

**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](mailto: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-236
Date of decision	18/11/2025
Decision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Approved</b> [No precondition to apply the deviation decision] <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Conditionally approved</b> [Decision is subject to compliance with the precondition defined below] <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Not approved</b> [reason for rejection is provided in decision summary]

### 4.2 | Decision

#### 4.2.1 | Decision Summary

The deviation request is approved. The project developer could conduct the usage survey in year 2 covering both Year 1 and Year 2 of the monitoring period as proposed.

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

The project developer 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 project developer shall comply with all other applicable standard requirements 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.

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

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

#### 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? <sup>1</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does this decision set a precedent for future projects with similar circumstances? <sup>2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Precedent details (if applicable to other activities)	
NA	

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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 <sup>3</sup> :	Juliette Cosson/Guillaume Fouchères
Email ID <sup>4</sup> :	Juliette.cosson@canopy-energy.com Guillaume.foucheres@canopy-energy.com
Organisation: <sup>5</sup>	Kiasi Energies SAS/ Canopy Energies
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project activity	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA GSXXXX	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA
GS ID	GS12210		
Host country(ies)	Cameroon		
Project Title	Better Cooking for a Better Health in Northern Cameroon		
Registry link	<a href="https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/4293">https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/4293</a>		
Scale	<input type="checkbox"/> Microscale (GS) <input type="checkbox"/> Small scale <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large scale <input type="checkbox"/> Other, if applicable please specify below		
Certification Status and corresponding date of latest status	<input type="checkbox"/> Listed <input type="checkbox"/> Certified design	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified project 17/03/2025	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

<sup>3</sup> Name of the individual representing the entity requesting the deviation

<sup>4</sup> Email ID for further correspondence related to the deviation request

<sup>5</sup> 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
Transition date, if applicable	From previous GS version to GS4GG		NA	
	From another standard to GS4GG		NA	
	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other TPDDTEC v4.0 methodology – monitoring requirement.			

## 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	NA	
Status of the deviation	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Rejected
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	
	<b>Summary of the findings</b> NA	

## 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	Technologies and Practices to Displace Decentralized Thermal Energy Consumption (TPDDTEC)
	Version	Version 4.0
	Paragraph	para 4.2., ICS 26

### 6.2 | Description of the deviation

Title	Postponement of Year 1 Usage Survey and Consolidation with Year 2 Monitoring	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Temporary	<input type="checkbox"/> Permanent

Confirm the nature of changes related to deviation	(e.g. not expected to occur beyond one monitoring period)	(e.g. deviation from requirements prior to submission for certification)
	<p>As of this registration of the project last year, Kiasi and S2 Services committed to follow the registered monitoring plan. During the first year of the project, as it had not yet been approved and was still subject to modifications, consolidated usage surveys were conducted in year 2 to cover the first 2 years of activity.</p> <p>This deviation affects Section B.7.1 of the Project Design Document (PDD) where parameter Up,y is reported and is explained in the Monitoring Report under section <i>B.2.1 Temporary deviations from the approved monitoring and reporting plan</i>.</p>	
Relevant monitoring period, if applicable	Start date	08/07/2023
	End date	07/07/2025
Summarise the changes	<p>According to the approved methodology and the Project Design Document (PDD), the project proponent committed to conducting annual monitoring surveys to assess cooking habits and stove usage rates.</p> <p>However, usage surveys were not conducted in Year 1 because the project was still undergoing design certification, and the monitoring plan itself was under review and subject to updates at that time. As a result, a single consolidated usage survey was carried out in 2025 to cover both Year 1 and Year 2 activities.</p>	
Reason for deviation	<p>However, usage surveys were not conducted in Year 1 because the project was still undergoing design certification, and the monitoring plan itself was under review and subject to updates at that time.</p>	
Proposed resolution	<p>Proposed resolution: carry out <u>consolidated</u> usage surveys in year 2.</p> <p>To ensure the reliability and representativeness of the results, Kiasi and S2 Services implemented several quality control measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Separate evaluation of stove cohorts: Stoves distributed in Year 1 and those distributed in Year 2 were analyzed independently. This approach allowed the determination of usage rates for stoves of different ages, which were then extrapolated to the entire project population.</li> <li>• Adequate sample size: A total of 192 surveys were completed, exceeding the minimum required sample size as per the monitoring plan and methodology. This ensures that the data collected are statistically robust and fully representative of the project's operational conditions.</li> </ul> <p>Changes have occurred due to reasons beyond their control but is temporary in nature and the project will revert back to its original design after a given monitoring period.</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 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>	



	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicability of methodology <input type="checkbox"/> Annual emission reduction volume <i>(if yes, fill the table below)</i>						
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	<input type="checkbox"/> any other matrix, please specify...						
Summary of the impact	There is no expected change in the results of any of these calculations or documents.						

### 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 <a href="#">Deviations Request Requirements and Procedures</a> 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"> <li>- date of listing, design certification, transition</li> <li>- standard version</li> <li>- specific reference to a requirement deviated from</li> <li>- any previous deviations/design changes approved</li> <li>- Guidance on VVB opinion</li> </ul>
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