

# VERIFICATION STATEMENT

for

## KA SYNJUK KI HIMA ARLIANG WAH UMIAM MAWPHLANG WELFARE SOCIETY

*Mawphlang, East Khasi Hills, Shillong, Meghalaya 93121, India*

### VERIFICATION SCOPE

Rainforest Alliance has verified that the Khasi Hills REDD+ Project is in conformance with the *Plan Vivo Standard 2013 Edition*. The project is located in Meghalaya, India. The objective of this independent third-party verification audit is to verify the implementation of the validated REDD and assisted natural regeneration GHG project of 27,139 hectares on indigenous-owned land. For the 1 January 2012 through 31 December 2016 monitoring period the verification assessment covered, the project has calculated, and the audit team has verified, a total ex-post net carbon benefit of 223,263 tCO<sub>2</sub>e (REDD: 212,814 tCO<sub>2</sub>e; Assisted Natural Regeneration: 10,450 tCO<sub>2</sub>e), which totals 178,610 tCO<sub>2</sub>e after deducting the 20% risk buffer. The audit team reviewed the validated carbon calculations in detail and have verified the appropriateness of the chosen equations and assumptions. Based on observations, the Terms of Reference for Project Verification (v.12/2013) and more than 30 interviews during the field audit, it is accurate to state that the ecosystem services provided by the project are indeed still additional. To date, there are no government or private projects similar in scope or scale in the region. As a result, the project was verified to be on track to achieving the ex-ante estimated net carbon benefit over the project's 30-year lifetime. The GHG emission reductions and/or removals achieved during the monitoring period were evaluated to a reasonable level of assurance.

**Verification Registration Code:** RA-VER-PV-021909 | **Effective Date:** 19 June 2017

The validity of this statement is contingent upon the project's continued implementation of the Plan Vivo Standard 2013 Edition and as further defined in the Rainforest Alliance Verification Audit Report dated 19 June 2017.



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