Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated (Global ACI) and International Sustainability & Carbon Certification (ISCC) Endorsed Scheme Agreement

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 **International Sustainability & Carbon Certification (ISCC)** has sought and received endorsement of their ISCC CORSIA scheme listed in Schedule 1 to this Agreement, from now on referred to as "the Scheme", as a sub-scope of the Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated (Global ACI) Multilateral Recognition Arrangement (MRA) in accordance with Global ACI MRA-003 and this Agreement.

1.2 The Scheme requires Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs) which signed an agreement with ISCC for conducting certification activities under the Scheme to be accredited by an Accreditation Body (AB) that is a signatory to the Global ACI MRA with a main scope of Product Certification and a sub-scope of the Scheme included in Schedule 1 to this Agreement (Global ACI MRA signatories).

1.3 ISCC is a globally applicable and leading certification system designed to enhance traceable, sustainable, deforestation-free, and climate-friendly supply chains. ISCC certifications are widely recognised and cover sustainable agricultural biomass, biogenic wastes and residues, non-biological renewable materials and recycled carbon-based materials. The development and implementation of different certification standards is ISCC's tool to promote its mission to mitigate climate change and bring more traceability into global markets and supply chains.

1.4 The ISCC requirements for the professional competence of auditors are defined in the relevant scheme documents.

1.5 The supervision and oversight of the CABs operating under the ISCC Scheme shall be carried out through a complementary and non-substitutable framework involving both Global ACI Full Members and ISCC. The respective responsibilities shall be exercised in a coordinated and complementary manner, and neither party shall rely solely on the other for the supervision of the CABs.

1.6 The Scheme provides the standard and framework for independent, recognised third-party certification with the scope of the Scheme.

1.7 **Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated (Global ACI)** is the world association of conformity assessment accreditation bodies in the fields of management systems, products, services, process, persons, validation and verification and other similar programs of conformity assessment.

1.8 Global ACI is responsible for the harmonisation and continuous improvement of the accreditation practices of its members with the goal to ensure sound technical competence of accredited CABs and to support its Global ACI MRA.

1.9 The Global ACI MRA is established and maintained based on the requirements of ISO/IEC 17011 through regular peer evaluations and is the tool by which Global ACI contributes to the elimination of technical barriers to trade and to promoting the free circulation of certificates issued by accredited CABs.

2. ADMINISTRATION AND COOPERATION

2.1 Both Global ACI and ISCC, by means of this formal Agreement, have decided to develop and maintain a close cooperation between the two organisations to ensure harmonisation in the accreditation practices performed by Global ACI members for the Scheme and to cooperate in the continuous improvement of the Scheme with the final goal of assuring the highest level of competence in the Scheme's accredited CABs.

2.2 Global ACI and ISCC shall comply with the respective requirements of Global ACI-MRA-003 *Policies and Procedures for the Management and Expansion of the Scope of the Global ACI Arrangement*, operating and administrating in an open, non-discriminatory and transparent manner, avoiding conflicts of interest or limitation on the acceptance of CABs or ABs other than relevant technical considerations.

2.3 The Scheme will be open to all CABs that are accredited by Global ACI MRA signatories, that apply in writing to ISCC. The ABs will be signatory members of the Global ACI MRA for Product Certification and have agreed to implement the requirements as per this Agreement. A list of Global ACI ABs that have agreed to implement this Agreement shall be maintained on the ISCC website.

2.4 ISCC will only work with Global ACI MRA signatories who have agreed to implement this Agreement. ISCC will stop working with an AB that is no longer a signatory to the Global ACI MRA or has not implemented and maintained this Agreement.

2.5 Global ACI and ISCC shall each appoint a liaison person to act as a contact person for the respective organisation.

3. INFORMATION EXCHANGE

In order to achieve such goals both organisations have agreed upon the following:

3.1 ISCC shall inform the Global ACI of the following:

a) Changes to the Scheme listed in Schedule 1 that may impact compliance with Global ACI MRA-003.

b) Any amendment of the Scheme's standards/documents.

c) Outcomes from any AB workshop held by ISCC on the Scheme.

d) Feedback ISCC may have regarding the Global ACI MRA signatory ABs.

3.2 Global ACI shall inform ISCC of the following:

a) When a Global ACI MRA signatory with a sub-scope of the Scheme has been suspended or had their Global ACI MRA signatory status withdrawn.

b) Any general or technical questions regarding the interpretation of the Scheme's requirements.

c) Changes in policy, procedure or documentation that may impact the Global ACI MRA and Scheme sub-scope.

4. MANDATORY INTERPRETATION OF THE SCHEME DOCUMENTS

4.1 The Scheme's documents shall be prepared using the ISCC procedures for the setting and revision of Schemes' documentation. This shall include a stakeholder consultation phase comprising of comment submissions by interested parties each lasting a specified timeframe with feedback being provided to organisations that made the comment.

4.2 The Global ACI will be included as a stakeholder and invited during any stakeholder consultation period of the Scheme revision process.

4.3 The Scheme normative documents shall be available free of charge on the ISCC website (https://www.iscc-system.org/).

4.4 In the case of amendments, ISCC shall submit to Global ACI the amended Scheme System Document(s) with a gap analysis and proposed transition plan for the publication and applicability of the new amended System Documents, as soon as ISCC receives positive technical assessment from the competent recognising and/or accrediting entity, in order to make sure, that the new scheme version continues to comply with the requirements of Global ACI MRA-003. ISCC accepts the process to be followed according to Global ACI MRA-003 for Global ACI MRA sub-scope inclusion of new versions of the Scheme.

4.5 The need for the development of specific Global ACI application documents for inclusion of publicly owned standards/normative documents in the Global ACI MRA shall be proposed by the Global ACI Technical Committee 3 (TC3) and the need for additional preparation of peer evaluation by the Global ACI Arrangement Committee as specified in Global ACI MRA-003.

4.6 Schemes endorsed as Global ACI MRA sub-scopes are included in the relevant Global ACI MRA status lists. After the end of the transition period to a new scheme document version the old version will no longer be published as a Global ACI MRA sub-scope.

5. IMPLEMENTATION

5.1 Global ACI and ISCC shall each bear their own costs.

5.2 The Scheme will be included as a sub-scope under the main scope of product certification, ISO/IEC 17065. Those accreditation bodies currently providing accreditations to the Scheme will automatically have their MRA scope extended to include the Scheme once this agreement is signed.

5.3 The revision of the implementation of this Agreement is in the scope of the MRA peer evaluation to the Global ACI MRA signatories working in the Scheme that have agreed to implement this Agreement.

6. CONFIDENTIALITY

6.1 Global ACI shall hold all Confidential Information in strictest confidence and shall only use it for the purpose for which it was provided and shall not disclose or make available any Confidential Information to any third party without the prior written consent of ISCC.

7. TERM

7.1 This Agreement shall commence from the original Date of Signing and, unless terminated earlier according to clause 8, continues indefinitely.

8. TERMINATION

8.1 This Agreement between ISCC and Global ACI may be terminated by either party by giving three (3) months' prior written notice.

SCHEDULE 1

ISCC scheme(s) endorsed for inclusion as sub-scopes to the Global ACI MRA:

1. ISCC CORSIA:

Level 4:

- ISCC CORSIA 102 – Governance (v2.0)
- ISCC CORSIA 103 – Requirements for Certification Bodies and Auditors (v2.0)
- ISCC CORSIA 201 – System Basics (v2.0)

Level 5:

- ISCC CORSIA 201-1 – Waste, Residues, By-products (v2.0)
- ISCC CORSIA 202 – Sustainability Requirements (v2.0)
- ISCC CORSIA 203 – Traceability and Chain of Custody (v2.0)
- ISCC CORSIA 204 – Audit Requirements and Risk Management (v2.0)
- ISCC CORSIA 205 – Life Cycle Emissions (v2.0)
- ISCC CORSIA 206 – Group Certification (v2.0)

Execution of the agreement

Global ACI	International Sustainability & Carbon Certification
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Date of Agreement: 16 November 2026