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Scientific Certification Systems Validates First Climate, Community and Biodiversity Carbon Offset Project in Tasmania

*Redd Forests Project Reduces CO2 Emissions and
Protects Endangered Tasmanian Devil Habitat*



Photo credit: Wayne McLean

July 20, 2009 - Emeryville, CA – Scientific Certification Systems (SCS) has validated an improved forest management project in Tasmania, Australia, to the Climate, Community and Biodiversity (CCB) standard. Logging and carbon sequestration rights were acquired by Redd Forests to protect 790 hectares of privately owned native forest in the Tasmania Macquarie River Basin.

With much of the forestland on the island of Tasmania being lost to unsustainable forestry practices and development, the *Redd Forests Tasmania Project* has been designed to prove the commercial viability of utilizing revenue from the sale of carbon offsets to generate a viable alternative to traditional logging income.

“Scientific Certification Systems provided excellent support. Their professional, independent auditing services ensures that our project offers investors’ true multi-benefit carbon credits,” says Stephen Dickey, founder and managing director of Redd Forests, the project developer.

The *Redd Forests Tasmania Project* is the first CCB project on the island of Tasmania and aims to prevent the loss of carbon and wildlife habitat associated with clear-fell logging and land conversion. According to the SCS Lead Auditor Mike Thompson, research and evidence from adjoining properties shows that the area – which is home to a healthy population of the endangered Tasmanian Devil – is under immediate threat of being cleared and replaced with a monoculture plantation project.

“Our many years of experience certifying international forest management projects under Forest Stewardship Council guidelines allow us to apply our expertise to validate multi-attribute projects under the Climate, Community and Biodiversity standard,” says SCS Senior Vice President Robert J. Hrubes.

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SCS' previous experience validating carbon projects to the CCB standard include reforestation projects developed by The Conservation Fund in Louisiana and Kansas and a Ducks Unlimited avoided grassland conversion project in the Dakotas.

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Scientific Certification Systems (SCS) has been providing global leadership in third-party environmental and sustainability certification, auditing, testing and standards development for more than 25 years. SCS programs span a wide cross-section of industries, recognizing achievements in green building, product manufacturing, food and agriculture, forestry, retailing and more. The SCS Greenhouse Gas Verification Program provides verification of project-based emissions reductions, project design validation and pre-assessment analysis. SCS is accredited to ISO 14065 for GHG validation and verification by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and, under this accreditation, offers Voluntary Carbon Standard (VCS) and Climate Action Reserve (CAR) offset verification services. SCS also offers offset verification services under the Chicago Climate Exchange (CCX) and the Climate, Community and Biodiversity (CCB) standards.

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Climate, Community & Biodiversity Standards evaluate land-based carbon mitigation projects in the early stages of development. The CCB Standards foster the integration of best-practice and multiple-benefit approaches into project design and evolution. The Standards identify projects that simultaneously address climate change, support local communities and conserve biodiversity; promote excellence and innovation in project design; and mitigate risk for investors and increase funding opportunities for project developers.

<http://www.climate-standards.org>

Redd Forests was incorporated in December of 2008 as a "profit for purpose" business designed to apply commercially viable methodologies to replace activities that degrade or destroy the world's forests. Redd Forests seeks to acquire the logging and carbon sequestration rights from landowners of native and old growth forests that are under threat from destructive logging or conversion to monoculture plantations.

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