reduction calculations are correctly calculated and reported. The monitoring report meets the requirements of UCR project verification requirements.

D.4 Start date, crediting period and duration

Means of Project Verification	PCN 2.0, MR, Commissioning certificate, Detailed Project Report and JMRs documents were referred.
Findings	None
Conclusion	The start date of project activity is 10/04/2021 which is the commercial operation date declared by the HPSEBL.
	Crediting period for this verification report is as per the monitoring report submitted by PP which is 10/04/2021 to 31/12/2022.

D.5 **Positive Environmental impacts**

Means of Project Verification	PCN 2.0
Findings	The declared information is correct and verified.
Conclusion	The positive environmental impact meets the requirement of the UCR verification standard and UCR project standard.

D.6 Project Owner- Identification and communication

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Means of Project Verification	PCN, Communication Agreement, MR, Purchase order of Solar PV panel, Solar Inverter, Commissioning certificate, Power Purchase Agreement.
Findings	The declared information is correct and verified.
Conclusion	The project owner was identified through a communication agreement signed between PP and PA. Also, a legal document like Power Purchase Agreement clearly establishes the project owner. The identification and communication correctly meet the requirement of project verification and UCR project standard.

D.7 **Positive Social Impact**

Means of Project Verification	The project has provided temporary employment to local people during its installation and commissioning. Also, post- commissioning some of people have been employed permanently and local people were engaged leading to social financial benefits. Overall social impact of project implementation is positive in the surrounding area.					
Findings						
Conclusion	The project has an overall positive social impact.					

D.8 Sustainable development aspects (if any)

Means of Project Verification	Not Applicable
Findings	
Conclusion	The Project has the capability to address SDG 7 Affordable and Clean Energy and SDG 13 Climate Action

E. Internal quality control:

- Due professional care has been taken while reviewing the submitted document.
- There is no conflict of interest as the verifier has no other engagement with either the aggregator or project owner directly or indirectly.
- Verification team consists of experienced personnel.
- Technical review is performed by an experienced and independent person.

F. Project Verification opinion:

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Considering the above-mentioned verification conducted on the basis of UCR Protocol, which draws reference from UCR Protocol Standard and Baseline, AMS.I.D – Grid connected renewable electricity generation (Version 18.0), the documents submitted during the verification including the PPA, DPR, Commissioning certificate, JMRs and calibration reports, Project Concept Note (PCN 2.0), Monitoring Report, I am able to certify that the emission reductions from the project - 1.4 MW Bundled Ground Mounted Solar Power Project in Himachal Pradesh, India (UCR ID – 189) for the period 10/04/2021 to 31/12/2022 amounts to 3277 CoUs ($3277 \text{ tCO}_2\text{e}$).

G. Abbreviations

Abbreviations	Full texts	
UCR	Universal Carbon Registry	
CPCB	Central Pollution Control Board	
JMR	Joint meter reading	
HPSEBL	Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board Ltd	
PGCIL	Power Grid Corporation of India Limited	
MR	Monitoring report	
PCN	Project Concept Note	
VR	Verification Report	
VS	Verification Statement	
DAA	Double Accounting Agreement	
COD	Commercial Operation Date	
PP/PO	Project Proponent / Project Owner	
PA	Project Aggregator	
PPA	Power Purchase Agreement	
ER	Emission Reduction	
CoUs	Carbon offset Units.	
tCO ₂ e	Tons of Carbon Dioxide Equivalent	
kWh	Kilo-Watt Hour	
MWh	Mega-Watt Hour	
kW	Kilo-Watt	
MW	Mega-Watt	
CDM	Clean Development Mechanism	
SDG	Sustainable Development Goal	
CAR	Corrective Action Request	
CL	Clarification Request	
FAR	Forward Action Request	
GHG	Green House Gas	
SPV	Solar Photovoltaic	
PV	Photovoltaic	

H. Competence of team members and technical reviewers

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No.	Last name	First name	Affiliation	Technical Competence
1.	Amin	Shardul	Lead Verifier	Mr. Shardul Amin is post graduate having more than 5 years of experience in the field of waste to energy, thermochemical conversion technologies and emission study.

I. Document reviewed or referenced

No.	Author	Title	Provider
1	UCR	CR Communication Agreement	
2	Creduce	Project Concept Note	PA
3	Creduce	Monitoring Report	PA
4	Creduce	Avoidance of double accounting	PA
5	Creduce	Emission Reduction Excel	PA
6	PP	Power Purchase Agreement	PA
7	Yash Metrology	Calibration report 2021	PA
8	PP	Purchase order of Solar PV panel	PA
9	PP	Purchase order of Solar Inverter	PA
11	HPSEBL	Commissioning Date	PA
12	PP	Meter Photographs	PA
13	HPSEBL	JMR 2021-2022	PA

J. Clarification request, corrective action request, and forward action request

Table 1. CLs from this Project Verification

CL ID	1	Section no.	General Description of project	Date:	
		:D.2	activity	05/01/2023	
Description	of CL				
Clarify the p	Clarify the plant capacity whether it is 500 kW or 700 kW for each project.				
Project Owner's response			Date:		
				07/01/2023	
500 kW is ti	500 kW is the AC capacity of the project while 700 kW is the DC capacity.				
Documentation provided by Project Owner					
Panel purchase invoices and DPR					
UCR Project Verifier assessment			Date:		
				12/01/2023	
The provided document clearly defines the 1.4 MW DC capacity of the plant.					

Table 2. CARs from this Project Verification

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CAR ID		Section no.	Date:		
Description of CAR					
Project Owner's response Date:					
Documentation provided by Project Owner					
UCR Project Verifier assessment Date			Date:		

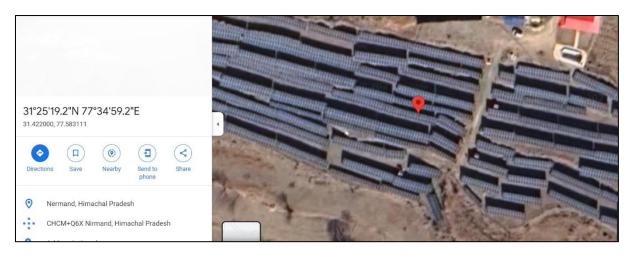
Table 3. FARs from this Project Verification

FAR ID	ХХ	Section no.		Date: DD/MM/YY YY
Description	n of FAR			
Project Owner's response				Date: DD/MM/YY YY
Documentation provided by Project Owner				
UCR Projec	t Verifier assessme	ent		Date: DD/MM/YY YY

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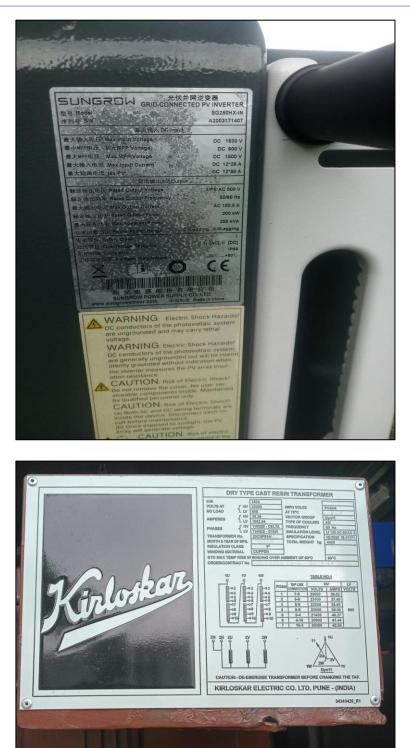
ANNEXURE I: Photographs of the Power Plant

A. Google Map Image of the Power Plant



B. Control Panel and Invertor





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A. Date of commissioning

DIRECTORATE OF ENERGY GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH SHANTI BHAWAN PHASE-III SECTOR-6 NEW SHIMLA-9 Tel No: 0177-2673951, Fax No: 2673553, Email: ceeenergy09@gmail.com No. HPDOE/CE (Energy)/Solar Plant COD/2022- 9356-60 Dated: 24 00 00 To M/s Shrikhand Solar PV Power Project, VPO Arsu, Tehsil- Nirmand, District Kullu, Himachal Pradesh- 172002. Declaration of Commercial Operation Date (COD) of 500 KWp Shrikhand Solar Subject: -Power Project - Permission thereof. Sir, In pursuance of office order No. DoE/CE(Energy)/Solar Power Plant/2018-1001-1018 dated 11.05.2018 from Director (Energy), Government of Himachal Pradesh the committee has submitted its recommendations for the declaration of Commercial Operation Date (COD) for 500 KWp Shrikhand Solar Power Project along with requisite reports after conducting necessary site visit. On the basis of the recommendations made by the committee, the necessary permission is hereby granted for declaration of Commercial Operation Date (COD) of 500 KWp Shrikhand Solar Power Project w.e.f. 10.04,2021 as per the recommendation of Superintending Engineer (Designs), Power House Electrical, HPSEB Ltd., Sundernagar vide letter No. HPSEBL/PHE/Shrikhand Solar Plant-COD/2021-244-50 dated 30.04.2021 (copy enclosed). The permission is subject to the compliance of all the observations / shortcomings as pointed out by the committee vide its report dated 11.01.2022 (copy enclosed) within the stipulated time period under intimation to this office. Yours faithfully KSIMALNIN Chief Engineer (Energy), DA: As above. Directorate of Energy, GoHP. Copy to the above is forwarded to the following is:-The Additional Chief Secretary (Power) to the GoHP, Shimla-02 for kind information please. 1. The Chief Engineer (System Operation), Vidyut Bhawan, Shimla-04 for information and 2. necessary action please. The Chief Engineer, SLDC, HP Load Dispatch Society, SLDC Complex, Totu, Shimla-171011 3. for information and necessary action please. The Superintending Engineer (Electrical), Directorate of Energy, GoHP, Shimla-09 for 4 information. Kernanna Chief Engineer (Energy), Directorate of Energy, GoHP. Scanned with CamScanner

