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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	DEVREQ-188
Date of decision	05/08/2025
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 request is approved given that the applied fNRB value has been approved under VPA 42 and it is more conservative than the previously approved fNRB value in VPA 47.

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

The CME shall note that the decision is based on the information provided in the deviation request form and only against the applicable standard requirement quoted in the form below by the project developer. The CME shall comply with all other applicable standard requirements until unless specifically mentioned in the deviation decision. The CME shall document the deviation request, its implications, and GS' decision in the appropriate section of the project document.

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

The validating VVB shall, through appropriate means at disposal, evaluate that the project's compliance with the above-mentioned decision and provide VVB opinion in the validation report.

4.2.4 | Directions for the Gold Standard, if applicable

The review team shall check the information reported by the CME 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
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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.

Does this decision set a precedent for future projects with similar circumstances? ²	☐ Yes ☒ No
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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 :	Nathan Gachugi
Email ID ⁴ :	nathan.gachugi@burnmfg.com
Organisation: ⁵	BURN Manufacturing Co.
Are you an authorized project participant as per the cover letter submitted for this activity?	☐ Yes ☒ No

5.3 | Background information

Type	☐ Project activity	☐ PoA GSXXXX	☐ VPA
GS ID	GSXXXX GSXXXX	GS XXXX GS XXXX	GS 11731
Host country(ies)	United Republic of Tanzania		
Project Title	GS10789 GS 10790 RVPA 47: Efficient and Clean Cooking for households in Tanzania		
Registry link	https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/3690		

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

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>dd/mm/yyyy</i>	☒ Certified design 17/07/2023	☐ Certified project <i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>	☐ Other <i>If other, specify here</i> <i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>										
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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	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	CDM Methodological tool 30: Calculation of the fraction of non-renewable biomass
	Version	V 04.0
	Paragraph	N/A

6.2 | Description of the deviation

Title	Applying the updated version of tool 30	
Confirm the nature of changes related to deviation	☒ Temporary not expected to occur beyond one monitoring period	☐ Permanent (e.g. deviation from requirements prior to submission for certification)
	Use of Tool 30 is permitted only for this monitoring period.	
Relevant monitoring period, if applicable	Start date	12/02/2023
	End date	01/03/2024
Summarise the changes	The updated version of tool 30 is applied to calculation the fNRB value. Refer to latest version of Deviation Request Requirements and Procedures for requirements and guidelines	
Reason for deviation	The VVB has prepared a combined validation report for the current VPA, VPA 47 (GS11731), and another VPA implemented in Tanzania, VPA 42 (GS11732). VPA 47 was initially approved with an fNRB value of 0.96, applying version 3 of Tool 30. However, for VPA 42, the PD updated the fNRB value to 0.8635 using the latest version (version 4) of Tool 30. In the most recent approved validation report, the fNRB value is stated as 0.8635.	
Proposed resolution	Due to the recent update to the fNRB rules, the use of Tool 30 is permitted only for this monitoring period. From the next monitoring period onward, the PD will transition to the fNRB quantification procedures outlined in the Gold Standard's 2025 guidance.	
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 (if yes, fill the table below)	
	Annual emission reduction/removal before applying deviation	Annual emission reduction/removal after applying deviation
	76,412 tCO ₂ e	65,089 tCO ₂ e
	☐ any other matrix, please specify...	

Summary of the impact	
<i>Calculated VERs have been reduced to 65,089 tCO₂e</i>	

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	The deviation request pertains to a temporary change from the certified monitoring plan as outlined in the registered VPA-DD (Version 4.0, dated 05/10/2023). The deviation involves updating the fNRB value from 0.96 to 0.8635. The VVB has prepared a combined validation report for the current VPA, VPA 47 (GS11731), and another VPA implemented in Tanzania, VPA 42 (GS11732). VPA 47 was initially approved with an fNRB value of 0.96 (as per registered Validation report v2.0, dated 18/10/2023), applying version 3 of Tool 30. However, for VPA 42, the PD updated the fNRB value to 0.8635 using the latest version (version 4) of Tool 30. In the most recent approved validation report, the fNRB value is stated as 0.8635 (registered validation report v4.0 for VPA 42, dated 02/12/2023). Consequently, the updated value of fNRB (0.8635) has been applied for the emission reduction calculations and this updated value reflects a more conservative estimate of emission reductions for the concerned monitoring period. The deviation is temporary and applies only to 1st Monitoring Period (MP1), as subsequent monitoring periods will follow the Gold Standard's 2025 guidance for
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	fNRB quantification and PD will submit the design change accordingly.	
VVB's assessment of impact of deviation request	This deviation request for applying the conservative value of fNRB does not affect the baseline scenario, additionality and the applicability criteria of the methodology. The VVB assures that the temporary change from the design certified monitoring plan complies with the relevant requirements stated in paragraphs 3.2.3 & 3.2.4 of GS4GG DEVIATION REQUEST REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES Version 2.0. Thus, the temporary deviation has been found acceptable by the assessment team.	
VVB recommendation	Due to the recent update to the fNRB rules, the use of Tool 30 is permitted only for 1st monitoring period. From the next monitoring period onward, the PD will transition to the fNRB quantification procedures outlined in the Gold Standard's 2025 guidance and applied as temporary deviation for MP1 only.	
VVB details	VVB name:	Earthood Services Limited (formerly known as Earthood Services Private Limited)
	Auditor name(s):	Vishnu Panicker Vardhan Kaushik Pranav Ramakant Dhend
	Email (s):	operations@earthood.in

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. Revised Monitoring report

Document 2. Revised ER calculations

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