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Re: RWDI AIR Inc. Greenhouse Gas Validation & Verification Body Statement of Commitment to Impartiality

Senior management of the RWDI AIR Inc. Validation and Verification Body (RWDI VVB) is committed to impartiality in all of its greenhouse gas (GHG) validation/verification/agreed-upon-procedures (AUP) services. Senior management understands that impartiality is fundamental to the credibility of GHG validation/verification/AUP services. Since the ability to provide credible GHG validation/verification/AUP services is the value proposition of our VVB services, there is a direct benefit to our business in ensuring that impartiality is managed effectively and transparently.

The RWDI VVB manages compromises to our impartiality through an assessment process that is supported by documented policies and procedures. This impartiality assessment process is designed to detect, evaluate, mitigate, and document all actual, perceived, or potential threats to impartiality before formally agreeing to provide GHG validation/verification/AUP services for any organization. If the outcome of the impartiality assessment process indicates that a suitable level of impartiality exists, then the engagement may proceed, in which case impartiality is monitored throughout the engagement. If situations are identified that may compromise the assessment team's ability to maintain impartiality, the VVB will take appropriate action to mitigate or eliminate the impartiality risks; such actions may include declining to offer the services in question.

Objectivity of validation and verification activities is achieved through continued conformance with the VVB's impartiality policies and procedures. Such conformance requires on-going commitment from all individuals that contribute to the VVB. Accordingly, all VVB personnel involved in providing GHG validation/verification/AUP services, including contracted or outsourced verifiers, are required to disclose any situation that may present an actual or perceived threat to impartiality.

Objectivity of validation/verification/AUP activities is further monitored through internal audits. Internal audits are managed by individuals that are independent from the VVB's GHG validation/verification/AUP services. Internal auditors are tasked with assessing the integrity of the impartiality assessment process and providing an independent opinion on the adherence to impartiality policies and procedures as well as the adequacy and effectiveness of policies, procedures, and practices.

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