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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-184
Date of decision		31/07/2025
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

Following an assessment of the justification and potential impacts, the deviation request is conditionally approved for a six month extension, subject to the following directions mentioned in the below sections.

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

1. Project Developer shall ensure that the Design Change and first verification are submitted and completed at the earliest, preferably by September 2025.
2. Project developer can initiate the re validation process upon approval of the revised PDD and submit the VVB Revalidation Report no later than 1st August 2026.
3. Project developer shall ensure no gap in monitoring, recordkeeping and safeguards compliance exists during the delay period.

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

1. VVB shall confirm that the re validation is based on the final approved PDD post design change.
2. VVB shall ensure that the re validation reflects the most updated monitoring systems and parameters implemented during the interim period.
3. VVB shall make a note in the validation report for Gold Standard of any potential impacts of the delay on emission reductions or safeguarding outcomes, should they arise during validation.

4.2.4 | Directions for the Gold Standard, if applicable

NA

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)	
NA	

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 :	Paul Leon
Email ID ⁴ :	paul.leon@myclimate.org
Organisation: ⁵	myclimate Foundation
Are you an authorized project participant as per the cover letter submitted for this activity?	☐ Yes ☒ No Submission of behalf myclimate Foundation

5.3 | Background information

Type	☐ Project activity	☐ PoA GSXXXX	☐ VPA
GS ID	GS7554	GS XXXX	GS XXXX
	GSXXXX	GS XXXX	GS XXXX

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.

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

Host country(ies)	Thailand									
Project Title	Methane Reduction in Irrigated Rice Production, Thailand									
Registry link	https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/2056									
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 <i>21/10/2021</i>	☒ Certified design <i>01/02/2024</i>	☐ Certified project <i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>	☐ Other <i>If other, specify here</i> <i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>						
Applied version of Standard	☒ GS4GG ☐ Previous version of Gold Standard									
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Transition date, if applicable	From previous GS version to GS4GG		<i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>							
	From another standard to GS4GG		<i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>							
	Name of another standard		☐ CDM ☐ Other Name of the Standard – Insert text here							
Applicable activity requirement	☐ Renewable Energy Activity Requirements ☐ Community Services Activity Requirements ☒ Land-use and Forests Activity Requirements ☐ Other <i>Insert name here</i>									

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	DEV_278		
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	Principles and Requirements
	Version	V2.1
	Paragraph	para 5.1.45-48

6.2 | Description of the deviation

Title	Extension in the completion of re-validation.	
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)
	Insert Text here (if required) to support the selection As state in OPTIONAL REQUIREMENT - Deviation Request Requirements and Procedures v.2.0, temporary changes to a certified project that are expected not to occur beyond a given monitoring period which is our case as it is requested to extend the deadline of submission of re-validation report which is not replicate to any monitoring period as is only one time request.	
Relevant monitoring period, if applicable	Start date	Dd/mm/yyyy
	End date	Dd/mm/yyyy
Summarise the changes	Describe the deviation requested from applicable rules/requirements. Please include all relevant information in support of the request. For the project GS7554, myclimate is requesting a deviation in the certification process to extend the completion of re-validation procedure and postpone the submission of the re-Validation Report by six months, i.e. 01 August 2026. The deviation is necessary to allow the completion of the current design change process (PDD) which is done in parallel with 1 st verification, the VVB TUV NORD is expected to submit the final reports to Gold Standard by August 2025, as both processes are interlinked and based on usual timelines, it is not expected that GS approve the PDD after design change within enough time to conduct the re-validation with a different VVB and complete it before 01 February 2026 (last day of 1 st crediting period). Refer to latest version of Deviation Request Requirements and Procedures for requirements and guidelines	
Reason for deviation	Describe the reasons for requesting deviation from applicable rules/requirements. This request is being made due to an anticipated delay in submitting the re-validation report, which is required as part of the crediting	

	period renewal, before the deadline of 1 February 2026. Currently, a design change is underway in parallel with the first verification process. This design change will result in modifications to the PDD. Final approval from Gold Standard (GS) for both the design change and the first verification is expected to take some months. As a result, the final version of the PDD—one of the key documents required for the re-validation report—will not be available in time. Consequently, there will not be sufficient time to update the PDD and obtain approval from the VVB before the re-validation report is due. Failure to submit the re-validation report on time could result in no GS VERs being issued for the duration of the delay. However, the intention is to avoid this negative impact on the project. During the anticipated delay—estimated at up to six months—all monitoring activities and requirements outlined in the PDD will continue to be fully met. The actual length of the delay may be shorter, depending on how quickly Gold Standard approves the ongoing Design Change and the First Performance Review.
Proposed resolution	Insert Text here Describe the proposed resolution for example proposed alternative monitoring arrangements for the non-conforming monitoring period. Describe how proposed resolution complies with the related requirements, where applicable, the accuracy, completeness and conservativeness is ensured. Please include all relevant information in support of the request. The proposed resolution is the extension in the deadline for-revalidation submission (as part of crediting period renewal) by six months, i.e. 01 August 2026 without the penalty of not having issuance of GS VERs during the 6 months of extension of deadline. The deviation does not alter the main project design or implementation, during the 6 months extension for submission the project therefore continues to comply with all relevant Gold Standard principles and requirements. The accuracy and completeness of the ER estimation is still certain as the deviation request does not affect these criteria.
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>						
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	☐ any other matrix, please specify...						
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.						

No impact is foreseen in any of the aspect listed above as the project will continue the monitoring activities according the approved PDD, the request only look for the extension of the deadline for this project to submit the re-validation report as other certification steps are underway and about to be completed but without enough time to start the re-validation process with the VVB.

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</i> <i>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	N.A.	
VVB recommendation	N.A.	
VVB details	VVB name:	N.A.
	Auditor name(s):	N.A.
	Email (s):	N.A.

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.)*

Document 1. Project design review approved by GS

Document 2. Last email exchanged with VVB TUV NORD (**please keep it confidential**) with the submission of our last answers which will close the remaining open comments (dated 11 July 2025).

Document n.

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