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REDUCING CLIMATE IMPACTS IN CATTLE INDUSTRY

New blockchain report + our latest consultations

Reducing climate impacts in cattle industry: New Value Change methodology

Ensuring global food security while reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions is one of the most significant global challenges for sustainable development. Emissions from ruminants, especially dairy cows and beef cattle, play a central role in this field. According to the FAO, livestock supply chains account for 7.1 GT CO₂, equivalent to 14.5% of global anthropogenic GHG emissions. Cattle (beef, milk) are currently responsible for about two-thirds of that total, largely due to methane emissions resulting from rumen fermentation. Reducing these emissions has thus become an important goal for climate programmes.

"To incentivise farmers and the broader industry to take action, it is pivotal that they can credibly account for lowering their carbon footprint and be recognised accordingly for their contributions to SDG 13: Climate Action."

DSM and Gold Standard are pleased to announce the launch of an innovative methodology under Gold Standard for the Global Goals to quantify reductions of emissions from enteric fermentation. The DSM-funded methodology focuses on the application of feed supplements to reduce methane emissions, authored by TREES Consulting and DSM. After reviews by leading experts in the field during the Gold Standard registration process, the methodology is now available for use in eligible projects seeking emission reduction certification.

In 2019, DSM plans to launch several pilot projects applying this new Gold Standard methodology with its new feed supplement for ruminants that targets a substantial reduction of enteric methane. The feed supplement has been extensively tested at

scientific institutions globally with results published in scientific peer-reviewed journals; it typically results in an enteric methane reduction of approximately 30%.

[Read the full methodology>>](#)

New Report: Navigating Blockchain for Climate Action

Gold Standard is a founding member of the Climate Ledger Initiative (CLI), which launched a new report, [Navigating Blockchain for Climate Action>>](#), at the climate change negotiations (COP24) on 04 December 2018.



This report navigates the opportunities and challenges of using blockchain technology for climate action and the implementation of the Paris Agreement.

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Gold Standard Consultations

We are seeking your feedback on the following consultations:

Renewable Energy Label Product Requirements

Gold Standard is exploring the possibility of amending its 'Renewable Energy Label Requirements' to include



more flexibility for retroactive projects applying for Renewable Energy Labels.

Proposed changes include the definition of the start date for retroactive projects seeking Renewable Energy Labels, increase the submission time for design certification and expand the eligibility requirements.

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Consultation closes: 18 Feb 2019



Eligibility Requirements for MSW Incineration Activities

Gold Standard expands its 'Renewable Energy Activity Requirements' scope to include Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) incineration project activities.

Additional requirements include specific criteria for stakeholder consultation, project eligibility, environmental emissions and operational requirements and continuous reporting on the status of regulatory compliance. The objective of these requirements is to ensure that best practice has been followed avoiding any potential negative impact.

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Consultation closes: 18 Feb 2019

Value Chain Interventions: Guidance for Soil Organic Carbon

This guidance is designed to support the [Value Chains Interventions Guidance>>](#), with specific focus on how to select and apply methods for the quantification of Soil Organic



Carbon (SOC). SOC represents one of the most significant opportunities to mitigate climate change, particularly through application in company supply chain programmes. This Guidance provides a step-wise approach to SOC measurement and reporting in the context of the Interventions Guidance, in the Greenhouse Gas Protocol.

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