

# DECLARATION OF OTHER OFFICES PERFORMING VALIDATION AND VERIFICATION/CERTIFICATION FUNCTIONS (Version 01.0)

| Entity name  | SustainCERT S.A.  |
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| UNFCCC entity ref. no.   | A6.4E-0002  |
| Do you allocate functions to offices other than your central office or to other legal entities (outsourced entities)?  Note: this form shall be provided with the submission of the application for accreditation or upon the A6.4 mechanism accreditation panel's request. Subsequent changes to the information provided in this form shall be notified to the secretariat in accordance with paragraphs 36 and 267 of the Article 6.4 mechanism accreditation procedure (version 01.0). | Yes No  If "yes", complete the sections below.  |
| Description of other offices (add rows as neces  | ssary)  |
| Name of the office number 1.1  | SustainCERT NL B.V  |
| Physical address   | Bos en Lommerplein 280, 4.13 1055RW Amsterdam, the Netherlands 34 personal directly employed in validation and verification activities  |
| Country  | Netherlands   |
| Postal address   |   |
| Country  |   |
| Legal entity status at the location  | Private Limited Company   |
| Relationship with the DOE For example: Branch (i.e., office other than the central office)   | The Luxembourg office is the official address and head office. Persons living in the Netherlands work through the Amsterdam office. For Article 6.4 VV functions this includes for example the COO, Head of VV and Head of QC   |
| Number of personnel  Personal directly involved in validation and verification/certification activities on the date of submitting this form  | 8   |
| Functions allocated Summary of functions allocated to the office other than the central office   | The Art 6.4 functions are linked to the locations of the responsible persons. In Luxembourg 3 persons are indirectly involved in VV functions(legal council, some IT and accounting staff work in the Luxembourg region). 7 directly involved in VV functions but only linked to the Luxembourg office via a remote work contract for example the CEO, most of the VV auditors and 1 of the QC teammembers. All staff with remote work contracts, except in the Netherlands and USA are employed via the SustainCERT office in Luxembourg.  As the the COO, Head of VV and Head of QC are currently based in the Netherlands the VV operations (including HR and qualifications), and QAQC functions (including impartiality management and complaints procedure), are currently done in the Amsterdam time |

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| Name of the office number 1.2  | SustainCERT USA Inc 52 Waltham Street, Lexington, MA 02142, Massachusetts, USA  Currently no persons linked to the Article 6.4 VV activities |
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| Description of outsourced entities (add rows as  | s necessary)   |
| Office number 2.1  | Not applicable - no outsourcing  |
| Physical address   |  |
| Country  |  |
| Postal address   |  |
| Country  |  |
| Legal entity status at the location  |  |
| Relationship with the DOE  |  |
| For examples: Independent company, office of other legal entity belonging to the same group, etc.                      |  |
| Number of personnel  |  |
| Personal directly involved in validation and verification/certification activities on the date of submitting this form |  |
| Functions allocated  |  |
| Summary of functions allocated to the outsourced entity  |  |
| Office number 2.2  |  |

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### Outsourced functions in accordance with appendix 1

Use the following table to indicate which functions have been outsourced, as defined by paragraphs 57–62 of the Article 6.4 mechanism accreditation standard (version 01.0). Indicate the function by entering the office number (as defined above) of the outsourced entity.

\*Outsourcing can be done exclusively in the context of the other functions that are carried out by the outsourced body.

| Chapter | Requirement                    |   | Function  | Para    | Outsourcing | Office number of the outsourced entity (from above) |                |
|---------|--------------------------------|---|---|---------|-------------|---|----------------|
| 6       | Legal status and matters       |   |   | 11-15   | N/A         | Not Applicable                                      |                |
| 7       | Liability and finance          | Financial stability                                 |   | 16-17   | NO          | Not Applicable                                      |                |
|         |                                | Liability   |   | 18-19   | NO          | Not Applicable                                      |                |
| 8       | Entity's management            | Management structure                                |   | 20-23   | NO          | Not Applicable                                      |                |
|         |                                | Management functions                                |   | 24-26   | NO          | Not Applicable                                      |                |
| 9       | Safeguarding impartiality      | General   |   | 27-29   | N/A         | Not Applicable                                      |                |
|         |                                | Safeguarding impartiality at the policy level       |   | 30-32   | NO          | Not Applicable                                      |                |
|         |                                | Safeguarding impartiality at the organization level |   | 33-37   | NO          | Not Applicable                                      |                |
|         |                                | Safeguarding impartiality at the operational level  |   | 38-45   | YES*        | Not Applicable                                      |                |
|         |                                | Review of effectiveness                             |   | 46-48   | NO          | Not Applicable                                      |                |
| 10      | Human resources and competence | Human resources and Suffice                         | Sufficiency of human  | General | 49-55       | NO  | Not Applicable |
|         |                                | resources   | Recruitment and outsourcing to an entity                      | 56-62   | No          | Not Applicable                                      |                |
|         |                                |   | Use external individuals                                      | 63-65   | YES*        | Not Applicable                                      |                |
|         |                                | Competence requirements                             | Initial competence analysis                                   | 66-70   | NO          | Not Applicable                                      |                |
|         |                                |   | Competence for validation or verification/certification teams | 71      | NO          | Not Applicable                                      |                |

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| Chapter | Requirement                                       |   | Function   | Para      | Outsourcing  | Office number of the outsourced entity (from above) |
|---------|---|---|--|-----------|--|---|
|         |   |   | Competence for technical experts                               | 71        | NO   | Not Applicable                                      |
|         |   |   | Competence for technical reviewers                             | 71        | NO   | Not Applicable                                      |
|         |   | Management of human resource and competence                                     | Demonstration of competence and qualification of personnel     | 72-76     | NO   | Not Applicable                                      |
|         |   |   | Monitoring of performance and ensuring competence and training | 77-83     | NO   | Not Applicable                                      |
|         |   |   | Personnel records  | 84        | NO   | Not Applicable                                      |
| 11      | Information management                            | Information to be made available in the public domain                           |  | 85        | NO   | Not Applicable                                      |
|         |   | Confidentiality   |  | 86-88     | YES*   | Not Applicable                                      |
| 12      | Validation and verification/certification/process | Contract review   | Validation/verification contract review                        | 89-91     | YES  | Not Applicable                                      |
|         |   |   |  | 92-94     | NO   | Not Applicable                                      |
|         |   | Selection of the validation or verification/certification personnel             |  | 95, 97-99 | YES,<br>excluding<br>appointment<br>of technical<br>review teams | Not Applicable                                      |
|         |   |   |  | 96        | NO   | Not Applicable                                      |
|         |   | Validation and verification/certification                                       |  | 100       | YES  | Not Applicable                                      |
|         |   |   |  | 101       | NO   | Not Applicable                                      |
|         |   | Technical review  |  | 102-103   | NO   | Not Applicable                                      |
|         |   | Issuance of final validation or verification/certification opinions and reports |  | 104-106   | NO   | Not Applicable                                      |
| 13      | Quality management system                         | General   |  | 107-108   | NO   | Not Applicable                                      |

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| Chapter | Requirement                               |                                    | Function   | Para                               | Outsourcing | Office number of the outsourced entity (from above) |
|---------|---|------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|-------------|---|
|         |   | Responsibilities of top management |  | 109-110                            | NO          | Not Applicable                                      |
|         |   | Article 6.4 quality manager        |  | 111                                | NO          | Not Applicable                                      |
|         |   | Document and record                | Control of documents   | 112-113                            | NO          | Not Applicable                                      |
|         |   | management system                  | Control of records   | 114-117                            | YES*        | Not Applicable                                      |
|         |   | Internal audits                    | Records pertaining to validation and/or verification/certification functions | 118(a),<br>118(c) –(e),<br>and 119 | YES*        | Not Applicable                                      |
|         |   |                                    | Records pertaining to validation and/or verification/certification functions | 118(b), and<br>118(f) –(l)         | NO          | Not Applicable                                      |
|         |   |                                    |  | 120-122                            | NO          | Not Applicable                                      |
|         |   | Corrective and preventive actions  |  | 123-128                            | NO          | Not Applicable                                      |
|         |   | Management review                  |  | 129-132                            | NO          | Not Applicable                                      |
|         | Handling complaints, disputes and appeals | Complaints                         |  | 133-134                            | NO          | Not Applicable                                      |
|         |   | Disputes                           |  | 135-137                            | NO          | Not Applicable                                      |
|         |   | Appeals                            |  | 138-140                            | NO          | Not Applicable                                      |

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| Name of entity representative      | Marion Verles, SustainCERT CEO |  |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Signature of entity representative | Marion Verles                  |  |
| Date (DD/MM/YYYY)                  | 08/08/2024                     |  |

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