

FORM

FORM - DEVIATION REQUEST SUBMISSION

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RELATED DOCUMENTS

– [Deviations Approval Requirements and Procedures](#)

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1| **General Guidelines**

1.1 | **Applicability**

- 1.1.1 | This form is to be completed for projects (project activities/PoAs/VPAs) seeking deviation or is/are at a risk of deviating from any [applicable requirements](#), GS4GG-specific requirements listed in the applicable [Methodologies](#) or any other deviations occurring in any of the various aspects of the project.
- 1.1.2 | Refer to the latest version of [Deviation Request Requirements and Procedures](#) for detailed information on the procedures and requirements.
- 1.1.3 | This form can be used in the following instances i.e.,
 - a. Deviation from GS4GG requirements and/or applicable methodologies prior to submission for certification with GS4GG.
 - b. Temporary changes to a certified project - which include changes from the registered monitoring plan, the applied methodologies or other standard documents - that are expected **not** to occur beyond a given monitoring period.
- 1.1.4 | For any permanent changes to a design certified project, the requirements set in [Design Change Approval Requirements and Procedures](#) shall be followed.

2| **Submission of deviation form**

- 2.1.1 | This form shall be submitted in Microsoft Word (.doc) format to Gold Standard at deviations@goldstandard.org
- 2.1.2 | Forms with incomplete/inaccurate information shall not be considered for review and shall be returned to the applicant.

3| **Implementation of deviation decision**

- 3.1.1 | The decision prescribed in this form shall be considered by the entity applying for deviation for further course of action.

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4| **Decision summary***To be completed by Gold Standard***4.1 | General information**

DEVIATION REFERENCE NUMBER	DEVRQ-142
Date of decision	30/05/2025
Decision	☒ Approved [No precondition to apply the deviation decision] ☐ Conditionally approved [Decision is subject to compliance with the precondition defined below] ☐ Not approved [reason for rejection is provided in decision summary]

4.2 | Decision**4.2.1 | Decision Summary**

The deviation has been approved.

4.2.2 | Directions for the project developer/CME, if applicable

The Project Developer shall establish and implement a process/procedure to ensure that Annual Reports are submitted annually, no later than the end of the year.

4.2.3 | Directions for the Validation and Verification Body (VVB), if applicable

The verifying VVB shall then verify compliance with this requirement, as stipulated in the applicable version of the Principles & Requirements

4.2.4 | Directions for the Gold Standard, if applicable

The review team shall check the information reported by the project developer and the VVB for appropriateness, accuracy and consistency.

4.3 | Applicability to other activities

Is this decision applicable to other projects under similar circumstances? ¹	☐ Yes ☐ No
Does this decision set a precedent for future projects with similar circumstances? ²	☐ Yes ☐ No
Precedent details (if applicable to other activities)	

¹ If this is marked yes, this means that any other project (PoA/VPA/PA) in similar situation may apply the decision of this deviation to their project as well. The project developer/VVB may quote this deviation decision in the relevant certification documents. This is relevant to only the projects which have already entered the certification cycle with GS4GG.

² If this is marked yes, it means the decision is valid to all the future projects which will enter the certification cycle with the similar situation. This is relevant to all the projects which are not yet design certified with GS4GG or have not submitted their documents for preliminary review yet.

5| **Deviation Request Details**

To be completed by the entity requesting deviation - (Project Developer/Coordinating and Managing Entity and/or VVB)

5.1 | Submitted by

- ☐ Project developer
- ☒ CME
- ☐ VVB
- ☐ Other (specify...)

5.2 | Details of the entity and its representative submitting the form

Item	Information
Name ³ :	Herman Noppen
Email ID ⁴ :	herman@CO2logic.com
Organisation: ⁵ :	CO2logic
Are you an authorized project participant as per the cover letter submitted for this activity?	X Yes ☐ No

5.3 | Background information

Type	☐ Project activity	☐ PoA GSXXXX	☒ VPA							
GS ID	GSXXXX GSXXXX	GS XXXX GS XXXX	GS 6008							
Host country(ies)	Benin									
Project Title	GS2489 – Efficient cookstoves in Benin and Togo – VPA2 – EcoBénin – Wanrou efficient cookstoves in Atacora/Donga region									
Registry link	https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/1048									
Scale	☒ Microscale (GS) ☐ Small scale ☐ Large scale ☐ Other, if applicable please specify below <i>Insert text here</i>									
Certification Status and corresponding date of latest status	☐ Listed dd/mm/yyyy	☐ Certified design dd/mm/yyyy	☒ Certified project 06/11/2016	☐ Other <i>If other, specify here</i> dd/mm/yyyy						
Applied version of Standard	☒ GS4GG ☐ Previous version of Gold Standard <table> <tr> <td colspan="2">Version no.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ 1.0</td> <td>☐ 1.1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ 1.2</td> <td>☐ 2.2</td> </tr> </table>				Version no.		☐ 1.0	☐ 1.1	☐ 1.2	☐ 2.2
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	From another standard to GS4GG		dd/mm/yyyy							
	Name of another standard	☐ CDM ☐ Other								

³ Name of the individual representing the entity requesting the deviation

⁴ Email ID for further correspondence related to the deviation request

⁵ The name of the entity requesting the deviation

	Name of the Standard – Insert text here
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Applicable activity requirement

☐ Renewable Energy Activity Requirements
☒ Community Services Activity Requirements
☐ Land-use and Forests Activity Requirements
☐ Other

Insert name here

5.4 | Project deviation history

Is there any deviation request(s) for the same project activity/PoA/VPA(s) that was submitted to GS previously? If yes, below information.

☐ Yes
☒ No

Reference number	Insert Text here		
Status of the deviation	☐ Approved	☐ Rejected	☐ Under review
Were there any findings (CL, CAR, FAR) raised during any certification step (preliminary review, design and/or performance review etc.) that are relevant to this deviation request?	☐ Yes ☒ No Summary of the findings <i>Summary of the CL, CAR, FAR not more than 200 words. Include reference to document, page number</i>		

6 | Deviation detail

To be completed by the entity requesting deviation (Project Developer/Coordinating and Managing Entity and/or VVB)

6.1 | Standard document reference

Standard document reference	Title	Project Annual Report Form v.3.0
	Version	v.3.0.
	Paragraph	3.1.1

6.2 | Description of the deviation

Title	Submission of annual report later than end of next calendar year for which the verification is not completed	
Confirm the nature of changes related to deviation	☒ Temporary (e.g. not expected to occur beyond one monitoring period)	☐ Permanent (e.g. deviation from requirements prior to submission for certification)
	The draft of this annual report was once forgotten, but this will not happen in the future anymore.	
Relevant monitoring period, if applicable	Start date	8/11/2022
	End date	7/11/2023
Summarise the changes	The annual report for the 2024 monitoring period was not drafted within the required timeframe. It was only prepared in April 2025, which does not comply with the requirement that annual reports must be submitted by the end of the calendar year following the monitoring period.	
Reason for deviation	The verification process experienced several delays due to setbacks involving multiple actors. Additionally, within the CME's organization, there were internal staff changes affecting the team responsible for this project. As a result, the preparation of the annual report was unintentionally overlooked. We acknowledge this oversight and are taking steps to ensure that	

	similar issues do not occur in the future across other projects under our management.						
Proposed resolution	As soon as the issue was brought to our attention, we promptly drafted the annual report. For future monitoring periods, the CME will ensure that the annual report is prepared and submitted in a timely manner, alongside all other required documentation.						
Is there any potential temporary or permanent impact of deviation on other aspects of the project?	Select the relevant area: ☐ Project design ☐ Local stakeholder consultation ☐ Safeguarding principles ☐ SDG assessment ☐ Regulatory compliance ☐ Additionality ☐ Applicability of methodology ☐ Annual emission reduction volume (<i>if yes, fill the table below</i>) <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Annual emission reduction/removal before applying deviation</th><th>Annual emission reduction/removal after applying deviation</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>XYZ tCO₂e</td><td>XYZ tCO₂e</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table> ☐ any other matrix, please specify... ☒ None of the above	Annual emission reduction/removal before applying deviation	Annual emission reduction/removal after applying deviation	XYZ tCO ₂ e	XYZ tCO ₂ e		
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Summary of the impact	Describe the impact of the deviation on each relevant aspect of the project as selected above. Please substantiate the impact assessment with relevant and verifiable data/information.						

Insert text here

6.3 | VVB information

Is a VVB opinion on the deviation request required? <i>VVB opinion shall be included, where required by the requirements under Deviations Request Requirements and Procedures or request is submitted by the VVB.</i>	Yes ☐ No ☒ <i>If answer is yes, fill the information in section 6.4 below.</i>
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6.4 | VVB's assessment

The below information is to be completed by VVB, if applicable.

VVB's assessment of deviation request	Please confirm the nature of deviation.	
VVB's assessment of impact of deviation request		
VVB recommendation		
VVB details	VVB name:	
	Auditor name(s):	
	Email (s):	

6.5 | Documents:

6.5.1 | List of documents provided (*note that once a decision has been made by Gold Standard, this deviation form will be made public on the Gold Standard website. Kindly refrain from including any confidential information in the form.*)

Project-Annual-Report_MP5_VPA3-MP3_VPA4.docx

DOCUMENT HISTORY

VERSION NUMBER	RELEASE DATE	DESCRIPTION
6.0	12.11.2024	Editorial and structural changes to the template
5.0	11.04.2022	Additional information added: - date of listing, design certification, transition - standard version - specific reference to a requirement deviated from - any previous deviations/design changes approved - Guidance on VVB opinion
4.0	14.01.2021	Editorial changes
3.0	16.07.2020	Editorial changes
2.0	03.05.2018	Editorial changes
1.0	01.07.2017	Initial adoption