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Impartiality Policy

EcoLance Private Limited (EPL) is a neutral, technically high-qualified, multidisciplinary third-party for greenhouse gas mitigation measures and activities.

EPL is a legal entity registered in Thane, Maharashtra, India and incorporated on 20th October 2021, under Companies Act 2013 and Companies Incorporation Rules 2014, of Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India. The operational address of EPL is at Office No. 1310-1311, Solus Building, Hiranandani Business Park, Hiranandani Estate, Thane (West), Chitalsar Manpada, Thane, Maharashtra, India, 400607.

EPL offers services such as validation / verification and certification of climate change projects, GHG inventories. These services are carried out in compliance with all relevant standards and legal regulations as well as respective national laws.

EPL conducts its assessments independently and impartially, in a credible, non-discriminatory and transparent manner. To maintain and guarantee impartiality in all steps of any assessment, procedures are implemented and continuously supervised to assure this policy. Any conflicts of interest and impartiality must be addressed to the management immediately. Every member of the department is very conscious of the challenges of climate change and the effect that it has on our planet and civilization.

EPL has established a quality management system and procedures as per EPL/QMA Version 10.

STATEMENT OF IMPARTIALITY

EPL brings out its Validation/Verification activities in an impartial manner and exercises utmost care in handling conflict of interest and ensuring objectivity in Validation/Verification process and decision making.

EPL undertakes to maintain freedom in Validation/Verification activities without influence of any commercial, financial or other interests.

OBJECTIVES

- 1. Ensure Independence in Decision Making
- 2. Identify, Analyze, and Mitigate Risks to Impartiality
- 3. Safeguard Credibility of Validation/Verification Outcomes
- 4. Prevent Conflicts of Interest



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EPL COMMITMENT FOR IMPARTIALITY

- EPL is committed to the principles of impartiality embodied within ISO 14065 standard and SLAB accreditation requirements offering Validation/Verification of GHG activities. In particular, reference is made to the impartiality of validators/verifiers in our internal procedures.
- EPL retains authority and responsibility for decisions made in regard to its activities. EPL
 is committed to not using its certification in such a manner as to bring the organization into
 disrepute and to not make any statements regarding its certification which it considers
 misleading or unauthorized.
- Policies and procedures are non-discriminatory and are administered in a nondiscriminatory way.
- All personnel either internal or external are required to declare that they are free from any undue commercial, financial or other pressures, which could affect their impartiality.
- Personnel who have provided consultancy within two years to the organization seeking certification are not employed to take part in any part of the Validation/Verification process.
 Contracted personnel are required to reveal any situation which may present a conflict of interest. Unless no conflict of interest can be demonstrated, personnel are not employed as validators/verifiers.
- EPL ensures that different people take decisions on certification (i.e., the Certification Head) to those who carry out the assessment (the Team Leader).
- EPL constitutes an independent Impartiality Committee to oversee the VVB's activities to ensure impartiality.
- EPL shall perform a complete analysis of conflict of interest of its activities and related bodies at least once a year and prepare a report. Such report shall be reviewed by an independent member/committee overseeing Impartiality.

Approved by: Director - Technical Signature:

ECOLANCE PRIVATE LIMITED