

California Voluntary Carbon Markets Disclosure

Disclosures Under California Voluntary Carbon Market Disclosures Act

Standard Chartered PLC and its subsidiaries (collectively, “Standard Chartered,” the “Group,” “our” or “we”) makes the following disclosures under, and for the sole purpose of compliance with, § 44475 et seq. of Division 26, Part 10 of the California Health and Safety Code, added by the Voluntary Carbon Market Disclosures Act (“VCMDA”), formerly California Assembly Bill 1305. These disclosures are current as of 20th December, 2024, and will be updated in accordance with the VCMDA requirements. This information is subject to change without notice.

Section 44475

Disclosures Related to Marketing or Selling of Voluntary Carbon Offsets (“VCOs”)



Standard Chartered Bank may, from time-to-time, market, or sell VCOs within the meaning of the VCMDA, within or outside the State of California. Our VCO marketing or sales activities are conducted with respect to VCOs listed on external carbon offset registries and are sold through spot or forward transactions traded on the Climate Impact X Singapore exchange in accordance with the exchange’s rules and requirements, or on an over-the-counter basis.

Any VCOs that Standard Chartered markets, or sells are assigned unique serial numbers by the applicable registry, and developed in accordance with the registry’s published standards, documentation, third-party verification requirements, and estimation and monitoring protocols. Standard Chartered has registry accounts with the following registries:

[Verra Verified Carbon Standard](#)

[Gold Standard](#)

[American Carbon Registry](#)

[Climate Action Reserve](#)

[Puro Earth](#)

Each registry maintains a publicly searchable ledger listing relevant project details, and provides access to relevant documents with project details at no cost. Information made available by the registries typically includes the following:

- the project identification number;
- the project name;



- the specific protocol used to estimate emissions reductions or removal benefits;
- the location of the offset project site;
- the project timeline;
- the date when the project started or will start;
- the dates and quantities when a specified quantity of emissions reductions or removals started or will start, or was modified or reversed;
- the type of project, including whether the offsets from the project are derived from a carbon removal, an avoided emission, or, in the case of a project with both carbon removals and avoided emissions, the breakdown of offsets from each;
- whether the project meets the standards of the registry, and potentially any standards established by law or by another nonprofit entity;
- the durability period for any project, if available;
- whether there is an independent expert or third-party validation or verification of the project's attributes;
- emissions reduced or carbon removed on an annual basis;
- details regarding accountability measures if a project is not completed or does not meet the projected emissions reductions or removal benefits, including, but not limited to, details regarding what actions the entity, either directly or by contractual obligation, shall take under both of the following circumstances:
 - If carbon storage projects are reversed; and
 - If future emissions reductions do not materialize; and
- pertinent data and calculation methods needed to independently reproduce and verify the number of emissions reduction or removal credits issued using the protocol.

Section 44475.1

Disclosures Related to Purchasing of VCOs



Standard Chartered purchases and uses VCOs as part of its efforts to achieve its commitment to net zero operations, discussed in Section 44475.2 below. Relevant information regarding the projects used by us for this purpose during the FY2023 reporting period, as well as the applicable registry containing more granular project information, is included in the table below.

Project ID	Project Name	Registry
GSR11331	Circle Gas LPG Smart Meter Program in Kenya	Gold Standard

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GSR11440	GS10884 – KOKO Kenya – Ethanol Cookstoves Program – CPA-0002	Gold Standard
VCS2250	Delta Blue Carbon – 1	Vera Verified Carbon Standard
VCS3350	THE ARR HORIZONTE CARBON PROJECT	Vera Verified Carbon Standard

Section 44475.2

Disclosures Related to the Group's Sustainability Goals and Net Zero Ambitions



Standard Chartered has publicly disclosed net zero ambitions. We aim to be net zero across our Scope 1 and Scope 2 carbon emissions by 2025, and where necessary, for the carbon emissions we cannot abate, to purchasing and using high-integrity carbon credits for our residual Scope 1 and Scope 2 carbon emissions and those emissions we generate from business air travel and data centers.

Further details on our net zero ambitions that drive our “Accelerating Zero” stand are available on pages 104-106 of our [Annual Report 2023](#) (“Annual Report”). Additionally, more granular detail regarding our methodology, data quality and limitations can be found in our [Net Zero Methodological White Paper](#) (“White Paper”).

We obtained independent limited assurance by [Global Documentation Ltd](#) our Scope 1 and Scope 2 greenhouse gas (“GHG”) emissions (excluding fugitive emissions) disclosed in our Annual Report. We also obtained third-party verification from [Eco-Act](#) on our Scope 3 GHG emissions associated with business travel (air travel) that was disclosed in our Annual Report.

These verifications were conducted in accordance with the ISO 14064-3: 2019 Greenhouse Gases – Part 3 standards.

We aim to reach net zero in our financed emissions by 2050. We obtain annual limited assurance from [EY](#) over our financed emissions figures disclosed in our [Annual Report](#).

We have disclosed our approach to monitoring interim progress towards our targets with the Climate-and-sustainability-related governance section of our Sustainability Review within our [Annual Report](#). Our 2030 Interim sector net zero targets have been confirmed as science based by third-party scientific providers, EY, which align to the quantitative temperature goal of Article 2(1)a of the Paris Agreement.

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Also, while Standard Chartered has set sector-specific targets to enable it to track the alignment of its financing activities to its net zero goal, these targets, even if met, do not guarantee reductions of absolute GHG emissions in the real economy. The companies that emit the GHG ultimately control that outcome. Relatedly, given the indirect nature of financial institution target-setting and the challenges of drawing causality between bank financing and real economy emission outcomes, these targets should be interpreted as efforts in financial portfolio alignment and should not be construed as a commitment to achieve a particular outcome or a claim to realize a specific climate effect. For information specifically relevant to, among other things, the Group's sustainability and climate models, calculations and disclosures, refer to the "Basis of Preparation and Caution Regarding Data Limitations" on pages 519-520 of our Annual Report and pages 45-46 of our White Paper.

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