Verification Report

UCR ID: 285

Prepared by

Naturelink Solutions Pvt. Ltd.

Title	**Ground Mounted Small Scale Solar Power Project by Vinati Organics Limited in Osmanabad, Maharashtra**
Project Owner	**M/s Vinati Organics Limited**
Project Location	**Village- Dahiwadi, Tehsil- Tuljapur, Osmanabad District, Maharashtra, India.** **Latitude :17°58'25.7"N Longitude :75°57'52.9"E**
Approved By	**Shyam Mandliya** **Lead Assessor** **Email: assessor@thenaturelink.in** **Naturelink Solutions Pvt. Ltd.**
Date	**23/08/2024**

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	23/08/2024
Title of the project activity	Ground Mounted Small Scale Solar Power Project by Vinati Organics Limited in Osmanabad, Maharashtra
Project reference no. (as provided by UCR Program)	285
Name of Entity requesting verification service	Creduce Technologies Private Limited (Project Aggregator) M/s Vinati Organics Limited (Project Owner)
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	AMS-I. D: “Grid connected renewable electricity generation”, version 18
Sectoral Scope(s):	01 Energy industries (Renewable/Non-Renewable Sources)
Project Verification Criteria:	☒ UCR Verification Standard

Mandatory requirements to be assessed	☒ Applicable Approved Methodology ☒ Applicable Legal requirements /rules of the 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 ☐ 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-approved verifier Naturelink Solution Pvt. Ltd., verifies the following the UCR Project Activity "Ground Mounted Small Scale Solar Power by Vinati Organics Limited in Osmanabad, Maharashtra, India" ☒ The project aggregator has correctly described the project activity in the Project Concept Note/6/ including the applicability of the approved methodology A.M.S I. D/5/ 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. ☒ The project activity is likely to generate GHG emission reductions amounting to the estimated 10430 tCO_2e as indicated in the monitoring report, which is additional to the reductions that are likely to occur in the absence of the Project Activity and complies with all applicable UCR rules, including ISO 14064-2 and ISO 14064-3.

	☒ The project activity is not likely to cause any net harm to the environment and/or society ☒The project activity complies with all the applicable UCR rules and therefore recommends UCR Program to register the Project activity with above mentioned labels.
Project Verification Report, reference number and date of approval	Verification Report UCR UCR ID: 285 Version: 1.0 Date: 23/08/2024
Name of the authorised personnel of UCR Project Verifier and his/her signature with date	 Mr. Shyam Mandliya Lead Assessor Naturelink Solution Pvt. Ltd. Date: 23/08/2024

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1. Project Verification Report

1.1 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 **"Ground Mounted Small Scale Solar Power by Vinati Organics Limited in Osmanabad, Maharashtra, India.", UCR approved project ID:285**, to establish number of CoUs generated by the project over the crediting period from 01/01/2023 to 31/12/2023 (both days included).

Verification for the period: 01/01/2023 to 31/12/2023

In our opinion, the total GHG emission reductions over the crediting / verification period stated in the Monitoring Report (MR)/6/7/, submitted are found to be correct and in line with the UCR guidelines. The GHG emission reductions were calculated on the basis of UCR guideline which draws reference from, the standard baseline, AMS-I. D: "Grid connected renewable electricity generation", version 18/5/. The verification was done remotely by way of video calls and submission of documents for verification through emails.

It is certified that the emission reductions from the "Ground Mounted Small Scale Solar Power by Vinati Organics Limited in Osmanabad, Maharashtra, India" (UCR ID – 285) for the period 01/01/2023 to 31/12/2023 amounts to **10430** CoUs (**10430 tCO_2e**).

Objective

The objective of this verification is to have an independent third-party assessment of whether the project activity conforms to the qualification criteria set out in the UCR Program Manual/2/, UCR CoU Standard/3/ and UCR verification standard/4/ to attain real, measurable, accurate and permanent emission reductions.

Scope

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. To verify the project implementation and operation with respect to the registered PCN/1/.
2. To verify the implemented monitoring plan with the registered PCN/1/ applied baseline and monitoring methodology.
3. To verify that the actual monitoring systems and procedures follow the monitoring plan.
4. To evaluate the GHG emission reduction data and express a conclusion whether the reported GHG emission reduction data is free from material misstatement
5. To verify that reported GHG emission data is sufficiently supported by evidence.
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 Program Manual/2/, UCR CoU Standard/3/ and UCR verification standard/4/, ISO 14064-2.

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 the project is not part of the present assignment and project is deemed validated post-registration by UCR.

1.2 Description of the Project

The project activity is a renewable power generation activity which incorporates installation and operation of a 5 MW AC (7.5 MW DC) solar project.

The project is located at Dahiwadi village, in Osmanabad district, in the state of Maharashtra, in India. The electricity generated from this power plant is consumed by the M/S Vinati Organics through open access as per the MERC regulation 2016. The details of the project activity are verified with the PCN/1/, MR/6/7/ and relevant documents submitted for verification as mentioned in appendix-2.

The technical specification is listed below;

Description	**Information**
Total number of Photovoltaic Modules	11670 Nos.
Rating of Photovoltaic Module	640 & 645 Wp
Modules make	Trina
Technology	Monocrystalline
No. of Inverter	2
Invertor Capacity	2500 kW
Invertors make	Sineng Electric (India) Pvt. Ltd.

As mentioned in the monitoring report/6/7/ and emission reduction calculation sheet/8/ submitted for verification, the project replaces anthropogenic emissions of greenhouse gases (GHGs) estimated to be 10430 tCO_2e for the verification period, there on displacing 11589.119 MWh amount of electricity from the generation of fossil-fuel based power plants connected to the Indian electricity grid.

The project activity is a ground mounted solar plant captive consumption renewable energy generation project having a capacity of less than 15 MW. The project is a small-scale activity. The methodology applied in the monitoring report is verified against the AMS-I. D: Grid connected renewable electricity generation – Version 18.0/5/ total emission reductions (ERs) achieved through the project activity during the monitoring period is summarised below:

Summary of the Project Activity and ERs Generated for the Monitoring Period	
Project start date	31/03/2022
Start date of this Monitoring Period	01/01/2023
Carbon credits claimed up to	31/12/2023
Total ERs generated (tCO_2e)	10430
Leakage Emission	0
Project Emission	0

1.3 Project Verification team:

Project verification team

Sr. No.	Role	Last name	First name	Affiliation	Involvement in		
					Doc review	On-Site inspection	Interviews
1.	Lead Assessor & Technical Expert	Mandliya	Shyam	Naturelink Solutions Pvt. Ltd.	Yes	No	Yes

2 Verification Process

2.1.1 Desk/document review

The desk review was conducted by the verification team that included:

- A review of data and information presented to assess its completeness
- A review of the initial PCN/1/, MR /6/7/, emission reduction calculation sheet/8/, Methodology - AMS.I-D/5/.

The list of submitted documents is available in a subsequent section of this verification report under the appendix - 2 “Document reviewed or referenced”.

2.1.2 Onsite Inspection

Date of on-site inspection:	-

No.	Activity performed On-Site	Site location	Date	Project Personnel

2.1.3 Interviews

No.	Interview			Date	Subject
	Last name	First name	Affiliation		
2.	Trivedi	Kashyap	Associate Consultant – Creduce Technologies Pvt. Ltd.	16/08/2024	Project Overview, PCN, Monitoring Report, Methodology, eligibility criteria, Baseline emissions, Emission Reduction Calculation

2.1.4 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	NIL	NIL	NIL
Application and selection of methodologies and standardized baselines	--	--	--
• Application of methodologies and standardized baselines	NIL	NIL	NIL
• Deviation from methodology and/or methodological tool	NIL	NIL	NIL
• Clarification on applicability of methodology, tool and/or standardized baseline	NIL	NIL	NIL
• Project boundary, sources and GHGs	NIL	NIL	NIL
• Baseline scenario	NIL	NIL	NIL
• Estimation of emission reductions or net anthropogenic removals	NIL	01	NIL
• 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)	01	NIL	NIL
Total	01	01	NIL

3 Project Verification findings

3.1 Identification and eligibility of project type

Means of Project Verification	The project is eligible as per UCR General project eligibility criteria and guidance Version 6.0/3/ which is acceptable since the project has not been registered under any GHG program and the operations started since 31/03/2022 which is the earliest commissioning date of the ground mounted power plant involved in the project activity. The commissioning documents of the all the ground mounted power plants involved in the project activity has been verified in this regard. Prior to the commencement of the project activity, the project owner got approval for the installation and operation of Ground mounted power plant from state energy development agency (MSEDCL). Project applies an approved CDM monitoring and baseline methodology AMS-I. D: Grid connected renewable electricity generation 18.0./5/
Findings	No finding was raised
Conclusion	The project is eligible as per the requirements of the UCR General project eligibility criteria and guidance Version 6.0/3/. Further project verification team cross checked the other GHG programmes like Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) Registry, VERRA Registry, Gold Standard (GS) Registry for the information regarding the consistency of the title of the project activity , GPS coordinates, Legal Ownership of the Project activity and confirmed that the project was not submitted or registered under any other GHG programmes and non-voluntary non-GHG Programs.

3.2 General description of project activity

Means of Project Verification	The purpose of the project activity is to utilize clean technology that harnesses renewable solar energy to generate electricity which would be used to meet the electrical demand of manufacturing facility of PP. As per the Commissioning Certificate by MSEDCL/11/ project owner installed a 5000 kW (AC) Solar Photovoltaic (SPV) panels on Ground. This consists Mono and Poly crystalline cells type of panels of and associated connection boxes, Inverters, other field equipment. As per the emission reduction calculation sheet/8/ the project activity generated total 11589.119 MWh electricity and displacing 10430 tCO_2e. In the absence of the project activity the State utility was importing the required electricity from the NEWNE grid to meet its requirement

	of electrical energy. The NEWNE Indian grid which is dominated by fossil fuel grid connected power plants. The electricity generated from solar plant is consumed by manufacturing facility and injected to the grid of the distribution utility under the mechanism of net metering if any surplus electricity is available after meeting their own consumption. The Location details has been verified during the onsite visit and geo coordinates verified through google earth/Maps and found to be correct. The project activity installed 11670 nos. of polycrystalline cells type of panels of and associated connection boxes, Inverters, other field equipment in project premises. The technical details of solar panels and inverters provided in PCN/1/ and MR/7/ have been verified against commissioning certificate. The project owner declared in the PCN/1/ the lifetime of the project activity is 25 Years as guaranteed by the suppliers of PV panels of the project activity and same has been verified in the technical data provided by the project owner and found acceptable. The project activity described and applied AMS-I.D.: "Grid connected renewable electricity generation", version 18 /5/ falls into the small-scale category as per CDM methodology.
Findings	No findings were raised
Conclusion	The description of the project activity is verified to be true based on the review of PCN/1/, MR/6/7/, Commissioning certificate/11/, and Purchase invoice copies/15/ of solar plant equipment.

3.3 Application and selection of methodologies and standardized baselines

3.3.1 Application of methodology and standardized baselines

Means of Project Verification	The project activity applied AMS-I.D.: "Grid connected renewable electricity generation", version 18 /5/ falls into the small-scale category as per CDM methodology. Standardized baseline is "In the absence of the project activity, the equivalent amount of electricity would have been imported from the grid (which is connected to the unified Indian Grid system (NEWNE Grid)), which is carbon intensive due to being predominantly sourced from fossil fuel-based power plants" which is as per the project activity and clearly mentioned in PCN/1/ and MR/7/.
Findings	No finding was raised
Conclusion	The methodology applied is appropriately meeting the requirements of UCR General project eligibility criteria and guidance/3/,

	standardized baseline. The methodology version is correct and valid. The referenced methodology is applicable to project activity.

3.3.2 Clarification on applicability of methodology, tool, and/or standardized baseline

Means of Project Verification	Applicability as per AMS I.D version 18.0	Verifier assessment
	This methodology comprises renewable energy generation units, such as photovoltaic, hydro, tidal/wave, wind, geothermal and renewable biomass: a) Supplying electricity to a national or a regional grid; or b) Supplying electricity to an identified consumer facility via national/regional grid through a contractual arrangement such as wheeling.	The proposed project activity" Ground Mounted Small Scale Solar Power by Vinati Organics Limited in Osmanabad, Maharashtra, India" which incorporates installation and operation Ground mounted solar photovoltaic power generation for captive consumption. a) Is applicable as in the absence of the project activity the total electricity requirements by the manufacturing facility was drawn from grid and not produced from fossil fuel fired on-site captive power plant. This fact was confirmed during the onsite visit and through document review of historical records of electricity bills.
	2. This methodology is applicable to project activities that: a. Install a greenfield plant; b. Involve a capacity addition in (an) existing plant(s); c. Involve a retrofit of (an) existing plant(s); d. Involve a rehabilitation of (an) existing plant(s)/ unit(s); or e. Involve a replacement of (an) existing plant(s).	The project is installation of greenfield plant.
	3. Hydro power plants with reservoirs that satisfy at least one of the following conditions are eligible to apply this methodology: a. The project activity is implemented in an existing reservoir with no change in the volume of reservoir; b. The project activity is implemented in an existing	This criterion is not applicable as the project activity is the installation and operation of ground mounted solar plant to generate electricity.

	reservoir, where the volume of reservoir is increased and the power density of the project activity, as per definitions given in the project emissions section, is greater than 4 W/m2. The project activity results in new reservoirs and the power density of the power plant, as per definitions given in the project emissions section, is grated than 4 W/m^2	
	4. If the new unit has both renewable and non-renewable components (e.g., a wind/diesel unit), the eligibility limit of 15 MW for a small-scale CDM project activity applies only to the renewable component. If the new unit co-fires fossil fuel, the capacity of the entire unit shall not exceed the limit of 15 MW	The proposed project is "Ground Mounted Small Scale Solar Power Project by Vinati Organics Limited in Osmanabad, Maharashtra" i.e., only component is renewable power project below 15 MW, thus the criterion is not applicable to this project activity.
	5. Combined heat and power (co-generation) systems are not eligible under this category.	The project activity does not involve co-generation. Hence this criterion is not applicable.
	6. In the case of project activities that involve the capacity addition of renewable energy generation units at an existing renewable power generation facility, the added capacity of the units added by the project should be lower than 15 MW and should be physically distinct6 from the existing units.	No capacity addition in the existing renewable plant. This is new installation of ground mounted solar power plant which was verified and confirmed through document verification and interviews with project owner and their representatives.
	7. In the case of retrofit or replacement, to qualify as a small-scale project, the total output of the retrofitted or replacement unit shall not exceed the limit of 15 MW.	There is no retrofit or replacement in the project activity, hence it is not applicable.
	8. In the case of landfill gas, waste gas, wastewater treatment and agro-industries projects, recovered methane emissions are eligible under a relevant Type III category. If the recovered methane is used for electricity generation for supply to a grid, then the baseline for the electricity component shall be in accordance with procedure prescribed under this	This criterion is not applicable as the project activity is the installation of solar PV panels to generate electricity.

	methodology. If the recovered methane is used for heat generation or cogeneration other applicable Type-I methodologies such as "AMS-I.C.: Thermal energy production with or without electricity" shall be explored.	
	9. In case biomass is sourced from dedicate plantations, the applicability criteria in the tool "Project emissions from cultivation of biomass" shall apply.	The project activity is new greenfield activity of solar power plant and does not involve biomass, hence this criterion is not applicable.
Findings	No findings were raised	
Conclusion	The verification team confirms that all the applicability criteria set by the applied CDM methodology/5/ and its eligible tools are met. The relevant information against those criteria is also included in the PCN/1/ and MR/7/. The selected CDM methodology for the project activity is applicable.	

3.3.3 Project boundary, sources and GHGs

Means of Project Verification	As per the applied methodology AMS-I. D: version 18.0, the spatial extent of the project boundary includes industrial, commercial facilities consuming energy generated by the system. The components of the project boundary mentioned in the section B.4 of PCN were found to be in compliance with para 18 of the applied methodology. The project verification team conducted desk review of the implemented project to confirm the appropriateness of the project boundary identified. The project verification team confirmed that all GHG sources required by the methodology have been included within the project boundary. It was assessed that no emission sources related to project activity will cause any deviation from the applicability of the methodology or accuracy of the emission reductions. The project location is clearly mentioned with the help of a pictorial depiction in section A.3. of the PCN/1/ and duly verified by the project verification team via geographical coordinates, commissioning certificate/11/ of the project activity.
Findings	No finding was raised
Conclusion	The project verification team was able to assess that complete information regarding the project boundary has been provided in PCN/1/ and MR/7/ and could be assured from the single line

	diagram/15/, commissioning certificate/11/, and geographical coordinates. The project verification team confirms that the identified boundary, selected emissions sources are justified for the project activity.

3.3.4 Baseline scenario

Means of Project Verification	The baseline scenario as per paragraph 19 of the applied methodology, prescribed the baseline scenario of the project activity. In the absence of the project activity, the users would have been supplied electricity from the national grid. As per paragraph 19 Baseline emissions for other systems are the product of amount electricity displaced with the electricity produced by the renewable generating unit and an emission factor from the available options of calculation of emission factor as mentioned in AMS-I.D. /5/. The baseline scenario defined in PCN/1/ and MR/7/; in the absence of the project activity, the equivalent amount of electricity would have been imported from the grid (which is connected to the unified Indian Grid system (NEWNE Grid)), which is carbon intensive due to being predominantly sourced from fossil fuel-based power plants.
Findings	No finding was raised
Conclusion	The project verification team concluded that the identified baseline scenario reasonably represents what would occur in the absence of the project activity.

3.3.5 Estimation of emission reductions or net anthropogenic removal

Means of Project Verification	The project verification team checked whether the equations and parameters used to calculate GHG emission reductions or net anthropogenic GHG removals for PCN/1/ and MR/7/ is in accordance with applied methodology. Project Verification team checked section B.5 and C.5.1 of the PCN6/ & MR/7/ respectively to confirm whether all formulae to calculate baseline emissions, project emission and leakage have been applied in line with the underlying methodology. The emission reduction calculation has been done as per the CDM SSC methodology AMS-I.D., Version 18.0/5/. $BE_y = EG_{BLy} X EF_{CO2,y}$ Where, BE_y = Baseline Emissions in year y; tCO_2

	EG_{BLy}= Quantity of net electricity displaced as a result of the implementation of the CDM project activity in year y (MWh) $EF_{CO2,y}$ = Combined margin CO_2 emission factor for grid connected power generation in year y. Project emissions: As per paragraph 25 of the applied methodology, For most renewable energy project activities, PE_y = 0. Since Solar power is a GHG emission free source of energy project emission considered as Zero for the project activity Leakage Emissions: As per the paragraph 29 of the applied methodology AMS I.F Version 5.0, there are no emissions related to leakage in this project. Emission reductions As per Paragraph 30 of the applied methodology, emission reductions are calculated as follows $ER_y = BE_y - PE_y - LE_y$ Where: ER_y = Emission reductions in year y (tCO_{2e}/y) BE_y = Baseline Emissions in year y (t CO_2/y) PE_y = Project emissions in year y (t CO_2/y) LE_y = Leakage emissions in year y (t CO_2/y)

Year	Electricity generated (MWh)	Emission factor (tCO_2/MWh)	Total Emission reduction (tCO_2e)
2023	11589.119	0.9	10430

Findings	CAR 01 was raised
Conclusion	The combined margin emission factor as per CEA database "CO_2 Baseline Database for the Indian Power Sector" current version 19, December 2022/18/ is 0.919 tCO_2/MWh which results into higher emission factor than the UCR recommended emission factor of 0.9 tCO_2/MWh; Hence for 2023 vintage UCR default emission factor remains conservative as per UCR General project eligibility criteria and guidance/3/. The Project Verification team confirms that the algorithms and formulae proposed to calculate project emissions, baseline emissions, leakage and emission reductions in the PCN/1/ and MR/7/ is in line with the requirements of the selected methodology AMS I.D, version 18.0/5/ For emission reduction calculation, the assessment team confirms that All assumptions and data used by the project participants are listed in the PCN/1/ and MR/7/ including their references and sources.

	All documentation used by project participants as the basis for assumptions and source of data is correctly quoted and interpreted in the PCN/1/ and MR/7/ The baseline methodology and the applicable tool(s) have been applied correctly to calculate project emissions, baseline emissions, leakage and emission reductions.

3.3.6 Monitoring Report

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<tr><td>Means of Project Verification</td><td>The monitoring report/7/ submitted by the PP has been verified thoroughly and is in compliance with the applicable methodology and UCR General project eligibility criteria and guidance/3/ for calculation of GHG emission reductions.

The assessment team has reviewed all the parameters in the monitoring plan against the requirements of the applied methodology and confirmed that monitoring parameters are applied in line with the requirement of the methodology and relevant in the context of the program. The procedures have been reviewed by the assessment team through document review, interviews with the respective monitoring personnel and onsite assessment. Monitoring methodology, data management and calibration of the energy meter were also discussed with project owner.

Calibration of Energy meter is carried out by MSEDCL/12/ laboratory which is found to be appropriate.
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<tr><td>Findings</td><td>No finding was raised</td></tr>
<tr><td>Conclusion</td><td>The project verification team confirms that,

The monitoring report/7/ is in compliance with the applicable methodology and UCR General project eligibility criteria and guidance/3/.

The monitoring parameters reported in PCN/1/ and MR/6/7/ adequately represents the parameters relevant to emission reduction calculation.

The calibration report/12/ ensures the accuracy of the data reported.

The number of CoUs generation is calculated based on accurately reported data. The calculation was done using an excel sheet where all the parameters were reported.

UCR recommended emission factor for electricity generation is opted which is conservative.</td></tr>
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	In the MR/7/, emission reduction calculations sheet/8te/ are correctly calculated and reported. The monitoring report/7/ meets the requirements of UCR project verification requirements.

3.4 Start date, crediting period and duration

Means of Project Verification	The Commissioning certificate/11/ of the installation of the project activity has been verified as per PCN/1/ and MR/6//7/.
Findings	No finding was raised
Conclusion	The expected lifetime of the project activity is 25 years which is verified by the technical specification/10/. Crediting period is from 01/01/2023 to 31/12/2023 which is appropriate as per UCR General project eligibility criteria and guidance/3/.

3.5 Environmental impacts and safeguard assessment

Means of Project Verification	As The guidelines on Environmental Impact Assessment have been published by Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Government of India (GOI) under Environmental Impact Assessment notification 14/09/2006/49/. Further amendments to the notification have been done, The Solar Power projects up to 25 MW are listed in white category, hence the No EIA required. The impact of the project activity on the environmental safeguards has been carried out. Out of all the safeguards no risks were identified to the environment due to the project implementation and operation. And the following have been indicated as positive impacts: Environment Air - CO_2 emissions: The project activity being renewable power generation avoids CO_2 emissions that would have occurred in baseline scenario due to the electricity generation in thermal power plants. Environment - Natural Resources: Replacing fossil fuels with renewable sources of energy. Impacts identified as 'Harmless': Solid waste Pollution from E- waste: - Any E-waste including broken panels and batteries if generated from the plant shall be discarded in accordance with host country regulation. n. The parameter is being monitored as 'Project Waste' and Proper mitigation action has been implemented for waste management.

	Emission due to transportation of solar panels: The emissions associated with transport of the modules are insignificant compare to manufacturing facilities. Solid waste Pollution from end-of-life products equipment: - Waste generated from the plant.
Findings	No findings raised
Conclusion	The project activity displaces fossil fuel consumption and provides affordable and clean energy. The project has also avoided total 10430 tCO_2e, hence it has positive impact.

3.6 Project Owner- Identification and communication

Means of Project Verification	The information and contact details of the project owner has been appropriately incorporated in the PCN/1/ and MR/7/ which was checked. The legal owner of the project activity has been identified through the commissioning certificate/11/.
Findings	No findings raised.
Conclusion	The project verification team confirms that the legal ownership of the project belongs to M/s. Vinati Organics Ltd.

3.7 Positive Social Impact

Means of Project Verification	NA
Findings	--
Conclusion	Project has overall positive social impact.

3.8 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

3.9 Others (if any)

Means of Project Verification	The project activity was searched on other GHG programs to ensure that project is not registered in any other GHG programs like VERRA, Gold standard, GCC etc. An agreement stating that project activity will not cause double counting of the credits is also checked as per clause 1.8, Universal Carbon Registry Program Manual (Ver 4.0) August 2022.
Findings	CL 01 raised.
Conclusion	Double accounting agreement/18/ is signed between PO and Aggregator and found to appropriate as per clause 1.8, Universal Carbon Registry Program Manual (Ver 4.0) August 2022.

4 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 independent person.

5 Project Verification opinion:

The project verification was conducted on the basis of UCR Program Manual/2/, UCR General project eligibility criteria and guidance/3/, UCR Verification standard /4/, AMS -I.D. - Grid connected renewable electricity generation, version 18.0./5/, Project Concept Note (PCN)/1/, Monitoring Report (MR)/6/7/, Commissioning certificate/11/, Calibration Report/12/ and documents mentioned in Appendix-2.

Verification team raised 01 Nos. of Clarification Requests (CLs) and 01 Nos. Corrective action request (CARs) and they were corrected, verified and closed satisfactorily.

It is certified with reasonable level of assurance that the emission reductions from the project Ground Mounted Small Scale Solar Power by Vinati Organics Limited in Osmanabad, Maharashtra, India (UCR ID – 285) for the period 01/01/2023 to 31/12/2023 amounts to **10430** CoUs (10430 tCO_2e).

6 Competence of team members and technical reviewers

No.	Last name	First name	Role and Affiliation	Technical Competence
1.	Mandliya	Shyam	Lead Assessor and Technical Expert - NSPL	Mr. Shyam Mandliya is has M.E in Chemical Engineering. He has expertise in environmental audits. He has performed environmental monitoring of different industries in Gujarat for air, water, and hazardous waste. He has also contributed to the community-based biogas project development.

Appendix 1: Abbreviations

Abbreviations	Full texts
UCR	Universal Carbon Registry
CPCB	Central Pollution Control Board
MSEDCL	Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd.
CEA	Central Electricity Authority
NSPL	Naturelink Solutions Private Limited
MR	Monitoring report
PCN	Project Concept Note
VR	Verification Report
VS	Verification Statement
DAA	Avoidance of Double Accounting Agreement
COD	Commercial Operation Date
PO	Project Owner
PA/ PP	Project Aggregator / Project Proponent
PPA	Power Purchase Agreement
ER	Emission Reduction
CoUs	Carbon offset Units
tCO_2e	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

Appendix 2: Document reviewed or referenced

No.	Author	Title	References to the document	Provider
1.	Creduce	Project Concept Note	Version 1.0 dated 06/05/2023	PA
2.	UCR	UCR Program Manual	Version 4.0, August 2022	UCR website
3.	UCR	General project eligibility criteria and guidance	Version 6.0, August 2022	UCR website
4.	UCR	Program Verification standard	Version 2.0, August 2022	UCR website
5.	CDM	AMS-I. D: “Grid connected renewable electricity generation”	Version 18.0	CDM website
6.	Creduce	Monitoring report	Version 1.0 dated 10/07/2024	PA
7.	Creduce	Monitoring report	Version 2.0 dated 10/08/2024	PA
8.	Creduce	Emission reduction excel – “Ground Mounted Small Scale Solar Power Project by Vinati Organics Limited.”	10/07/2024	PA
9.	Trina	Technical specification of solar panels	-	PA
10.	Sineng Electric	Technical specification of inverter 2500 kW Inverter	-	PA
11.	MSEDCL	Project Commissioning certificate	SE/SURC/T/EEPL/Solar/Vinati organics/8361	PA
12.	MSEDCL	Meter test reports Meter no.: 21005545	TR/TQA/PUN/21-22/80	PA
13.	PO	Single line diagram	Dated 22/04/2021	PA
14.	CEA	Central Electricity Authority (Installation and Operation of Meters) (Amendment) Regulations, 2019	Dated 23/12/2019	-
15.	CEA	Emission factor as per CEA database “CO_2 Baseline Database for the Indian Power Sector”	Version 19.0 dated December 2023	-
16.	PA	Double Accounting Agreement	Dated 20/08/2024	-

Appendix 3: Clarification request, corrective action request and forward action request

Table 1. CLs from this Project Verification

CL ID	01	**Section no.: 3.7**	Others	**Date:** 31/07/2024
Description of CL				
An agreement stating that the project activity will not cause double counting as per clause 1.8, Universal Carbon Registry Program Manual (Ver 4.0) August 2022 is missing.				
Project Owner's response				**Date:** 20/08/2024
Double accounting agreement is provided				
Documentation provided by Project Owner				
Double accounting agreement				
UCR Project Verifier assessment				**Date:** 22/08/2024
Assurance to avoid double accounting is checked and conforms with requirement of UCR program manual Ver.4.0; hence CL 01 is closed.				

Table 2. CARs from this Project Verification

CAR ID	01	**Section no.: 3.3.5**	Estimation of emission reductions or net anthropogenic removal	**Date:** 31/07/2024
Description of CAR				
In the Emission reduction calculation sheet, the values of energy generations are not used correctly as per Joint meter reading reports provided by MSEDCL.				
Project Owner's response				**Date:** 10/08/2024
The Emission reduction calculation sheet is corrected and same has been changed in MR Version 2.0				
Documentation provided by Project Owner				
MR V2.0 and Emission reduction calculation sheet 2.0				
UCR Project Verifier assessment				**Date:** 16/08/2024
The ER V2.0 and MR V2.0 is checked and found to be conforming, hence CAR 01 is closed.				

Table 3. FARs from this Project Verification

FAR ID	**--**	**Section no.**		**Date:**
Description of FAR				
Project Owner's response				**Date:**
Documentation provided by Project Owner				