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PRELIMINARY REPORT FOR INTEGRATION WITH EVIDENT REGISTRY CBL PLATFORM OWNED BY XPANSIV LTD

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Notice from the I-REC Standard Foundation

This report has been completed by a Platform Operator and is a disclosure form, required by the I-REC Standard Foundation, to inform potential users about the functioning of the operator's Platform and its interaction with an Accredited Registry (Evident's Registry).

Potential and existing Platform users are to be informed that there are different ways to access I-REC(E) and participate in the market. Every I-REC(E) is validated by nationally appointed issuers and ownership records are maintained on the Evident I-REC(E) Registry. Throughout the lifecycle of an I-REC(E) certificate, from issuance to eventual redemption, the certificate ownership is determined and recorded in the I-REC(E) Registry. The Registry also provides basic functionalities including device registration, I-REC(E) transfers and I-REC(E) redemptions. These services are accessible to anyone who is registered in the Registry and can also be accessed through existing market players (e.g., Registrants and Participants) who are familiar with the rules and requirements of the International Attribute Tracking Standard and associated I-REC(E) Product Code.

However, the Registry can also be indirectly accessed via Accredited Platforms. These Platforms may provide different services, visualizations or tools which supplement the functionality provided by the Registry. However, use of a Platform is never mandatory for the issuance, trade, or redemption of I-REC(E). Users should, as a result, be informed of the Platforms they intend to make use of and determine if a Platform provides added value for them.

The I-REC Standard Foundation and Evident Services periodically check that the Platform is adherent to the rules of Accreditation and well-integrated with the Registry. However, the Foundation, Evident Services or any Accredited Market Facilitator cannot be held responsible for the quality of services provided by Platform Operators.

If you have any further questions about the interaction between Platforms and the Evident Registry, please contact the I-REC Standard secretariat at secretariat@irecstandard.org.

Who is the legal owner of the Platform (e.g., the Platform Operator)?

Xpansiv Ltd operates the Platform through its wholly owned subsidiaries, CBL Markets (USA) LLC and CBL Markets (Australia) Pty Ltd, that jointly and severally operate the Platform as Market Operators.

Please provide a short description of the purpose of the Platform.

CBL is a global platform for managing and transacting energy and environmental commodity products such as carbon, renewable energy, water, and natural gas. It connects buyers and sellers to manage and trade multiple environmental products on one platform.

Please define the primary markets or jurisdictions in which the Platform will operate.

The CBL platform is a global marketplace. We have customers from all over the world, many of whom have requested access to IREC markets.

How can users register at the Platform and where can contracts or terms and conditions be found?

Users can register their interest by completing our form at <https://xpansiv.com/cbl-join/>. A representative of CBL will then contact the user to assist with the onboarding process.

All CBL participants must agree to the platform's rules and operating procedures. Currently, CBL requires that participants hold accounts at the associated Registries in order to be authorized to trade those products.

- The Platform's Operating Rules are found here: <https://xpansiv.com/cbl-operating-rules/>
- The Platform's Operating Procedures are found here: <https://xpansiv.com/resources/>
- The Platform's General Terms of Use are found here: <https://xpansiv.com/general-terms-of-use/>
- The Platform's Privacy Policy is found here: <https://xpansiv.com/privacy-policy/>

How can users access the Platform and who can they contact for questions?

The CBL platform can be accessed during the advertised trading hours for exchange services, and 24/7/365 for portfolio management services. The CBL platform is provided over the internet, using the latest HTML5/CSS3 technology for fast and responsive performance.

Participant Users can contact CBL Market Operations at operations@cblmarkets.com or +1 833-972-6677 ext. 2.

What languages does the Platform support?

English

Please describe in detail the functionality of your Platform.

All functionality of CBL can be found in our Operating Procedures and Rules:

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How does the above functionality relates to the Accredited Registry (Evident's Registry)? .

Approved CBL Participants with I-REC accounts in Evident Registry will be able to deposit I-REC credits into a CBL-managed Evident Custodial Trading Account where they can then use the CBL Platform to list offers to anonymous bidders who are also approved CBL Participants with I-REC accounts in Evident Registry and whom will also have a CBL-managed Evident Custodial Trading Account for taking delivery of purchased I-REC credits. Seller must be in-product to list offers and buyer must be in-funds to bid. The CBL Platform has both a portfolio management function as well as a spot market function where all transactions are settled upon matching and product is moved to the buyer while crediting sale proceeds go to the seller. When a CBL Participant elects to remove credits from the CBL Platform, they will use the portfolio management function to initiate a transfer of their credits out of the CBL-managed Evident Custodial Trading Account and back into their own Evident Registry account.

Who can use your platform? (more than one are possible)

- Registrants¹ registered in the Evident Registry
- Participants² registered in the Evident Registry

¹ A registrant is the only entity that is able to request device registration or certificate issuance. They can do this on behalf of a device owner or on their own behalf (if they themselves are device owners).

² A participant is a market player, trader or potentially a consumer with an account in Evident Registry and can hold, sell, buy, and redeem I-REC(E)s on their on behalf or on behalf of their clients.

- Entities without an account in the Registry

Which of the following best describe your platform (more than one are possible):

- Market, trade, or exchange functionality
- Facilitation of Redemptions and/or creation of Platform Redemption statements
- Visualization tool or creation of reports on usage
- Mechanism to support increased granularity
- Mechanism to support registration of small or distributed devices
- Platform to simplify the issuance process
- Platform only for internal use (back-office/mid-office use)
- Other, namely: Portfolio management for encumbrance, deposit, withdrawal, and the physical transfer of certificates from seller to buyer

Please provide a description of the fees associated with the use of the Platform (e.g., link to fee structure).

CBL charges a Market Access Fee and transaction fee based on the contract size of instrument. See our Fee Schedule for more detail:

Fee Schedule: <https://xpansiv.com/resources/>

In case certificates can be redeemed directly on the Platform, please provide a screenshot of the template Redemption Statement users can expect when using this redemption service on the Platform

The Participant will redeem directly in the registry using their own Evident registry account until such time as redemption functionality is integrated with the portfolio management functions of the CBL Platform.

What design elements have been considered to ensure that live, tradable certificates cannot be perceived as being owned or redeemed by an End-User prior to the act of redemption?

CBL has developed a unique encumbrance, clearing and settlement model whereby all certificates have to be encumbered at the registry or deposited into a CBL-Operated Custodial/Settlement Account before being sold or transferred via the Platform. This prevents double-selling. Likewise, all cash has to be deposited before bids can be placed or offers lifted on the Platform.

Where can users find more information about the Platform? (e.g., links to documentation)

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