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STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION REPORT

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PROJECT TITLE	Abaco Solar Power Plant with Energy Storage

KEY PROJECT INFORMATION

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This version of the Stakeholder Consultation Report has been prepared for public disclosure. The names, personal contact information and signatures of individual stakeholders have been redacted to protect personal data. A complete unredacted version has been submitted separately to Gold Standard and the Validation and Verification Body.

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SECTİON.A. INFORMATION MADE AVAILABLE TO STAKEHOLDERS

A.1. Preliminary agenda for the meeting

The proposed project activity has been developed as a solar power project combined with a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) and is expected to contribute to the sustainable energy transition of Abaco Island, The Bahamas. The Stakeholder Consultation Process has been implemented in order to inform stakeholders about the project activity, collect stakeholder feedback and recommendations, and support the development of the project as a Gold Standard carbon emission reduction project.

A.2. A non–technical summary of the project

EA Energy Ltd. plans to implement the Abaco Solar Power Plant with Energy Storageon Abaco Island, The Bahamas. The project activity consists of a solar power plant integrated with a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) in order to enhance grid stability, improve renewable electricity integration, and support sustainable energy generation within the island.

The project activity is expected to contribute significantly to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by supplying renewable electricity to the island grid system while reducing dependence on fossil fuel-based electricity generation. In addition, the Battery Energy Storage System will support the reliability and flexibility of the electricity network by enabling better management of intermittent renewable energy generation.

The project activity is planned to be developed as a carbon emission reduction project under the Gold Standard certification framework. The stakeholder consultation process has therefore been carried out in line with Gold Standard stakeholder consultation requirements in order to ensure transparency, stakeholder participation, and sustainable development contribution.

The target project activity has not been registered, listed, or enrolled under any existing carbon finance programme or greenhouse gas (GHG) crediting mechanism. No carbon credits have been issued, claimed, or are intended to be claimed for the same emission reductions under any other voluntary or compliance carbon market. Accordingly, the

project is not exposed to any risk of double counting, including double issuance, double claiming, or double use of emission reductions.

Although similar emission reduction projects have been implemented within the surrounding region, the proposed project activity is demonstrably distinct in terms of its physical location, ownership, operational boundaries, technology configuration, and project-specific emission reduction sources. The project activity is unique, does not overlap with any existing carbon-financed programme, and the associated emission reductions are exclusively attributable to this project.

A.3. Contact details to get further technical and project details

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Project Representative:
Sekans Enerji Ltd. Şti.
Ms. Sila Duran
e-mail: sila@sekansdanismanlik.com

A.4. Summary of economic, social and environmental impacts of the Project

The project activity is expected to generate positive environmental, economic, and social impacts through the following contributions:

- Displacement of fossil fuel-based electricity generation through renewable solar energy utilization,
- Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and contribution to climate change mitigation,
- Improvement of electricity reliability and grid flexibility through the integration of Battery Energy Storage System (BESS),
- Contribution to local employment opportunities during construction and operation phases,
- Support for sustainable economic development within the region,

- Contribution to the modernization and sustainability of the local electricity infrastructure.

A.5. Summary of likely contributions of the project to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

As implementing a BESS, this project sets a benchmark for future developments. It demonstrates technical leadership and innovation, contributing to the modernization of the Bahamas energy infrastructure and advancing national renewable energy goals. By enabling a higher penetration of clean energy into the grid, BESS supports the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. Furthermore, it aligns with several United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including affordable and clean energy (SDG 7), decent work and economic growth (SDG8), industry innovation and infrastructure (SDG 9), and climate action (SDG 13).

- Goal 7 Affordable and Clean Energy

The project will produce electricity from renewable energy sources using solar as the power source and to contribute to Bahamas's growing electricity demand through a sustainable and low carbon technology. The project displaces the same amount of electricity generated by the grid dominated with fossil fired power plants.

The project will contribute to the following target 7.2. and following indicator 7.2.1.

- SDG 8 Decent Work and Economic Growth

During construction and operational period, the project will create employment opportunities for the local community. The project contributes to the economic development of the region by providing sustainable energy resources.

The positions at the solar projects require skilled workers, which have been achieved by adequate training. The project will provide workers with a safe and healthy work environment and is not complicit in exposing workers to unsafe work environments.

The project contributes to the following targets 8.5.; 8.8.and following indicators 8.5.2.; 8.8.1.

- SDG 9 Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure

The project enables the adoption of clean and environmentally sound technology.

The project contributes to the target 9.4 and the indicator 9.4.1.

- SDG 13 Climate Action

The project will improve the environmental situation in the region and contribute to avoidance of fossil fuel-based electricity. This will enhance the air quality and help reduce the adverse effects on the climate. Through renewable technologies and solar-based electricity sustainable and climate friendly development is promoted. While emission reduction is realized, technology transfer is also realized as benefitting from solar energy.

The project will contribute to the following target 13.3. and following indicator 13.3.2.

A.6. Other relevant information to help stakeholders understand the project

The project includes a solar power plant integrated with a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS). The BESS component is expected to support grid stability, improve renewable electricity integration, and help manage intermittent solar power generation on Abaco Island. The project is planned to be developed under the Gold Standard certification framework as a carbon emission reduction project.

SECTİON.B. INVITATIONS MADE TO STAKEHOLDERS

B.1. Invitation tracking table

Category Code	Stakeholder Type/Organisation (if relevant)	Name of invitee	Gender	Method of invitation	Date of invitation (>30 days before Meeting)

A	Family Island Administrator - Abaco	[REDACTED – Name]	M	E-mail/Phone	10/02/2026
A	Family Island Administrator - Abaco	[REDACTED – Name]	F	E-mail/Phone	10/02/2026
A	Abaco Local Government	[REDACTED – Name]	F	E-mail/Phone	10/02/2026
B	Abaco Resident	[REDACTED – Name]	F	E-mail/Phone	10/02/2026
B	Abaco Resident	[REDACTED – Name]	F	E-mail/Phone	10/02/2026
B	Abaco Resident	[REDACTED – Name]	F	E-mail/Phone	10/02/2026
C	Environmenta list	[REDACTED – Name]	M	E-mail/Phone	10/02/2026
B	Abaco Resident	[REDACTED – Name]	M	E-mail/Phone	10/02/2026
C	Contractor	[REDACTED – Name]	M	E-mail/Phone	10/02/2026
C	Contractor	[REDACTED – Name]	M	E-mail/Phone	10/02/2026
A	Bahamas Power & Light	[REDACTED – Name]	M	E-mail/Phone	10/02/2026
C	Registered Land Surveyors	[REDACTED – Name]	F	E-mail/Phone	10/02/2026
B	Abaco Resident	[REDACTED – Name]	M	E-mail/Phone	10/02/2026
B	Abaco Resident	[REDACTED – Name]	M	E-mail/Phone	10/02/2026
B	Abaco Resident	[REDACTED – Name]	F	E-mail/Phone	10/02/2026
C	Abaco Chamber of Commerce	[REDACTED – Name]	M	E-mail/Phone	10/02/2026
C	Interdisciplina ry Research, Education and	[REDACTED – Name]	M	E-mail/Phone	10/02/2026

	Communication (IDREC)				
A	Department of Environmental Planning & Protection (DEPP)	[REDACTED – Name]	M	E-mail/Phone	10/02/2026
A	Ministry of Energy & Transport	[REDACTED – Name]	M	E-mail	10/02/2026
A	Bahamas Power & Light	[REDACTED – Name]	F	E-mail	10/02/2026
D	Gold Standard	help@goldstandard.org	N/A	E-mail	10/02/2026
D	Global Offset Research	impsindore@gmail.com	N/A	E-mail	10/02/2026
D	Lean Management Systems Promotion Society	syadav@globaloffsetresearch.com	N/A	E-mail	10/02/2026
D	myclimate	thomas.finsterwald@myclimate.org	N/A	E-mail	10/02/2026
D	WWF	N/A	N/A	E-mail	10/02/2026

B.1.1. Appropriateness of methods

Considering the meeting agenda, invitation methods were selected in accordance with Gold Standard stakeholder consultation requirements and local communication practices. Stakeholders were invited through e-mails, phone calls, public announcements, and stakeholder invitation materials distributed on 10/02/2026 prior to the consultation meeting.

A public consultation announcement was published in The Nassau Guardian newspaper in order to inform local stakeholders and ensure accessibility of the consultation process. The announcement included the meeting date, location, project information, and Zoom participation details for stakeholders who were unable to physically attend the meeting.

Relevant governmental institutions, local authorities, local residents, environmental stakeholders, technical stakeholders, and international organizations were invited to participate in the stakeholder consultation process. The hybrid meeting structure allowing both physical and online participation was selected in order to maximize stakeholder accessibility and participation throughout Abaco Island.

B.1.2. Gender Sensitivity

Especially, considering local residents, invitations were placed on public places to be accessible by women. A total of 8 female stakeholders were invited to participate in the stakeholder consultation process for the project.

B.1.3. Evidence proving invites took place as stated

[IMAGE REDACTED]
[IMAGE REDACTED]

Figure 1. Email invitation sent by Fincastle Media Group on behalf of EA Energy for the stakeholder consultation town hall meeting



Figure 2. Public invitation flyer announcing the Abaco Town Hall Meeting scheduled for 10 March 2026 in Marsh Harbour

B.1.4. Sample content of invites (for each method above)

E-mail:

To Whom It May Concern,

We kindly invite you to the Stakeholder Participation Meeting to be held on March 10th, 2026, at 6:00 PM, at Friendship Tabernacle Community Church, Dundas Town, Abaco, Bahamas, regarding the Abaco Solar Power Plant with Energy Storage.

For stakeholders who are unable to physically attend the meeting, online participation through Zoom can also be arranged.

Please find the project summary attached for your information. Should you be unable to attend the meeting, you are always welcome to share your valuable opinions and comments with us via the contact information below.

Public Announcements on flyers:
We would like to invite you to the Stakeholder Participation Meeting to be held on March 10th, 2026, at 6:00 PM, at Friendship Tabernacle Community Church, Dundas Town, Abaco, Bahamas, regarding the Abaco Solar Power Plant with Energy Storage.

For attending stakeholders, transportation support to the meeting venue can be arranged if required.

B.1.5. Description of other means and methods to provide feedback for those who were not able to join the consultation meeting

Contacts details of Project Proponent and Project Representative including e-mail and telephone information have been shared. No comment has been received.

SECTİON.C. REPORT OF THE CONSULTATION PROCESS

C.1. Date of Meeting(s)

Date: 10/03/2026

C.1.1. Justification of why consultation took place after the project start date (retroactive projects only)

The proposed project activity has been developed as a solar power plant integrated with a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) and is expected to contribute to sustainable electricity generation and grid reliability improvement on Abaco Island, Bahamas. The project activity includes Battery Energy Storage System technology as part of the project design. The Independent Power Producer License for the project activity was issued on 30/10/2025.

Since Battery Energy Storage System technology has recently started to become more widely integrated into island electricity systems within the Bahamas, the regulatory and

technical evaluation processes regarding renewable energy integration and energy storage applications required additional assessments and coordination among relevant authorities. In addition, it was initially unclear whether the project activity fully met the requirements of the Gold Standard Renewable Energy Activity Requirements.

In addition to this, the Stakeholder Consultation Meeting was held on 10/03/2026 and was made accessible for local residents and relevant stakeholders through both physical participation and online participation via Zoom. During the stakeholder consultation process, stakeholders were informed regarding the project activity, expected environmental and social impacts, sustainable development contributions, and grievance mechanism of the project activity. No significant negative comments or objections regarding the implementation of the project activity were received during the stakeholder consultation process.

C.1.2. List of participants

Date and Time: 10/03/2026, 06:00 PM	Location: Abaco Solar Power Plant with Energy Storage

Category Code	Name of participant, job / position in the community	Gender	Contact Details	Organisation (if relevant)	Signature
A	[REDACTED – Name]	M	[REDACTED – Contact Information]	Family Island Administrator - Abaco	Y
A	[REDACTED – Name]	F	[REDACTED – Contact Information]	Family Island Administrator - Abaco	Y
A	[REDACTED – Name]	F	[REDACTED – Contact Information]	Abaco Local Government	Y
B	[REDACTED – Name]	F	[REDACTED – Contact Information]	Abaco Resident	Y

B	[REDACTED – Name]	F	[REDACTED – Contact Information]	Abaco Resident	Y
B	[REDACTED – Name]	F	[REDACTED – Contact Information]	Abaco Resident	Y
C	[REDACTED – Name]	M	[REDACTED – Contact Information]	Environmentalist	Y
B	[REDACTED – Name]	M	[REDACTED – Contact Information]	Abaco Resident	Y
C	[REDACTED – Name]	M	[REDACTED – Contact Information]	Contractor	Y
C	[REDACTED – Name]	M	[REDACTED – Contact Information]	Contractor	Y
A	[REDACTED – Name]	M	[REDACTED – Contact Information]	Bahamas Power & Light	Y
C	[REDACTED – Name]	F	[REDACTED – Contact Information]	Registered Land Surveyors	Y
B	[REDACTED – Name]	M	[REDACTED – Contact Information]	Abaco Resident	Y
B	[REDACTED – Name]	M	[REDACTED – Contact Information]	Abaco Resident	Y
B	[REDACTED – Name]	F	[REDACTED – Contact Information]	Abaco Resident	Y

C	[REDACTED – Name]	M	[REDACTED – Contact Information]	Abaco Chamber of Commerce	Y
C	[REDACTED – Name]	M	[REDACTED – Contact Information]	Interdisciplinary Research, Education, and Communication	Y
A	[REDACTED – Name]	M	[REDACTED – Contact Information]	Dept of Environmental Planning & Protection	Y
A	[REDACTED – Name]	M	[REDACTED – Contact Information]	Min. of Energy & Transport	Y
A	[REDACTED – Name]	F	[REDACTED – Contact Information]	Bahamas Power & Light	Y
D	help@goldstandard.org	N/A	help@goldstandard.org	Gold Standard	Y
D	impsindore@gmail.com	N/A	lmpsindore@gmail.com	Global Offset Research	Y
D	syadav@globaloffsetresearch.com	N/A	syadav@globaloffsetresearch.com	Lean Management Systems Promotion Society	Y
D	thomas.finsterwald@myclimate.org	N/A	thomas.finsterwald@myclimate.org	myclimate	Y

C.1.3. Pictures from the physical meeting(s) (best practice)

The photographs from the physical stakeholder consultation meeting have been removed from this public disclosure version to protect the privacy and personal data of the participants. The original photographs are retained in the complete confidential version submitted separately to Gold Standard.

C.2. Minutes of physical meeting(s)

During the meeting, the project activity location, expected environmental and social impacts, and mitigation measures were presented through a visual presentation.

Following the presentation, feedback and questions were received from the stakeholders and local participants. During the opening speech, the project activity was summarized including the technical and operational details, Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) integration, expected project benefits, and renewable electricity generation procedures.

Following the informative presentation, it was emphasized that the primary objective of the meeting was to inform stakeholders about the project activity and discuss its potential positive and negative impacts during the design, planning, construction, and implementation phases of the Abaco Solar Power Plant.

The meeting continued with discussions regarding the sustainable development contribution of the project activity, expected environmental benefits, renewable energy contribution, and project implementation timeline. The grievance and continuous input mechanism was also introduced in detail in order to ensure that stakeholders would be able to provide feedback, comments, or complaints throughout the project activity period. It was emphasized that all stakeholder inputs would be evaluated and addressed by the project participants whenever required.

The meeting ended following the Question & Answer session and stakeholder feedback discussions. After the meeting, project representatives continued providing additional information regarding the project activity to stakeholders who requested further clarification related to the project activity and stakeholder consultation process.

C.2.1. Minutes of other consultations

N/A

C.3. Assessment of comments from all consultations above

Gender of Stakeholder	Stakeholder comment	Was comment considered (Yes/ No)?	Explanation/ Justification (Why? How?)
M	The meeting provided me with clear and transparent insights into the project.	YES	NA
M	The meeting has been very effective.	YES	NA
M	My opinion is very positive.	YES	NA

F	The meeting was very well and positive.	YES	NA
M	It was a very productive meeting.	YES	NA

C.3.1. Evaluation forms (best practice)

Name	
Gender	
What is your impression of the meeting?	
What do you like about the project?	
What do you not like about the project?	
Signature	

C.4. Summary of revisions to project design based on comments

Addressing all the comments, no alterations regarding project activity's design and operation are deemed necessary.

SECTİON.D. CONTINUOUS INPUT / GRIEVANCE MECHANISM

Method	**Include all details of chosen method (s) so that they may be understood and, where relevant, used by readers**
Continuous Input / Grievance Expression Process Book (mandatory)	
GS Contact (mandatory)	help@goldstandard.org
Telephone access (optional)	
Internet/email access (optional)	IBRAHIM HAKKI ONUR KARAKAYA
Nominated Independent Mediator (optional)	-
Other	ibrahimk@consusenerji.com.tr

SECTİON.E. STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK ROUND

☐ Please check this box, if the project is retroactive and has done only 1 consultation with a physical meeting integrated into the SFR.

E.1. Length of the Feedback Round

. The Stakeholder Feedback Round is planned to be conducted from 14/11/2026 to 16/12/2026 in order to provide stakeholders with an additional opportunity to review the relevant project information and submit further comments, concerns or recommendations regarding the project activity.

Stakeholder Feedback Round		Planned	Actual
Start Date	14/11/2026 (Planned)	☒	☐
End Date	16/12/2026 (Planned)	☒	☐

E.2. Summarise how all stakeholders were/will be invited to provide feedback

All stakeholders who were invited to participate in the physical stakeholder consultation meeting, including those who were unable to attend, will be invited to provide further comments during the Stakeholder Feedback Round. Stakeholders will also be informed of how the comments received during the physical stakeholder consultation meeting were considered in the project design and relevant project documentation.

The updated project documentation will be made publicly accessible throughout the feedback period. The invitation will include the confirmed duration of the feedback round, the procedure and deadline for submitting comments, the means of accessing the updated project documentation, and the contact details for submitting further comments, concerns or recommendations. Evidence of the invitations and public disclosure of the documentation will be retained.

E.3. Summarise feedback received, including if any changes in project design were made

At the time of preparation of this version of the Stakeholder Consultation Report, the Stakeholder Feedback Round has not yet commenced. The feedback round is planned to commence in November 2026 (14/11/2026 - 16/12/2026). Therefore, no feedback

has yet been received through the Stakeholder Feedback Round, and no changes to the project design have been made as a result of this process at this stage.Following the closure of the Stakeholder Feedback Round, all comments received will be consolidated, documented and assessed by the Project Developer. The responses provided, the actions taken and any resulting revisions to the project design or relevant project documentation will be reported in this section. Where any comment is not incorporated, an appropriate justification will be provided. This section will be updated before the conclusion of the validation process.

SECTİON.F. EXPERT STAKEHOLDER RECOMMENDATION

☐ Please check this box, if the project seeks opinion and recommendation from Expert Stakeholders during the consultation phase.

F.1. Summarise feedback received from the expert stakeholder(s), including if any changes in project design were made

N/A

ANNEX.I. CHANGES IN STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION DUE TO DESIGN CHANGE

N/A

Document Information

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3.0	15 May 2026	- Editorial revisions - Structural changes - Addition of Annex I
2.0	5 May 2022	Addition of grouped consultation info, preliminary agenda and section to justify retroactive consultation took place. Minor edits to text.
1.1	14 October 2020	Inclusion of Key Project Information Restructure, new headings and reorder to better match the steps a developer will follow in consultations. Removal of some non-mandatory template tables (Blind Sustainable Development Assessment). Clarification of best practice steps that are non-mandatory processes, clarification of mandatory discussion points. Clarification regarding publishing names and that original evaluation forms (optional) and attendance lists (mandatory) should be separate documents. Improved clarity on Stakeholder Feedback round section and procedures for retroactive projects Provision of an accompanying Guide to help the user understand detailed rules and requirements
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