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Scientific Certification Systems Achieves Important ANSI Accreditation for Verifying Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions Projects

SCS is First Greenhouse Gas Verifier to Meet ANSI Requirements Under the Climate Action Reserve

May 5, 2009 – Emeryville, CA – Scientific Certification Systems (SCS) has achieved ISO 14065 accreditation for Greenhouse Gas Validation and Verification from the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). SCS completed a thorough assessment process demonstrating its independence, impartiality, and competence to successfully verify carbon offsets.

“SCS’ strong commitment to the ANSI accreditation program has been impressive,” says Reinaldo Figueiredo, Program Director of Product Certification Accreditation at ANSI.

With this ANSI accreditation, SCS is also the first certifier to meet the ISO 14065 standard under the Climate Action Reserve’s Forest Verification Protocol.

“We know that SCS is well qualified to meet all our requirements and maintain high standards,” says Climate Action Reserve Communications Director Jennifer Weiss.

Achieving the ANSI accreditation also qualifies SCS to continue verifying projects under the Voluntary Carbon Standard (VCS).

“This is a very important milestone for SCS,” says SCS Vice President Dr. Robert Hrubes. “The ANSI accreditation reinforces our ability to provide high-quality greenhouse gas verification services that meet the requirements of the leading carbon offset trading programs.”

The SCS Carbon Offset Verification Program was established in 2006. In 2007, SCS conducted the first verifications of Forest Conservation Management Projects under the California Climate Action Registry (CCAR) following the Forestry Sector Protocols. In 2008, CCAR launched the national Climate Action Reserve (CAR) to register and track carbon offset projects throughout the United States. SCS now verifies to CAR standards based on internationally recognized best practices that assure carbon projects achieve climate benefits that are real, permanent, verifiable, and additional.

Over the past nine months, SCS has completed greenhouse gas verification projects in California, Louisiana, North Dakota, Uruguay and Tasmania. And by year’s end, SCS will have completed additional projects in the U.S., Peruvian Amazon and elsewhere.

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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, forestry, retail, agricultural production, fisheries, and energy.

The SCS Greenhouse Gas Verification Program provides third-party verification for forestry and land use projects that seek to provide climate benefits by reducing greenhouse gas emissions. SCS' independent verification services ensure emissions reductions claims are credible, transparent and tradable in international carbon markets.

SCS is accredited to ISO 14065 for GHG Validation and Verification by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and offers verification under the Voluntary Carbon Standard (VCS), the Climate Action Reserve (CAR), the Chicago Climate Exchange (CCX) and the Climate, Community and Biodiversity (CCB) standards.

To date, SCS has verified climate projects on three continents and continues to expand its reach. High-profile verifications have included the first projects completed under California's landmark Forest Protocols – the Pacific Forest Trust's *Van Eck Forest Project* and the Conservation Fund's *Garcia River Project* in Northern California; Ducks Unlimited's *Avoided Grassland Conversion Project* in the Prairie Pothole Region of the Dakotas; and a Greenoxx forest project in Uruguay that was held up as an exemplary model by the CCX.

SCS also verifies carbon footprints and recently verified The Nature Conservancy of California's emissions under the California Climate Action Registry (CCAR).

To learn more: http://www.scs-certified.com/forestry/forest_carbon.html

The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) is a private non-profit organization whose mission is to enhance U.S. global competitiveness and the American quality of life by promoting, facilitating and safeguarding the integrity of the voluntary standardization and conformity assessment system. Its membership is comprised of businesses, professional societies and trade associations, standards developers, government agencies and consumer and labor organizations. The Institute represents the diverse interests of more than 125,000 companies and organizations and 3.5 million professionals worldwide.

To learn more: <http://www.ansi.org/>

The Climate Action Reserve is the national offsets program of the California Climate Action Registry, and works to ensure that the U.S. carbon market provides environmental benefits while upholding integrity and financial value. It does this by establishing high-quality standards for quantifying and verifying greenhouse gas emissions reduction projects, issuing carbon credits generated from such projects and tracking the transaction of credits over time in a transparent, publicly accessible system. These standards ensure the environmental integrity of using offsets.

To learn more: <http://www.climateactionreserve.org/>