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**MEETING MINUTES:
GCS TECHNICAL PANEL MEETING # 41**

Participants:

EL Erik Lammerts van Bueren
EZ Ederson Zanetti
GG Gianluca Gondolini
MD Michael Dutschke (minutes)
RD Robert Dilger

Absent:

AH Ahmad Hussain
BL Brenton Ladd
DK Damien Kuhn
DW Don Wijewardana
KK Kaysara Khatun
MG Michael Galante

Start time: [14:15 CET-dst](#)

Agenda

1. Update from Peru and Allpahuayo Mishana
2. Activities in Brazil (EZ)
3. Planned trip to Costa Rica (MD)
4. Joint article, state of progress (KK)
5. Miscellaneous

1. Update from Peru and Allpahuayo Mishana

At this moment, it remains unclear whether and how the GCS project will proceed. GCS holds a contract with Rewarding Earth Ltd., whose director is John Campbell, but Greenback Power, which actually holds negotiations with land owners for the implementation of oil palm plantations on their areas is no longer under full control by Campbell and has given no indications that it will go on supporting GCS by acquiring CCUs from the Allpahuayo Mishana Forest Reserve. Following a letter of disassociation by GCS, Instituto Tangarana, the local NGO has also withdrawn their support. Possibly, new investors can be found for the project.

MD to draft a "lessons learned" from this experience.

2. Activities in Brazil

EZ relates three recent activities:

1. There is an active process of submitting a PIN on the Ilha Grande National Park, in which EZ is involved. The local park administration is favorable to implementing a GCS project, and the local investor Green Farm is eager to convert their ongoing sponsorship to GCS. Also a stakeholder representation forum has been found. There will be a meeting with

the State Government of Mato Grosso do Sul, in order to get their support. The whole process may take between 3 and 6 month.

2. EZ is also involved in the submission process for the [River Trombetas Biological Reserve](#) of 385,000 ha, with support from Vale do Rio Tinto and the Instituto Chico Mendes.
3. The State Government of Mato Grosso, jointly with Acao Verde, discusses converting the gallery forests alongside rivers, which are officially protected as Permanent Protection Areas (APP) to a statewide GCS project. The overall area is estimated to be 300,000 ha. EZ will hold a meeting with the State Governor [Silval Barbosa](#) about this potential project and the planned trading platform.

3. Planned trip to Costa Rica

The draft agenda of MD's trip to Costa Rica was forwarded separately to the members of the TP. During the period 26 September and 7 October, MD and RD will visit three potential projects and hold a national workshop in San Jose.

4. Joint article

Discussion dropped, due to the absence of KK.

5. Miscellaneous

MD reported from a phone conference with Marc Patry from the [World Heritage Centre](#), a contact made by RD. The WHC has 220 natural sites registered, but it lacks proper monitoring, and hardly any funding is being made available by this UN institution. GCS could therefore be a good match. The conversation is ongoing. Funding would be required to assess the sites for their suitability under the GCS and submit PINs.

EL reminds that there is a lack of in-depth information about the Standard's details among the TP and urges a joint workshop of the TP, in order to liberate capacities of the TP members. Only then, he states, the GCS will be able to catch up with all the contacts made.

Scheduling of TP 42

- The next TP meeting is scheduled for [20 September 2012 at 2pm CET-dst](#)

Meeting Closed: [15:30 CET-dst](#)