OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE DECLARATION FORM

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SUMMARY

This template allows Project Developers to comply with requirement 3.1.1. (h) of the Gold Standard Principles and Requirements, requiring all Project Developers applying for certification of project activities located in a country named by the OECD Development Assistance Committee’s ODA recipient list and seeking issuance of carbon credits to declare the Official Development Assistance (ODA) support. The Project Developer shall follow the GHG Emissions Reductions & Sequestration Product Requirements and submit this declaration at the time of Design Certification.

ENTRY INTO FORCE

The template may be used from the date of publication. All Project Developers applying for Design Certification or amending their ODA declaration shall use this template as of 15/07/2022.

HOW TO FILL THIS FORM:

1. Select the appropriate section of the form (ODA Declaration Form or Amended ODA Declaration Form)
2. Please replace text in [brackets]
3. Please tick the relevant ☐ boxes
4. Sign the respective section of the form
5. Submit the signed form
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Date: [Insert Date]

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RE: Declaration of Non-Use of Non-Permitted Official Development Assistance Declaration by Project Owner/Developer of [INSERT GS ID Number] (the Project)

[Statement for Project Developer]

As Project Developer of the above-referenced project, and acting on behalf of all Project Participants, I now make the following representations:

[OR]

[Statement for Project Representative]

I hereby declare that I am duly and fully authorized by the Project Developer of the above-referenced project to act on behalf of the Project Developer and all Project Participants and I make the following representations:

I. The Gold Standard Documentation

I am familiar with the provisions of the GHG Emissions Reductions & Sequestration Product Requirements and any other The Gold Standard Documentation relevant to Official Development Assistance (ODA). I understand and agree that the above-referenced project is not eligible for Gold Standard registration if one of the conditions for the project Project to receive or benefit from Official Development Assistance ODA with the condition is that some, or all, of the carbon credits [CERs, ERUs, or VERs] coming out of the project Project are transferred to the ODA donor country. I hereby expressly declare and represent that no financing provided in connection with the above-referenced project has come from or
will come from ODA that has been or will be provided under the condition, whether express of implied, that any or all of the carbon credits issued as a result of the project’s operation will be transferred directly or indirectly to the country of origin of the ODA.

II. Duty to Notify Upon Discovery

If I learn or if I am given any reason to believe, at any stage of the project’s design, development or implementation, that ODA has been, or will be, used to support the development or implementation of the project, at the express or implied condition or that an entity country providing ODA to the host country may at some point in the future benefit directly or indirectly from some, or all of the carbon credits generated from the project, as a condition of investment, I undertake to notify The Gold Standard Foundation immediately using the Amended ODA—Official Development Assistance Declaration Form provided below.

III. Investigation

The Gold Standard Foundation reserves the right to conduct an investigation into any project it reasonably believes may be receiving ODA with the condition that some or all of the carbon credits from the project will be transferred to the ODA donor country.

IV. Sanctions

I am fully aware that the sanctions identified in The Gold Standard for the Global Goals Terms and Conditions, which I have entered into with The Gold Standard Foundation (including without limitation termination of my relationship with The Gold Standard Foundation, termination of my access to the Impact Registry and to my Data, termination of my Impact Registry Account, and indemnification of The Gold Standard Foundation) may be applied to me or the above referenced project in the event that any of the information provided above is false or I fail to notify The Gold Standard Foundation of any changes to ODA in a timely manner.

I swear that all of the statements contained herein are true to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: ____________________________________________________________

Name: _____________________________________________________________

Title: ______________________________________________________________
Date: [Insert Date]

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RE: Amended Official Development Assistance Declaration For-for [insert project GS ID number] (the Project)

I, [insert full name Project Developer/Project Representative], on behalf of [insert name of Company], and in reference to [insert project GS ID number], submitted the Official Development Assistance Declaration to The Gold Standard Foundation on [insert date]. It has come to my attention that there has been a material change in the role of ODA for the development or implementation of [insert project GS ID number].

[Please explain the changes here]

I understand that The Gold Standard Foundation will contact me to discuss the consequences of these changes for this project.

I swear that all of the statements contained herein are true to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: ___________________________________________________________

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Title: ____________________________________________________________

On behalf of: _______________________________________________________

Place: ____________________________________________________________