



**POST-ISSUANCE VERIFICATION STATEMENT  
(LIMITED ASSURANCE REPORT)**

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For CPFL Renováveis's 2016 first Green Bond issuance

Based on Climate Bond Standards version 2.1

**SCOPE**

CPFL Energias Renováveis (the "Issuer") is a Brazilian company dedicated to renewable energy generation in Brazil, involved in the development, acquisition, construction and operation of a portfolio of small hydroelectric power plants, wind farms, biomass-fired thermal power plants and photovoltaic solar power plant. The company's project portfolio includes nine wind farms that are already operational (Campos do Ventos I, Campo dos Ventos III, Campo dos Ventos V, Ventos São Domingos, Ventos de São Martinho, Santa Mônica, Santa Úrsula, Ventos de São Benedito, Ventos de São Dimas) located in the cities of João Câmara, Parazinho, Touros and São Miguel do Gostoso (state of Rio Grande do Norte).

CPFL Energias Renováveis issued its first green bond (or "Bond") in September 2016 intending to use the proceeds to refinance the project portfolio of construction of wind power plants in Brazil. The Issuer obtained its pre-issuance Climate Bond certification in January 2017, following the Pre-Issuance Verification performed by Vigeo Eiris in November-December 2016, based on the Climate Bond Standards version 2.0.

In this context, Vigeo Eiris (the "Verifier") has been commissioned by the Issuer, as stated in the engagement contract, to perform the Post-Issuance Verification of this bond based on the limited assurance procedure, as independent third party approved by the Climate Bonds Standards Board.

The verification is based on the assessment of the compliance of the Issuer's 2016 first Green Bond with the Climate Bond Standard version 2.1 for post-issuance requirements and with associated sector standards and technical criteria, as defined on CBI's website. Vigeo Eiris has carried out its verification from January 4<sup>th</sup> to February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018, complemented by interviews with involved departments and managers.

The work undertaken by Vigeo Eiris to form this verification statement included:

- Planning and management of the verification.
- Desk review of the bond and associated documentation provided by the Issuer.
- Interviews of the Issuer's managers related with the Nominated Assets to be financed by this bond.
- Assessment of evidences provided by the Issuer against the Climate Bond Standards 2.1.
- Internal quality control on the hereby Assurance Report and conclusions.
- Provision of Vigeo Eiris' Assurance Report to the Issuer and to CBI.

The methodology, criteria, findings and assurances addressed by this Assurance Report are detailed below.

**RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ISSUER AND OF VIGEO EIRIS**

The responsibility of Vigeo Eiris is to provide an external and independent assurance on the compliance of the Issuer's 2016 Green Bond with the Climate Bond Standard version 2.1 requirements and associated technical criteria.

This statement relies on the information provided by the Issuer to the Verifier: documentation, interviews with employees, and explanations presented during the assessment, based on the understanding that this information was provided to Vigeo Eiris in good faith. Vigeo Eiris hasn't performed an audit nor other tests to check the accuracy of the information provided by the Issuer.

The Issuer is fully responsible for attesting the compliance with its commitments as defined in its policies, for their implementation and their monitoring, and for the information provided.

## POST-ISSUANCE VERIFICATION OPINION

This Post-Issuance Verification has been conducted against the Climate Bond Standard (CBS) version 2.1 requirements:

- Part A: General requirements to be applied for all Climate Bonds
- Part B: Eligible Projects & Assets - Climate Bonds Initiative Wind energy Standard Version 1.1
- Part C: Requirements for Specific Bond Types (applied here for “Use of Proceed Bond”)

The verification process is performed in accordance with relevant general principles & professional standards of independent auditing, and in line with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information (ISAE 3000).

The verification included checking whether the provisions of the CBS 2.1 were consistently and appropriately applied and the collection of evidence supporting the verification. The details and areas covered by the verification are summarized in the following pages (see Verification criteria & findings section).

Based on the supporting elements and explanations provided by the Issuer, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that, in all material respects CPFL Renováveis’s 2016’s first Green Bond is not in conformance with the Climate Bond Standard’s Post-Issuance Requirements (version 2.1) and with associated relevant sector technical criteria. This level of assurance applies altogether to the Nominated Assets, the environmental benefits of the bond, the evaluation and selection process of the assets, the proposed financial accounting system, and the monitoring & reporting system associated to the bond, to be implemented over the term of the bond.

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List of supporting elements provided by the Issuer and interview plan:

- Financial audit reports of the 9 projects' SPEs related to year 2015 and 2016, reviewed KPMG, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- Supporting documents provided for Pre-issuance verification and confirmed by the Issuer:
  - Debentures' term sheets
  - Debentures' external review report
  - Formalized commitment letter
  - Answers to the Verifier's questionnaire
- List of interviewees:
  - Luisa Okawara (Corporate Finance Coordinator)
  - Rafael Germano Pignoni (Debt Management Analyst)
  - Lais Carvalhal (Sustainability Department)



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