

27 May 2021

Nicole Brewer,  
Director Energy Assessments  
NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment  
4 Parramatta Square, 12 Darcy Street,  
Parramatta NSW 2150

**Re: Biodiversity Offset Credits for the Suntop Solar Farm**

Dear Nicole.

As I am sure you are aware, Canadian Solar are progressing well with the construction of Suntop Solar Farm.

Condition 13 of Schedule 3 of the development consent required that Canadian Solar retire the required biodiversity credits through the market and/or pay residual obligations to the Biodiversity Conservation Fund. On 29 July 2020 Canadian Solar requested an extension to the deadline which was approved by the Department in a letter dated 14 August 2020. The deadline was extended to 31 May 2021.

We can confirm that on 17 May 2021, Suntop SF Pty Ltd (as trustee for Suntop Asset Trust) acquired the required credits under transaction number CR-7324 and on 25 May 2021, these credits were retired under transaction number CR-7398.

The BCT have informed us that unfortunately due to technical difficulties, they are not able to provide a formal letter to confirm but have provided us with email confirmation. Please see attached emails confirming the transfer and retirement of the required credits as well as a copy of the most recent *BOAM Credit Transaction Sale Export* document from the BCT website as confirmation.

We believe that condition 13 of Schedule 3 of the development consent has been met and all Biodiversity Offset requirements have now been satisfied.

Kind regards,



Matt van der Merwe  
Project Development Manager

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## Matt van der Merwe

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**From:** Kirsten McWhirter <Kirsten.McWhirter@environment.nsw.gov.au> on behalf of OEH ROD BOSCRECITS Mailbox <BOSCRECITS@environment.nsw.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Monday, 17 May 2021 10:39 AM  
**To:** rraso@mcburney.com.au  
**Cc:** Matt van der Merwe  
**Subject:** TRAN15 approved  
**Importance:** High

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Good morning Riccardo,

We are advising you as the authorised representative for Suntop SF Pty Ltd that the transfer of credits from BS0026 P.G. Moppett and W.D. Moppett to Suntop SF Pty Ltd (as trustee for Suntop Asset Trust) (TRAN15) was approved this morning.

The transfer is registered on the BOS Public Register in the [Transactions register](#). Suntop SF Pty Ltd has been listed as the contact person on the [credit supply public register](#) for these credits.

Please note details of your customer account number and credits below. You will need these details for any future application to transfer or retire these credits.

### Customer account numbers

Suntop SF Pty Ltd - Customer number/ID: C-015505

Riccardo Raso - Customer number/ID: C-015506

Date of issue	17/05/2021
Credit Owner Name	P.G. Moppett and W.D. Moppett
Credit Buyer	Suntop SF Pty Ltd (as trustee for Suntop Asset Trust)
Transfer Case ID	00025691/CRE/TNF
Source BSA	BS0026
Credit Holding ID	CH-201
<b>Ecosystem credits</b>	
Credit ID	CR-7324
Number of credits	48
PCT Name	White Box grass shrub hill woodland on clay to loam soils on volcanic and sedimentary hills in the southern Brigalow Belt South Bioregion
PCT ID	434
Offset trading group	White Box Yellow Box Blakely's Red Gum Woodland
Vegetation class	Western Slopes Grassy Woodlands
Vegetation Formation	Grassy Woodlands
IBRA Subregion	Pilliga
Hollow Bearing Trees	Yes

Thank you,  
Kirsten

**Kirsten McWhirter**  
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ROD BOS CREDITS Mailbox <BOS CREDITS@environment.nsw.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 25 May 2021 11:27 AM  
**To:** rraso@mcburney.com.au  
**Cc:** Matt van der Merwe; Jonathan Upson  
**Subject:** RETIRE07 Approved

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Dear Riccardo,

We are advising you as the authorised representative for Suntop SF Pty Ltd that the retirement of BOS credits for the purpose of complying with a requirement to retire biodiversity credits of a planning approval or vegetation clearing approval ref SSD 8696 (RETIRE07) has been approved.

The retirement is registered on the BOS Public Register in the [Transactions register](#). Section [6.30 Biodiversity Conservation Regulation 2017](#) provides that retirement of a biodiversity credit is to be conclusively presumed if the retirement is recorded in the public register.

Below is further proof of retirement of BOS credits for your records.

Date of issue	25/5/2021
Credit Owner Name	Suntop SF Pty Ltd (as trustee for Suntop Asset Trust)
Retirement Case ID	00025831/CRE/RET
Source BSA	BS0026
Credit Holding ID	CH-201
<b>Ecosystem credits</b>	
Credit ID	CR-7398
Number of credits	48
PCT Name	White Box grass shrub hill woodland on clay to loam soils on volcanic and sedimentary hills in the southern Brigalow Belt South Bioregion
PCT ID	434
Offset trading group	White Box Yellow Box Blakely's Red Gum Woodland
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