

## Gold Standard Registry Workshop Discussion Notes

Topic	Discussion Points
Public Reporting / Confidentiality	<p>Some companies / organizations will want all their account information made public.</p> <p>Some companies / organizations will want their involvement with the Gold Standard Registry kept completely confidential.</p> <p>The system should allow account holders to choose whether to display account and VER information to the public or other account holders.</p>
Communicating Retirement of VERs to retail users.	<p>Stakeholders expressed there would be great benefit to features that would communicate the retirement of VERs to the retail customers.</p> <p>One feature would be to automatically send email confirmation for the retirement of credits to designated email addresses entered at the time of VER credit retirement. This feature would work in conjunction with fields in the Registry that would allow account holders to indicate who the certificates are being retired for.</p> <p>Stakeholders also liked the idea of being able to retire credits for a customer into a sub-account and somehow make an entire retirement sub-account viewable to the public via a report.</p> <p>Stakeholder expressed that they would not want to make all information regarding a retirement of certificates public. In some cases, account holders would want to give their customers a special pin that they could use to “login” to details about certificates retired for them. Specifically, they would want the customers to see unique information about the customer (e.g., a name).</p> <p>Stakeholders and the Gold Standard Foundation have indicated that a feature is needed that allows the public and potential buyers of VERs to search on the status of VERs by serial number. Ideally the system would allow account holders to upload a CSV listing serial numbers. The system would then produce a report listing the serial numbers and there associated status – Retired or Active.</p> <p>Finally, another suggestion was to investigate partnering with entities who “aggregate” retail accounts, such as airlines, travel websites, or companies such as NativeEnergy who do that.</p>
Issuance Period	The Base Registry System requires VERs to be issued by vintage.

	<p>There was discussion among stakeholders as to whether DOE (Designated Operational Entities) would be able to attribute project emissions to specific years. TUV SUD thought it would be difficult for DOEs to do so, while TUV NORD attested that they had reported by year in the past.</p>
Multi-Standards Tracking	<p>The Gold Standard Foundation is open to the Registry tracking multiple types of credits, including VCS, and VER+ credits. When presented with this idea, some stakeholders sounded very positive about this feature, while others were apprehensive since tracking other standard's credits would require agreements with the issuers.</p>
Bulletin Board Functionality	<p>Some stakeholder expressed that bulletin board functionality used to link buyers and sellers would be somewhat useful. However, the majority of stakeholders as well as the Gold Standard Representatives expressed that this feature should be removed from the system so that the system acts only as a registry and does not act in any way to link buyers and sellers.</p>
Registry to Act as the Project Database	<p>The Gold Standard Registry will also act as the Gold Standard Project database. APX will build specific reports needed in a typical Projects Database.</p> <p>Existing Gold Standard CER credits will be migrated to the new Registry's database to take advantage of its function as a Projects Database.</p>
Sub-Accounts	<p>All stakeholders agreed that a Sub-account feature used to organize active and retired VERs would be helpful.</p>
Serial Numbers	<p>Stakeholders expressed that it would be useful to have project information encoded into the VER serial numbers. They stated it would allow them to work more easily with the certificates since they would be able to identify the project type, location, etc. just by looking at the serial numbers.</p>
Price Transparency	<p>APX requested feedback on a feature in its base registry which calculates and publishes anonymous pricing data (average prices). The feature requires that transacting parties disclose the price when they record a transfer in the Registry. To prevent reverse engineering, the system discloses the averages only if they're based on a minimum number of transacting parties.</p> <p>The stakeholders expressed that this feature should be removed from the system, so that the system acts only as a registry and not as a market data service.</p>
Access to Demo System	<p>Stakeholders expressed that they would like to gain access to the web-based demo registry in order to become more familiar with the system.</p>