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CARBON FUND OF THE FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY

Emission Reductions Payment Agreement

Dominican Republic Emission Reductions Program

by and between

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

and

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT, AS TRUSTEE OF TRANCHE A OF THE CARBON FUND OF THE FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY

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CARBON FUND OF THE FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY EMISSION REDUCTIONS PAYMENT AGREEMENT

("Agreement")

PARTIES: DOMINICAN REPUBLIC ("Program Entity"), REPRESENTED BY THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE

and

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT ("IBRD") IN ITS CAPACITY AS TRUSTEE OF TRANCHE A OF THE CARBON FUND ("Fund") OF THE FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY ("Trustee") PURSUANT TO THE CHARTER ESTABLISHING THE FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY ("Charter").

(hereinafter referred to together as "Parties" and individually as "Party")

RECITALS:

- A. Pursuant to the Charter, the Executive Directors of the IBRD have established the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility ("Facility") for the following purposes:
 - (i) To assist REDD Country Participants in their efforts to achieve Emission Reductions from avoided deforestation and/or avoided forest degradation by providing them with financial and technical assistance in building their capacity to benefit from possible future systems of positive incentives for REDD;
 - (ii) To pilot a performance-based payment system for Emission Reductions generated from REDD activities, with a view to ensuring equitable benefit sharing and promoting future large scale positive incentives for REDD;
 - (iii) Within the approach to REDD, to test ways to sustain or enhance livelihoods of local communities and to conserve biodiversity; and
 - (iv) To disseminate broadly the knowledge gained in the development of the Facility and implementation of Readiness Preparation Proposals and ER programs.
- B. The ER Program is intended to be developed, implemented and operated in the Dominican Republic subject to a Letter of Approval (dated March 3, 2020) issued by the Host Country.
- C. The Program Entity wishes to sell and the Trustee wishes to purchase and make payment, upon the terms and conditions in this Agreement, for transferred Emission Reductions from the ER Program.
- D. In addition to this Agreement, the Program Entity has entered into a separate Emission Reductions Payment Agreement with the IBRD, acting as trustee of Tranche B of the Fund of the Facility ("Trustee of Tranche B of the Fund"), around the date of this Agreement for the purchase, transfer and payment of Tranche B of the Fund's pro rata share of 5,000,000 ERs to be generated and verified under the ER Program and offered to Tranche B of the Fund ("Tranche B ERPA").

NOW THEREFORE the Parties hereby agree as follows:

Article I Application of General Conditions; Definitions

Section 1.01 Application of General Conditions

- (a) The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development's "General Conditions Applicable to Emission Reductions Payment Agreements for Forest Carbon Partnership Facility Emission Reductions Programs" dated November 1, 2014 ("General Conditions"), set forth the terms and conditions applicable to this Agreement and constitute an integral part of this Agreement.
- (b) The following definition shall be added to Section 2.01 of the General Conditions:
 - "Disbursement and Financial Information Letter' means the letter transmitted by the Trustee to the Program Entity, and/or if applicable, the ERPA Payment Receipt Entity, with instructions related to the application for payment under the ERPA."
- (c) Unless otherwise defined in this Agreement, any capitalized terms in this Agreement shall have the meaning ascribed to such terms in the General Conditions.
- (d) Any reference made in this Agreement to a specific Article or Section shall, unless expressly provided for otherwise, be deemed to be a reference to the corresponding Article or Section in this Agreement.

Section 1.02 Inconsistency with General Conditions

If any provision of this Agreement is inconsistent with a provision of the General Conditions, the provision of this Agreement shall prevail to the extent of such inconsistency.

Article II ER Program Details

Section 2.01 Description of the ER Program

(a) The ER Program is: Dominican Republic Emission Reductions Program, as further

described in the ER Program Document.

(b) The Host Country is: Dominican Republic

Article III Conditions of Effectiveness of Sale and Purchase

Section 3.01 Conditions of Effectiveness to be fulfilled

The obligations regarding the sale, transfer and payment for Emission Reductions in Articles III and V of the General Conditions will not take effect until all of the conditions of effectiveness of sale and purchase included in Schedule 1 to this Agreement ("Conditions of Effectiveness"), in form and substance

satisfactory to the Trustee following consultations with the participants of Tranche A of the Fund ("Tranche A Participants"), have been fulfilled.

Section 3.02 Conditions for benefit of Trustee

The Conditions of Effectiveness are for the benefit of, and may only be waived or deferred by, the Trustee.

Section 3.03 Termination of the Agreement

- (a) If any of the Conditions of Effectiveness have not been fulfilled by the Program Entity within twelve (12) months from the date of this Agreement, as may be extended by the Trustee in accordance with Section 3.03(a)(i) below ("Conditions Fulfillment Date"), the Trustee may, at its discretion:
 - (i) extend the Conditions Fulfillment Date and, possibly, reduce the Contract ER Volume and one or more Minimum Reporting Period Amount(s) by the amount of Emission Reductions that, in the Trustee's reasonable opinion, can no longer be expected to be generated and transferred due to the delay in the Condition Fulfillment Date; or
 - (ii) terminate this Agreement by written notice to the Program Entity.
- (b) In case of termination of this Agreement pursuant to Section 3.03(a)(ii), the Program Entity shall, within thirty (30) calendar days of receiving the request of the Trustee, repay to the Trustee any unrecovered Advanced Expense Payment.

Article IV Purchase and Sale of Contract ERs

Section 4.01 Contract ER Volume and Unit Price

(a) Contract ERs are: Tranche A Pro Rata Share (as defined below) of the first 5,000,000 ERs

generated by the ER Program as set out in Schedule 2 to this Agreement

("Contract ER Volume").

(b) The Unit Price is: USD 5.00 per transferred Contract ER

Section 4.02 Transfer of Contract ERs

- (a) The Minimum Reporting Period Amounts and Cumulative Amounts of Contract ERs to be transferred to the Trustee each Reporting Period in accordance with Section 3.02 of the General Conditions are set out in Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
- (b) From the first ERs that are being generated and verified under the ER Program during each Reporting Period, minus the ERs to be set aside as Buffer ERs in the ER Program Buffer, Tranche A of the Fund shall receive its pro rata share of overall contributions to the Fund (approx. 5%) ("Tranche A Pro Rata Share") as Contract ERs and Tranche B of the Fund shall receive its pro rata share of overall contributions to the Fund (approx. 95%) ("Tranche B Pro Rata Share").

Section 4.03 Periodic Payment

(a) The Periodic Payment for transferred Contract ERs and/or Additional ERs, if any, shall be calculated in the following manner:

Periodic Payment for transferred Contract ERs and/or Additional ERs (as applicable):

Unit Price / Exercise X Price	The number of Contract ERs / Additional ERs transferred to the Trustee (as Verified in the respective final Verification Report)	Payr mad acco	ordance Section	Any Taxes paid by the Trustee in accordance with Section 5.04 of the General Conditions
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(b) In the event that any deduction of any Advance Payment installments, made in accordance with and subject to Section 4.04, or any Taxes paid by the Trustee in accordance with Section 5.04 of the General Conditions would make the Periodic Payment for that Reporting Period a negative number, the Trustee will carry forward any amounts not deducted in that Reporting Period to the following Reporting Period.

Section 4.04 Advance Payments

- (a) If requested by the Program Entity, the Trustee may make advance payments on behalf of the Program Entity in the amount of the Tranche A Pro Rata Share for any fees, charges, costs or other expenses charged by a Registry system or any other relevant authority or entity in relation to Registration, issuance and forwarding of Contract ERs or Additional ERs or the ER Transfer, payable by the Program Entity in accordance with Section 5.04(a) of the General Conditions ("Advanced Expense Payment").
- (b) In addition to Section 4.04(a) and starting after Verification of ERs generated during Reporting Period 1, the Program Entity may request the Trustee to make one interim advance payment ("Interim Advance Payment"), provided that any payment by the Trustee of any Interim Advance Payment shall be subject to the following conditions:
 - (i) The Program Entity has fulfilled all Conditions of Effectiveness referred to in Section 3.01 and specified in Schedule 1 to this Agreement, in form and substance satisfactory to the Trustee following consultations with Tranche A Participants;
 - (ii) A final Verification Report has been submitted to the Trustee for the Reporting Period preceding the Interim Progress Reporting Period (as specified in subparagraph (iii) below) and the Program Entity has monitored ERs generated under the ER Program ("Monitored ERs") during such Interim Progress Reporting Period and has documented its monitoring results by submission of an interim progress report ("Interim Progress Report") to the Trustee, in form and substance satisfactory to the Trustee following consultations with Tranche A Participants. As a separate annex to the Interim Progress Report, the Program Entity shall provide:

- (A) evidence satisfactory to the Trustee that the Program Activity is being implemented in accordance with the Safeguards Plans and that the Benefit Sharing Plan has been implemented in accordance with its terms (including any feedback and grievance redress mechanism described in any of such documents); and
- (B) information on the generation and/or enhancement of Priority Non-Carbon Benefits (to the extent not yet provided for under any relevant Safeguards Plan, if applicable) under the ER Program;
- (iii) The Interim Advance Payment to be made by Tranche A of the Fund shall be limited to the Tranche A Pro Rata Share of the following amount:
 - (A) For Interim Progress Reporting Period 1 (January 1 December 31, 2022):

50% of the value of Monitored ERs (ie. Unit Price times Monitored ERs times 50%), unless the first Verification of monitored ERs during the Reporting Period 1 verifies less than 50% of ERs previously monitored and reported for Reporting Period 1 in which case the percentage amount for the Interim Advance Payment will be reduced to half of the actual percentage of verified ERs against monitored ERs for Reporting Period 1.

- (iv) The Interim Advance Payment made under this Agreement and the Tranche B ERPA shall not exceed USD 2,125,000 ("Interim Advance Payment Cap").
- (v) Upon all conditions for each Interim Advance Payment instalment under subparagraphs (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) above being fulfilled, in form and substance satisfactory to the Trustee, the Trustee shall notify the Program Entity accordingly and shall disburse the Tranche A Pro Rata Share of the Interim Advance Payment installment to the Program Entity within thirty (30) calendar days following receipt by the Program Entity of such notification.
- In addition to Section 4.04(a) and Section 4.04(b) above, the Program Entity may request the Trustee to make an ER advance payment ("ER Advance Payment") to the Program Entity for Contract ERs and/or Additional ERs generated by the ER Program during a Reporting Period, as evidenced in the ER Monitoring Report for that Reporting Period and pending subsequent final Verification and ER Transfer, provided that any payment of any ER Advance Payment shall be made by the Trustee subject to the following conditions:
 - (i) The Trustee determines, in its sole and absolute discretion following consultations with Tranche A Participants, whether it is willing to make an ER Advance Payment;
 - (ii) The ER Advance Payment to be made by Tranche A of the Fund shall be limited to the Tranche A Pro Rata Share of such payment;
 - (iii) The Program Entity has fulfilled all Conditions of Effectiveness referred to in Section 3.01 and specified in Schedule 1 to this Agreement, in form and substance satisfactory to the Trustee following consultations with Tranche A Participants;
 - (iv) Upon all the conditions for the ER Advance Payment under subparagraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) above being fulfilled, in form and substance satisfactory to the Trustee, the Trustee shall notify the Program Entity accordingly and shall disburse the Tranche A Pro Rata Share of

the ER Advance Payment to the Program Entity within thirty (30) calendar days following receipt by the Program Entity of such notification; and

- In the event that the subsequent final Verification Report for that Reporting Period verifies an ER amount that is less than the amount that was reported in the ER Monitoring Report and the value of such Verified amount of Contract ERs and/or Additional ERs (i.e. Unit Price/Exercise Price (as applicable) X Contract ERs/Additional ERs (as applicable) generated during that Reporting Period (as evidenced in the final Verification Report)) is less than the ER Advance Payment, the Trustee shall be entitled to recover the Tranche A Pro Rata Share of the overpaid amount from any future Periodic Payment to be made to the Program Entity under this Agreement for transferred ERs or, if no such subsequent Periodic Payment will be due, request prompt repayment of such overpaid amount from the Program Entity.
- (d) The Trustee shall be entitled to deduct in full any Advance Payment(s) made to the Program Entity by Tranche A of the Fund, as applicable, from Periodic Payments for transferred Contract ERs/Additional ERs under this Agreement.
- (e) In the event that any outstanding Advance Payment made under this Agreement cannot be recovered in full from the last Periodic Payment due for transferred Contract ERs/Additional ERs to be made under this Agreement, the Trustee may request prompt repayment of the outstanding Advance Payment amount from the Program Entity to the Trustee.
- (f) Notwithstanding Section 5.03(c) of the General Conditions, legal title to any Contract ERs and/or Additional ERs for which an Advance Payment has been made shall transfer to the Trustee upon completion of the ER Transfer of such ERs to the Trustee.

Section 4.05 Application for Payment

Any Periodic Payment or Advance Payment to be made by the Trustee under and subject to Section 4.03 (in conjunction with Section 5.03 of the General Conditions) and Section 4.04 of this Agreement shall require the Program Entity to submit an application for payment electronically or otherwise to the Trustee, in form and substance satisfactory to the Trustee, in accordance with the Disbursement and Financial Information Letter ("Application for Payment"), and such additional instructions as the Bank may specify from time to time by notice to the Program Entity. Any time period provided for in this Agreement or the General Conditions for such payment to become due shall not start running before such Application for Payment has been submitted by the Program Entity.

Article V Call Option

Section 5.01 Call Option Specifications

(a) The Grantee is: Trustee

(b) The Grantor is: Program Entity

Section 5.02 Call Option Volume and Exercise Price

(a) The Additional ERs are:

In the event that the ER Program generates in a Reporting Period ERs in excess of the Contract ER Volume the Parties agree to grant the Grantee a Call Option to purchase such additional ERs ("Additional ERs").

Subject to the Maximum Option Volume (see below), the Grantee may exercise the Call Option for all or part of the Tranche A Pro Rata Share in Additional ERs and, if applicable, for any additional amount of Additional ERs for which the Trustee of Tranche B of the Fund has not exercised its call option in full after a Reporting Period under the Tranche B ERPA.

(b) Maximum
Option Volume
is:

Tranche A Pro Rata Share of all Additional ERs

(c) Exercise Price is:

The Exercise Price per transferred Additional ER shall be negotiated and agreed within sixty (60) calendar days following receipt of a final Verification Report indicating that Additional ERs have been generated under the ER Program during a Reporting Period. If the Parties cannot agree on an Exercise Price within such time period, the Call Option shall lapse upon the end of such time period for that Reporting Period, and that Reporting Period only.

(d) Exercise Period:

The Trustee must notify the Program Entity of its decision to exercise the Call Option within sixty (60) calendar days following agreement between the Parties on an Exercise Price for Additional ERs ("Exercise Notice").

(e) Exercise
Completion
Date is:

The Grantor must complete the transfer of Additional ERs for which the Call Option has been exercised within ninety (90) calendar days following receipt by the Grantor of the Exercise Notice.

(f) Increase of Maximum Option Volume:

In the event that the Maximum Option Volume is increased by the Trustee under Sections 13.02(c) and/or 16.03 of the General Conditions, the Grantee may exercise the portion of the Call Option increased due to the exercise of the remedies first before it exercises the portion of the Call Option granted under Section 5.02(a). For the avoidance of doubt, the Exercise Price payable for the Additional ERs increased due to the exercise of the remedies will be the Unit Price.

Article VI ER Program Development and Focal Point

Section 6.01 ER Program Development

The ER Program Start Date is: Date of this Agreement

Section 6.02 Focal Point

Both the Trustee and the Program Entity shall serve as joint Focal Points for communications with respect to the ER Program Activity. The Trustee shall be responsible for preparing and submitting the Distribution Letter.

Article VII Additional Covenants

Section 7.01 Additional Covenants

- In addition to Section 5.01(b)(i) of the General Conditions, the Program Entity shall monitor and report to the Trustee on the implementation of the Safeguards Plans and Benefit Sharing Plan during Reporting Periods. The Program Entity shall monitor and report to the Trustee on the implementation of the Safeguards Plans annually after the date of this Agreement. The Program Entity shall first monitor and report to the Trustee on the implementation of the Benefit Sharing Plan six (6) months after receipt of the first Periodic Payment and annually thereafter. The Program Entity may coordinate the annual monitoring and reporting of the Safeguards Plans and the Benefit Sharing Plan, provided that the Program Entity notifies the Trustee and the Trustee accepts such coordinated timelines. The Trustee reserves the right to initiate a separate monitoring of the implementation of the Safeguards Plans and/or the Benefit Sharing Plan annually after the date of this Agreement by an independent Third Party monitor. Sections 9.01(g) and (k) as well as Section 9.05(d) of the General Conditions shall apply to such Third Party monitor mutatis mutandis.
- (b) The Program Entity shall apply technical corrections to the estimation of activity data, quantification of soil organic carbon changes and the estimation of emission factors for intact and secondary forest of the Reference Level as documented in the Seller's "Technical and Methodological Proposal Responding to the Conditions Pointed out in Resolution CFM/20/2019/5", shall do this taking into consideration the areas of improvement identified in the FMT's Assessment Note of the Seller's revised Emission Reductions Program Document (October 8, 2019) ("Assessment Note") and following the provisions included in the "Guideline on the application of the methodological framework Number 2: Technical corrections to GHG emissions and removals reported in the reference period" dated November 2018 ("Guideline"). Such technical corrections shall be included in the Reference Level and shall be used for any ER Monitoring Report. If the Program Entity does not provide the Trustee with a detailed description of the technical corrections taking into account the Assessment Note and in accordance with the Guideline at the latest three (3) months prior to the end of the first Reporting Period, this shall constitute a material breach by the Program Entity ("Event of Default") under Section 16.01(a)(vi) of the General Conditions.

Article VIII Host Country Withdrawal from Facility

For the avoidance of doubt, the Host Country's withdrawal from the Facility will not terminate this Agreement or alter in any other respect the Program Entity's obligations under this Agreement.

Article IX Sub-Project Arrangements

Section 9.01 Development of Sub-Project Arrangements

- (a) The Program Entity shall ensure that any Sub-Project Arrangement contains the principal terms included in Schedule 5 to this Agreement and none of the terms of the Sub-Project Arrangements are inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement.
- (b) The Program Entity shall ensure that any Sub-Project Entity complies with all of the requirements set out in the Sub-Project Arrangement.

Article X Miscellaneous

Section 10.01 Term of the Agreement

This Agreement will become effective through execution by both Parties as of the date first above written. Unless terminated earlier in accordance with the General Conditions or Section 3.03, this Agreement shall terminate upon transfer of all the Contract ERs and Additional ERs, if any, the payment of Periodic Payments in respect thereof, and the repayment of any yet unrecovered and outstanding Advance Payment amounts, if applicable, subject to the survival of provisions as identified in Section 18.11 of the General Conditions, but in any event by no later than December 31, 2025.

Section 10.02 Notices

Any notice, communication, request or correspondence required or permitted under the terms of this Agreement shall be in writing, in the English language (it being understood that any such communication in a language other than English shall be of no force and effect), and shall be delivered personally, or via courier, mail, or facsimile to the address and telecopier numbers provided below.

For the Program Entity:

Ministry of Finance Av. México No. 45 Santo Domingo 10201 Dominican Republic

Email: jovicente@hacienda.gov.do

Tel.: 809-687-5131

For the Trustee:

Carbon Fund of the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility 1818 H Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20433 United States of America

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed as of the date first above written.

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT, AS TRUSTEE OF TRANCHE A OF THE CARBON FUND OF THE FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY

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(Authorized signatory)

By: Michel Kerf Title: Country Director DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, REPRESENTED BY THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE

(Authorized signator)

By: José Manuel Vicente Dubocq

Title: Minister of Finance

CONDITIONS OF EFFECTIVENESS OF SALE AND PURCHASE

- (1) Submission of a final Benefit Sharing Plan which, based on the advance draft version of the Benefit Sharing Plan provided by the date of this Agreement, takes into account specific guidance to be provided by the Trustee, following consultations with Tranche A Participants, on the outstanding issues that need further clarification in the final version of the Benefit Sharing Plan; and
- (2) Submission of evidence demonstrating the Program Entity's ability to transfer Title to ERs, free of any interest, Encumbrance or claim of a Third Party.

SCHEDULE 2
MINIMUM REPORTING PERIOD AMOUNTS

	Reporting Period	Minimum Reporting Period Amount of Contract ERs to be generated in this Reporting Period and subsequently transferred to the Trustee of Tranche A of the Fund	Cumulative Amount of Contract ERs which must be generated by the end of this Reporting Period and subsequently transferred to the Trustee of Tranche A of the Fund
1	Date of this Agreement – December 31, 2021	Tranche A Pro Rata Share of 400,000 ERs (approx. 20,000 ERs)	Tranche A Pro Rata Share of 400,000 ERs (approx. 20,000 ERs)
2	January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2023	Tranche A Pro Rata Share of 1,700,000 ERs (approx. 85,000 ERs)	Tranche A Pro Rata Share of 2,100,000 ERs (approx. 105,000 ERs)
3	January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024	Tranche A Pro Rata Share of 2,900,000 ERs (approx. 145,000 ERs)	Tranche A Pro Rata Share of 5,000,000 ERs (approx. 250,000 ERs)

ER TRANSFER FORM

[LETTERHEAD OF PROGRAM ENTITY]

то:	The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development as Trustee of Tranche A of the Carbon Fund of the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility
ER T	ransfer Form for the Reporting Period from [Date] to
betwee Truste as ame	fer to the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility Emission Reductions Payment Agreement dated [] en [] ("Program Entity") and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, as the of Tranche A of the Carbon Fund of the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility ("IBRD" or "Trustee")[, ended] ("ERPA"). Capitalized terms used and not specifically defined herein shall have the meanings ed thereto in the ERPA.
1. Not	ification of Transfer of ERs
In acco	ordance with the ERPA, we hereby notify the Trustee that the following amount of Verified ERs has ransferred to the Trustee for this Reporting Period in accordance with the ERPA:
•	ERs, as Verified by Verification Report dated [INSERT DATE] of which ERs are Contract ERs and, if any, Additional ERs.
the Tr	e avoidance of doubt, by having transferred the above ERs, we also have transferred and assigned to ustee the right to cause those ERs to be forwarded into any Registry Account(s) of the Trustee's ee(s) in accordance with any modality, procedure, process or mechanism established by any relevant ity, entity or registry.
2. Inv	oice and Periodic Payment
	lculate that the gross payment amount for transferred ERs for this Reporting Period, before deducting Ivance Payment(s) and Taxes which the Trustee is entitled to deduct under the ERPA, is:
[US\$] Plus (i	
{US\$}	ERs]]
Equals	S
[US\$]	[gross payment amount]
	pay the gross payment amount, less any Advance Payment(s) and Taxes which the Trustee is entitled uct under the ERPA (Periodic Payment) to the following bank account, in accordance with the ERPA:

Name of Payee's Bank: XXX

Swift Code: XXX Bank address: XXX Bank Account Number: 123456789	
Name of Intermediary Bank: XXX Swift Code: XXX Bank address: XXX	
Dated: , 20[]	
For and on behalf	Program Entity
by its authorized Representative	
Signature:	
Print Name:	

EXERCISE NOTICE

[LETTERHEAD OF GRANTEE]

[Grantor]

Grantor:

Exercise Notice for [insert Reporting Period]

We refer to the Emission Reductions Payment Agreement dated [INSERT DATE] ("ERPA") between [] ("Program Entity") and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development ("IBRD"), as trustee of Tranche A of the Carbon Fund ("Fund") of the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility ("Trustee"), which includes the 'International Bank for Reconstruction and Development General Conditions Applicable to Emission Reductions Payment Agreements for Forest Carbon Partnership Facility Emission Reductions Programs' dated November 1, 2014 ("General Conditions"). Capitalized terms used and not specifically defined herein shall have the meanings assigned thereto in the ERPA and the General Conditions.

For the Reporting Period beginning [XX] and ending [XX], the Grantee hereby exercises its Call Option from the Grantor on the same terms and conditions as set out in the ERPA and transferred in accordance with the following:

Program Entity

Grantee: Registry Account: Quantity of Additional ERs: Exercise Price:	Trustee of Tranche A of the Fund [insert if known] [insert] [insert price per ER as specified in ERPA]
Exercise Completion Date:	[Insert date [90] calendar days from the date of this Notice]
Dated:	
For and on behalf of [insert legal name of Grantee]	by its Authorized Representative
Authorized Representative	
Please print name	

PRINCIPAL TERMS OF SUB-PROJECT ARRANGEMENTS

Any Sub-Project Arrangement between the Program Entity and any Sub-Project Entity shall include, but not be limited to, the following principal terms:

1. The Sub-Project Entity shall:

- (a) Implement all applicable requirements of the ER Monitoring Plan, including those pertaining to environmental and social performance and operational management systems (unless the Program Entity exclusively monitors the data/info required to be included in the ER Monitoring Report in which case this obligation does not need to be included).
- (b) Installs, operates and maintains the facilities and equipment and retains staff necessary for gathering all such data as may be required by the ER Monitoring Plan, including by establishing and maintaining all related data measurement and collection systems as are necessary (unless the Program Entity exclusively installs, operates and maintains the facilities and equipment and retains staff necessary for gathering all such data as may be required by the ER Monitoring Plan in which case this obligation does not need to be included).
- (c) Implement its Sub-Project/ER Program Measures (as specified in the ERPD) in accordance with the terms of the ERPD.
- (d) For the avoidance of doubt, authorize the Program Entity to transfer any ERs generated from such Sub-Project/ER Program Measures to the FCPF Carbon Fund free of any third party interest or encumbrance.
- (e) Inform the Program Entity immediately after becoming aware of the occurrence of a Reversal Event under a Sub-Project/ER Program Measure.
- (f) Operate and implement its Sub-Project/ER Program Measures in compliance with the World Bank Operational Policies and any Safeguards Plans provided for under the ERPA.
- (g) Maintain and prepare its Sub-Project/ER Program Measures to allow for Verification.
- (h) Satisfy any obligations in respect of applications for all licenses, permits, consents and authorizations required to implement the Sub-Project/ER Program Measures.

2. The Program Entity shall:

- (a) Provide the Sub-Project Entity with the ERPD, the ER Monitoring Plan (if needed), the Safeguards Plans and any other information relevant to the implementation of the Sub-Project/ER Program Measures (including relevant communication between the Trustee and the Program Entity in relation to the ERPA).
- (b) Collect from the Sub-Project Entity, and, if necessary, confirm the accuracy of, all information required to be collected under the Monitoring Plan and the applicable Safeguards Plans.



	01-Mar-2021
Date	

Ministry of Finance Av. México No. 45 Santo Domingo 10201 Dominican Republic

REF: Trust Fund No TF0B4964 Dominican Republic Emission Reductions Program

Disbursement and Financial Information Letter (DFIL)

	Minister Vicente	Dubocq
Dear	,	

I refer to (1) the Emission Reductions Payment Agreement ("ERPA") between Dominican Republic (the "Recipient" or as referred to in the ERPA, "Program Entity"), and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development ("IBRD"), acting as trustee of Tranche A of the Carbon Fund of the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (TF No. TF0B4964) ("Tranche A ERPA"). This ERPA provides that the World Bank may issue additional instructions regarding application for payments under the ERPA. This Disbursement and Financial Information Letter ("DFIL"), as revised from time to time, constitutes the additional instructions.

The Disbursement Guidelines for Investment Project Financing, dated February 2017. ("Disbursement Guidelines") are an integral part of the Disbursement and Financial Information Letter and are available in the World Bank's public website at https://worldbank.org. The manner in which the provisions in the Disbursement Guidelines apply to payments under the ERPA is specified below. Sections and subsections in parenthesis below refer to the relevant sections and subsections in the Disbursement Guidelines and, unless otherwise defined in this letter, the capitalized terms used have the meaning ascribed to them in the Disbursement Guidelines.

I. Disbursement Arrangements, Withdrawal of Funds, and Reporting of Uses of Funds.

General Provisions. The table in Schedule 1 sets out the disbursement methods which may be used by the Recipient, information on registration of authorized signatures, processing of withdrawal applications (including minimum value of applications, and advances), and instructions on supporting documentation.

(ii) Electronic Delivery. Reference for the Conditions of ERPA (FCPF), Section 4.05.

The Recipient will electronically deliver applications (with supporting documents) through the World Bank's web-based portal (https://clientconnection.worldbank.org) "Client Connection". This option may be effected if the officials designated in writing by the Recipient who are authorized to sign and deliver Applications have registered as users of "Client Connection". The designated officials may deliver Applications electronically by completing the Form 2380, which is accessible through "Client Connection". By signing the Authorized Signatory Letter, the Recipient confirms that it is authorizing such persons to accept Secure Identification Credentials (SIDC) and to deliver the Applications and supporting documents to the World Bank by electronic means. The World Bank may permit the Recipient to exercise the option of preparing and delivering Applications in paper form. The World Bank reserves the right and may, in its

sole discretion, temporarily or permanently disallow the electronic delivery of Applications by the Recipient. By designating officials to use SIDC and by choosing to deliver the Applications electronically, the Recipient confirms through the authorized signatory letter its agreement to: (a) abide by the Terms and Conditions of Use of Secure Identification Credentials in connection with Use of Electronic Means to Process Applications and Supporting Documentation, available in the World Bank's public website at https://worldbank.org and "Client Connection"; and (b) to cause such official to abide by those terms and conditions.

II. Financial Reports and Audits:

- 1. The Recipient will prepare and submit to the Bank semi-annual BSP financial reports on a semester basis in US Dollars no later than forty-five (45) days after the end of each calendar semester.
- 2. The Recipient will prepare and submit to the Bank Audited Financial Statements for the BSP, on an annual basis no later than four (4) months after the end of each fiscal year of the recipient.

III. Other Information.

For additional information on disbursement arrangements, please refer to the World Bank's website and "Client Connection". The World Bank recommends that you register as a user of "Client Connection". From this website you will be able to prepare and deliver Applications, monitor the near real-time status of the payment, and retrieve related policy, financial, and procurement information. For more information about the website and registration arrangements or any queries in relation to the above, please contact the World Bank by email at wfaldtf@worldbank.org.

Yours sincerely,

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Michel Kerf
Country Director
Central America and the Dominican Republic
Latin America and the Caribbean Region

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT AS TRUSTEE OF TRANCHE A OF THE CARBON FUND OF THE FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY

Attachments:

- 1. Form of Authorized Signatories
- 2. Confirmation signed by the Climate Change Fund Management Unit (SCCFM team) i.e. Pre-authorization of payment. This confirmation will be attached with the form 2380 (Withdrawal Application) as part of the supporting documentation.

3. ER Transfer Form- The format is provided in Schedule 3 to the ERPA. This form will be uploaded with the form 2380 (Withdrawal Application) as part of the supporting documentation. This form is not applicable to Advance Payments.

Schedule 1: Disbursement Provisions

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Number	Country and	Dominion of the Control of the Contr	IEIOII	
TF No.TF0B4964	Recipient	Continued in Republic	Termination	Stated in section 10.01 of the Emission Reduction Payment Agreement.
-	Name of the		Disbursement	Same as termination data
	Project	Dominican Republic	Deadline Date	carro as termination date.
		Emission Reductions Program	Subsection 3.6 *	
	Disburse	Disbursement Methods and Supporting S		
Disbursement Methods	Methods	Biningdac and another in	Documentation (Se	ction 4*)
Reimbursement i.e. actual Emission Reductions Payment	Yes	Confirmation signed by the Transfer Form signed by:	Supporting ne Bank's SCCFM tea	Confirmation signed by the Bank's SCCFM team i.e. pre-authorization of payments
Advance Payments (Future ER payments)	Yes	Confirmation signed by the Bank's SCC	ne Bank's SCCFM tea	Confirmation signed by the Bank's SCCFM team i.e. pre-authorization of payments
	Ā	dvances and Decisional A		
Financial Institution	Central Bank of	Bank of Dominica Parities	rt (Sections 5 and 6	
Frequency of Reporting	Same as stated i	Same as stated in Schodulo 2 of the read	Amount USD 2,	USD 2,125,000 (Tranche A USD 106,250 and Tranche B
Type of the Designated Account	Pooled DA for	DA for Tranche [A] TF No.TF084964	2,018,750)	(20)
	and Tranche [B]	and Tranche [B] TF No. TF084963		
Authorized Signatures (S	ubsection 3.1 and	13.2 **) The form for Authorize	d Signatories Letter	Authorized Signatures (Subsection 3.1 and 3.2 **) The form for Authorized Signatories Letter is provided in Attachment 1.5 this 1.2.
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Authorized Signatories Letter:	Wit	Withdrawal and Documentation Applications:	pplications:	- trong
The World Bank 1818 H Street, N.W.	Ally	All Withdrawal Applications and its supporting documentation will be submitted electronically through the system Client Connection.	supporting docume lient Connection.	itation will be submitted
Washington, DC 20433, USA Attention: Michel Kerf	If ac	If accepted in paper by the World Bank, it will be submitted to the following address: The World Bank	ank, it will be submi	ted to the following address:
Country Director Central America and the Dominican Republ	— .:	No. 11, Taramani Main Road Taramani, Chennai – 600 113		
raun America and the Caribbean Region		India] Attention: WFACS Department		

		Additional Instructions
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- If requested by the Program Entity, the Trustee may make advance payments on behalf of the Program Entity in the amount of the Tranche A Pro Rata issuance and forwarding of Contract ERs or Additional ERs or the ER Transfer, payable by the Program Entity in accordance with Section 5.04(a) of the Share for any fees, charges, costs or other expenses charged by a Registry system or any other relevant authority or entity in relation to Registration, General Conditions ("Advanced Expense Payment"). ij
- In addition to the above and starting after Verification of ERs generated during Reporting Period 1, the Program Entity may request the Trustee to make one interim advance payment (**"Interim Advance Payment**"), provided that any payment by the Trustee of any Interim Advance Payment shall be 7
- The Program Entity has fulfilled all Conditions of Effectiveness referred to in Section 3.01 and specified in Schedule 1 to Tranche A ERPA, in form and substance satisfactory to the Trustee following consultations with Tranche A Participants;
- A final Verification Report has been submitted to the Trustee for the Reporting Period preceding the Interim Progress Reporting Period and the Program Entity has monitored ERs generated under the ER Program ("Monitored ERs") during such Interim Progress Reporting Period and has documented its monitoring results by submission of an interim progress report ("Interim Progress Report") to the Trustee, in form and substance satisfactory to the Trustee following consultations with Tranche A Participants. As a separate annex to the Interim Progress Report, the Program =
- evidence satisfactory to the Trustee that the Program Activity is being implemented in accordance with the Safeguards Plans and that the Benefit Sharing Plan has been implemented in accordance with its terms (including any feedback and grievance redress mechanism described in any of such documents); and 3
- information on the generation and/or enhancement of Priority Non-Carbon Benefits (to the extent not yet provided for under any elevant Safeguards Plan, if applicable) under the ER Program; (B)
- The Interim Advance Payment to be made by Tranche A of the Fund shall be limited to the Tranche A Pro Rata Share of the following amount: ≝ਂ

(A) For Interim Progress Reporting Period 1 (January 1 – December 31, 2022).

during the Reporting Period 1 verifies less than 50% of ERs previously monitored and reported for Reporting Period 1 in which case the percentage amount (B) 50% of the value of Monitored ERs (i.e., Unit Price times Monitored ERs times 50%), unless the first Verification of monitored ERs for the Interim Advance Payment will be reduced to half of the actual percentage of verified ERs against monitored ERs for Reporting Period 1.

- The Interim Advance Payment made under the Tranche A and Tranche B ERPA shall not exceed USD 2,125,000 ("Interim Advance Payment Cap" - (Tranche A USD 106,250 and Tranche B 2,018,750). ≥
- substance satisfactory to the Trustee, the Trustee shall notify the Program Entity accordingly and shall disburse the Tranche A Pro Rata Share of the Interim Advance Payment installment to the Program Entity within thirty (30) calendar days following receipt by the Program Entity of such Upon all conditions for each Interim Advance Payment instalment under subparagraphs (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) above being fulfilled, in form and >
- 3. In addition to the above, the Program Entity may request the Trustee to make an ER advance payment ("ER Advance Payment") to the Program Entity for Contract ERs and/or Additional ERs generated by the ER Program during a Reporting Period, as evidenced in the ER Monitoring Report for that Reporting Period and pending subsequent final Verification and ER Transfer, provided that any payment of any ER Advance Payment shall be made by the Trustee
- The Trustee determines, in its sole and absolute discretion following consultations with Tranche A Participants, whether it is willing to make \equiv
- The ER Advance Payment to be made by Tranche A of the Fund shall be limited to the Tranche A Pro Rata Share of such payment; Ξ
- The Program Entity has fulfilled all Conditions of Effectiveness referred to in Error! Reference source not found. and specified in Error! Reference source not found, to this Agreement, in form and substance satisfactory to the Trustee following consultations with Tranche A $\widehat{\Xi}$
- Upon all the conditions for the ER Advance Payment under subparagraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) above being fulfilled, in form and substance satisfactory to the Trustee, the Trustee shall notify the Program Entity accordingly and shall disburse the Tranche A Pro Rata Share of the ER Advance Payment to the Program Entity within thirty (30) calendar days following receipt by the Program Entity of such notification; and

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Price/Exercise Price (as applicable) X Contract ERs/Additional ERs (as applicable) *generated during* that Reporting Period (as evidenced in In the event that the subsequent final Verification Report for that Reporting Period verifies an ER amount that is less than the amount that was reported in the ER Monitoring Report and the value of such Verified amount of Contract ERs and/or Additional ERs (i.e. Unit the final Verification Report)) is less than the ER Advance Payment, the Trustee shall be entitled to recover the Tranche A Pro Rata Share of the overpaid amount from any future Periodic Payment to be made to the Program Entity under this Agreement for transferred ERs or, if no such subsequent Periodic Payment will be due, request prompt repayment of such overpaid amount from the Program Entity.

- 4. The Trustee shall be entitled to deduct in full any Advance Payment(s) made to the Program Entity by Tranche A of the Fund, as applicable, from Periodic Payments for transferred Contract ERs/Additional ERs under this Agreement
- 5. In the event that any outstanding Advance Payment made under this Agreement cannot be recovered in full from the last Periodic Payment due for transferred Contract ERs/Additional ERs to be made under this Agreement, the Trustee may request prompt repayment of the outstanding Advance Payment amount from the Program Entity to the Trustee.
- 6. Notwithstanding Section 5.03(c) of the General Conditions, legal title to any Contract ERs and/or Additional ERs for which an Advance Payment has been made shall transfer to the Trustee upon completion of the ER Transfer of such ERs to the Trustee.
 - * Sections and subsections relate to the "Disbursement Guidelines for Investment Project Financing", dated February 2017.

Attachment 1 - Form of Authorized Signatory Letter

[Letterhead] [Street address] [City] [Country]

[DATE]

The World Bank, 1818 H Street, N.W. Washington, D.C 20433 USA

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RE: <u>Trust Fund No TF0B3978</u> Dominican Republic Emission Reductions Program

I refer to the Emission Reductions Payment Agreement ("ERPA") between the _____ (the "Recipient" or as referred to in the ERPA, "Program Entity"), and the International Bank of Reconstruction and Development (the "World Bank acting as trustee of Forest Carbon Partnership Facility for the TF0B3978. For the purposes of Section 4.05 of the Tranche A ERPA (FCPF), any ¹[one] of the persons whose authenticated specimen signatures appear below is authorized on behalf of the Recipient to sign applications for withdrawal under the above ERPA.

For the purpose of delivering Applications to the World Bank, ²[each] of the persons whose authenticated specimen signatures appears below is authorized on behalf of the Recipient, acting ³[individually] ⁴[jointly], to deliver Applications, and evidence in support thereof on the terms and conditions specified by the World Bank.

⁵ [This confirms that the Recipient is authorizing such persons to accept Secure Identification Credentials (SIDC) and to deliver the Applications and supporting documents to the World Bank by electronic means. In full recognition that the World Bank shall rely upon such representations and warranties, including without limitation, the representations and warranties contained in the *Terms and Conditions of Use of Secure Identification Credentials in connection*

¹ Instruction to the Recipient: Stipulate if more than one person needs to sign Applications, and how many or which positions, and if any thresholds apply. *Please delete this footnote in final letter that is sent to the World Bank.*

² Instruction to the Recipient: Stipulate if more than one person needs to *jointly* sign Applications, if so, please indicate the actual number. Please delete this footnote in final letter that is sent to the World Bank.

³ Instruction to the Recipient: Use this bracket if any one of the authorized persons may sign; if this is not applicable, please delete. *Please delete this footnote in final letter that is sent to the World Bank*.

⁴ Instruction to the Recipient: Use this bracket <u>only</u> if several individuals must jointly sign each Application; if this is not applicable, please delete. Please delete this footnote in final letter that is sent to the World Bank.

⁵ Instruction to the Recipient: Add this paragraph if the Recipient wishes to authorize the listed persons to accept Secure Identification Credentials and to deliver Applications by electronic means; if this is not applicable, please delete the paragraph. Please delete this footnote in final letter that is sent to the World Bank.

with Use of Electronic Means to Process Applications and Supporting Documentation ("Terms and Conditions of Use of SIDC"), the Recipient represents and warrants to the World Bank that it will cause such persons to abide by those terms and conditions.]

This Authorization replaces and supersedes any Authorization currently in the World Bank records with respect to this Agreement.

[Name], [position]	Specimen Signature:
[Name], [position]	Specimen Signature:
[Name], [position]	Specimen Signature:
	Yours truly,
	/ signed /

Attachment 2 - Confirmation's Template



[Date]

[Name, title, address of representative of Recipient as specified in Emission Reductions Payment Agreement]

Confirmation to Authorize Payment ([payment reference])

Dear [Madam/Sir],

We refer to the Emission Reductions Payment Agreement ("ERPA") between [name of Recipient] ("Recipient") and the International Bank of Reconstruction and Development ("IBRD"), as Trustee of the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility ("Trustee"), dated [date] ("ERPA") [and as amended on [[date/s]] (([TF Number]) for the [Project Name] ("Project")).

We are pleased to inform you that the Trustee confirms the terms and conditions of the ERPA have been met for [payment type] of [currency] [gross payment amount] [less [currency] [total deduction]] for a net payment of [currency] [net payment amount] [for reporting period [reporting period]] ([payment request ID]).

Through <u>Client Connection</u>, please provide: (1) a signed withdrawal application (form 2380); (2) this confirmation letter; [and (3) a copy of the completed Transfer Form in Attachment 3, signed and on Recipient's letterhead].

Sincerely,

[Name]
Manager
Climate Change Fund Management Unit

cc. Project Implementing Agency(ies)

cc. Task Team; Finance Officer, WFACS Regional Team Lead; Country Lawyer/LEGEN; SCCFM EMG-Service desk; others as appropriate.

EMISSIONS REDUCTION TRANSFER FORM

SCHEDULE 1ER TRANSFER FORM

[LETTERHEAD OF PROGRAM ENTITY]

то:	The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development as Trustee of Tranche A of the Carbon Fund of the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility				
ER Tra	ER Transfer Form for the Reporting Period from [Date] to [Date]				
We refer to the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility Emission Reductions Payment Agreement dated [] between [] ("Program Entity") and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, as Trustee of Tranche A of the Carbon Fund of the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility ("IBRD" or "Trustee")[, as amended] ("ERPA"). Capitalized terms used and not specifically defined herein shall have the meanings assigned thereto in the ERPA.					
1. Noti	fication of Transfer of ERs				
	rdance with the ERPA, we hereby notify the Trustee that the following amount of Verified ERs has ansferred to the Trustee for this Reporting Period in accordance with the ERPA:				
•	ERs, as Verified by Verification Report dated [INSERT DATE] of which ERs are Contract ERs and, if any, Additional ERs.				
For the avoidance of doubt, by having transferred the above ERs, we also have transferred and assigned to the Trustee the right to cause those ERs to be forwarded into any Registry Account(s) of the Trustee's nominee(s) in accordance with any modality, procedure, process or mechanism established by any relevant authority, entity or registry.					
2. Invo	ice and Periodic Payment				
	culate that the gross payment amount for transferred ERs for this Reporting Period, before deducting vance Payment(s) and Taxes which the Trustee is entitled to deduct under the ERPA, is:				
[US\$]_ Plus (if	[[US\$][Unit Price] X [Volume of transferred Contract ERs]]				
[US\$]_	[[US\$][Exercise Price] X [Volume of transferred Additional				
Equals	ERs]]				
[US\$]_	[gross payment amount]				

⁶ This Form is not applicable to Advance Payments

Please pay the gross payment amount, less any Advance Payment(s) and Taxes which the Trustee is entitled to deduct under the ERPA (Periodic Payment) to the following bank account, in accordance with the ERPA:

Name of Payee's Bank: XXX
Swift Code: XXX
Bank address: XXX
Bank Account Number: 123456789

Name of Intermediary Bank: XXX
Swift Code: XXX