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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_234
Date of decision	26/11/2025
Decision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved [No precondition to apply the deviation decision] <input type="checkbox"/> Conditionally approved [Decision is subject to compliance with the precondition defined below] <input type="checkbox"/> Not approved [reason for rejection is provided in decision summary]

4.2 | Decision

4.2.1 | Decision Summary

The deviation request against organising a physical local stakeholder consultation is **approved**. The CME may organise the consultation virtually.

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 organising physical stakeholder consultation quoted in the form below by the CME. The project developer shall comply with all other applicable standard requirements until unless specifically mentioned in the deviation decision. The project developer shall document the deviation request, its implications, and GS' decision in the appropriate section of the project document that, the secretariat has approved deviation from organizing a physical stakeholder consultation.

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 conditions 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 project developer/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	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does this decision set a precedent for future projects with similar circumstances? ²	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Precedent details (if applicable to other activities)	
NA	

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 :	Greg Cesare
Email ID ⁴ :	gcesare@climeco.com
Organisation: ⁵	ClimeCo Blue LLC.
Are you an authorized project participant as per the cover letter submitted for this activity?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

5.3 | Background information

Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Project activity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PoA GSXXXX	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VPA
GS ID		GS 12070	GS 12071
Host country(ies)	N/A		
Project Title	GS12071 VPA-1 Marsoft/ClimeCo Energy Efficiency Shipping Retrofits		
Registry link	GSF Registry		
Scale	<input type="checkbox"/> Microscale (GS) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small scale <input type="checkbox"/> Large scale <input type="checkbox"/> Other, if applicable please specify below <i>Insert text here</i>		
Certification Status and corresponding date of latest status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Listed <i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Certified design <i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Certified project <i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>
			<input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>If other, specify here</i> <i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>

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

Applied version of Standard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GS4GG			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Previous version of Gold Standard	Version no.		
	<input type="checkbox"/> 1.0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1.1	<input type="checkbox"/> 1.2	<input type="checkbox"/> 2.2
Transition date, if applicable	From previous GS version to GS4GG		dd/mm/yyyy	
	From another standard to GS4GG		dd/mm/yyyy	
	Name of another standard	<input type="checkbox"/> CDM <input type="checkbox"/> Other Name of the Standard – Insert text here		
Applicable activity requirement	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewable Energy Activity Requirements <input type="checkbox"/> Community Services Activity Requirements <input type="checkbox"/> Land-use and Forests Activity Requirements <input type="checkbox"/> 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.			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Reference number	Insert Text here		
Status of the deviation	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Rejected	<input type="checkbox"/> 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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	Standard Document – Stakeholder Consultation and Engagement Requirements, Section 4.9.0
	Version	Version number 2.1
	Paragraph	Section 4.9.0

6.2 | Description of the deviation

Title	Virtual Stakeholder Engagement for Shipping Retrofit Program	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Temporary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permanent

Confirm the nature of changes related to deviation	(e.g. not expected to occur beyond one monitoring period)	Deviation from in person stakeholder engagement requirements
	<i>Stakeholder engagement is held at the beginning of the project and therefore has already taken place.</i>	
Relevant monitoring period, if applicable	Start date	Dd/mm/yyyy
	End date	Dd/mm/yyyy
Summarise the changes	<p>The relevant requirement being deviated from is found in the Gold Standard Document – Stakeholder Consultation and Engagement Requirements, Section 4.9.0 which states:</p> <p>“For VPA level consultation, the CME shall conduct two rounds of consultation viz. a physical stakeholder consultation and a stakeholder feedback round. For VPA level consultation, the CME shall follow the requirements specified for project-level consultation under Section 3 REQUIREMENTS, above.”</p> <p>We request a deviation from the physical meeting aspect of this requirement.</p>	
Reason for deviation	<p><i>Because of the nature of the project involving international shipping, the project participants and other relevant stakeholders are located across the world and it is not feasible or beneficial to the purpose of the engagement to have a physical, in person meeting for this type of project. The stakeholders do not see a benefit versus the added costs (both financial and the climate for travel) from having the stakeholder consultation in person.</i></p>	
Proposed resolution	<p>We propose hosting the stakeholder consultation via MS Teams or equivalent virtual meeting software. The stakeholders are technologically sophisticated and have no issues (and in fact would highly prefer) with attending a virtual meeting.</p> <p>Hosting the consultations virtually does not degrade or otherwise negatively impact the quality of the engagements. The same material as required by Gold Standard is covered in the virtual setting. The proposed resolution is beneficial in that more stakeholders are able to attend to the meeting in a virtual setting as opposed to having to travel to a central location from disparate parts of the world.</p>	
Is there any potential temporary or permanent impact of deviation on other aspects of the project?	<p>Select the relevant area:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Project design</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local stakeholder consultation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Safeguarding principles</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> SDG assessment</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Regulatory compliance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Additionality</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Applicability of methodology</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Annual emission reduction volume <i>(if yes, fill the table below)</i></p>	

	Annual emission reduction/removal before applying deviation	Annual emission reduction/removal after applying deviation
	2445 tCO ₂ e	2445 tCO ₂ e
	The emission reductions from the project are unchanged by the deviation.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> any other matrix, please specify...	
Summary of the impact	There are no material impacts to the quality of the project. The deviation is beneficial in that more stakeholders are able to attend to the meeting in a virtual setting as opposed to having to travel to a central location from disparate parts of the world.	

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 <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> <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.*)

Document 1.

Document 2.

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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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