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**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-322
Date of decision	28/01/2026
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 for the delay of 2 months for the annual parameters and 4 months for the KPT is approved.

#### 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 VVB shall, through appropriate means at disposal, evaluate that 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 type="checkbox"/> No
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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.

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

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<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> :	Manfred Stockmayer
Email ID <sup>4</sup> :	ms@likano.eu
Organisation: <sup>5</sup> :	Likano Project Development GmbH
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	GSXXXX GSXXXX	GS5047	GS10740, GS10741, GS10742, GS11012, GS11013, GS11014, GS11015, GS11016, GS11017, GS11018, GS11019, GS11020, GS11021, GS11022, GS11023, GS11024, GS11025, GS11026
Host country(ies)	Rwanda		
Project Title	GS5047 African Improved Cookstoves and Clean Water Programme PoA GS5047 VPA47 African Improved Cookstoves and Clean Water Programme: Gishwati – Mukura Forest Conservation Project I GS5047 VPA48 African Improved Cookstoves and Clean Water Programme: Gishwati – Mukura Forest Conservation Project II		

<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

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GS5047 VPA49 African Improved Cookstoves and Clean Water Programme: Gishwati – Mukura Forest Conservation Project III  
GS5047 VPA76 African Improved Cookstoves and Clean Water Programme: Gishwati – Mukura Forest Conservation Project IV  
GS5047 VPA77 African Improved Cookstoves and Clean Water Programme: Gishwati – Mukura Forest Conservation Project V  
GS5047 VPA78 African Improved Cookstoves and Clean Water Programme: Gishwati – Mukura Forest Conservation Project VI  
GS5047 VPA79 African Improved Cookstoves and Clean Water Programme: Gishwati – Mukura Forest Conservation Project VII  
GS5047 VPA80 African Improved Cookstoves and Clean Water Programme: Gishwati – Mukura Forest Conservation Project VIII  
GS5047 VPA81 African Improved Cookstoves and Clean Water Programme: Gishwati – Mukura Forest Conservation Project IX  
GS5047 VPA82 African Improved Cookstoves and Clean Water Programme: Gishwati – Mukura Forest Conservation Project X  
GS5047 VPA83 African Improved Cookstoves and Clean Water Programme: Gishwati – Mukura Forest Conservation Project XI  
GS5047 VPA84 African Improved Cookstoves and Clean Water Programme: Gishwati – Mukura Forest Conservation Project XII  
GS5047 VPA85 African Improved Cookstoves and Clean Water Programme: Gishwati – Mukura Forest Conservation Project XIII  
GS5047 VPA86 African Improved Cookstoves and Clean Water Programme: Gishwati – Mukura Forest Conservation Project XIV  
GS5047 VPA87 African Improved Cookstoves and Clean Water Programme: Gishwati – Mukura Forest Conservation Project XV  
GS5047 VPA89 African Improved Cookstoves and Clean Water Programme: Gishwati – Mukura Forest Conservation Project XVI  
GS5047 VPA90 African Improved Cookstoves and Clean Water Programme: Gishwati – Mukura Forest Conservation Project XVII  
GS5047 VPA91 African Improved Cookstoves and Clean Water Programme: Gishwati – Mukura Forest Conservation Project XVIII

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Registry link

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Scale  Microscale (GS)  
 Small scale  
 Large scale  
 Other, if applicable please specify below  
*Insert text here*

Certification Status and corresponding date of latest status	<input type="checkbox"/> Listed	<input type="checkbox"/> Certified design	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified project	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>If other, specify here</i>
<i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>		<i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>	GS10740: 23/11/2021 GS10741: 23/11/2021 GS10742: 23/11/2021 GS11012: 23/11/2021 GS11013: 23/11/2021 GS11014: 23/11/2021 GS11015: 23/11/2021 GS11016: 23/11/2021 GS11017: 23/11/2021 GS11018: 23/11/2021 GS11019: 23/11/2021 GS11020: 23/11/2021	<i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>

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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	N/A
	From another standard to GS4GG	N/A
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Services Activity Requirements <input type="checkbox"/> Land-use and Forests Activity Requirements <input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>Insert name here</i>
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**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  

## 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,
	Version	Version 3.1
	Paragraph	Section C. On-going Monitoring Studies, pages 30ff

### 6.2 | Description of the deviation

Title	Temporary Adjustment to Monitoring Frequency	
Confirm the nature of changes related to deviation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Temporary (e.g. not expected to occur beyond one monitoring period)	<input type="checkbox"/> Permanent (e.g. deviation from requirements prior to submission for certification)
	Insert Text here (if required) to support the selection	
Relevant monitoring period, if applicable	Start date	01/01/2024
	End date	31/12/2024
Summarise the changes	<p>This project's monitoring period was between 01/01/2024 and 31/12/2024. In the registered VPA-DD, the monitoring frequency for various parameters is "annually" or "biennially". Monitoring surveys and Kitchen Performance Tests were carried out in this monitoring period between 17/12/2024 – 20/12/2024. Parameters required to be monitored annually were last collected between 02/10/2023 – 05/10/2023, the latest Kitchen Performance Test was carried out between 24/08/2022 – 27/08/2022. PD understands that GS interprets "annually" every 12 months, hence, PD is deviating temporarily from the registered monitoring plan.</p> <p>The following parameters are determined through annual monitoring surveys:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N<sub>p,y</sub> - Project technology-days</li> <li>• U<sub>p,y</sub> - Usage rate for project scenario</li> <li>• S<sub>install</sub> - Number of stoves installed</li> <li>• HH<sub>less smoke,y</sub> - Share of households confirming less smoke by the improved stove in the Monitoring Kitchen Survey</li> </ul> <p>Parameter P<sub>p,y</sub> - Quantity of fuel that is consumed in project scenario p during year y is determined biennially.</p> <p>All monitoring surveys were carried out in December 2024, which is a delay of 2 months for the annual parameters and 4 months for the KPT (reasons described below in section "reasons for deviation").</p>	
Reason for deviation	PD carries out all Kitchen Performance Tests in its projects in Rwanda (both baseline and project KPTs) in the dry season, to achieve conservative results (KPTs in rainy season would lead to higher	

	<p>baseline and project consumption and therefore increased emission reductions). The rainy season in autumn lasts from mid-September to end of November. Therefore, PD planned the KPT for December 2024. Also, this was towards the end of the monitoring period (31/12/2024), thus supporting the production of conservative results, due to decrease of efficiency of stoves over time.</p> <p>Moreover, PD was of the understanding that annual monitoring means monitoring during a calendar year, independently of the month in which the surveys are carried in that year, as this was the understanding from previous internal verifications under the micro-scale scheme. As the previous monitoring campaign was carried out in October 2023, PD saw no problem for the monitoring activities to be carried out in December 2024.</p>				
<p>Proposed resolution</p>	<p>The requested temporary deviation would approve that monitoring surveys for the current Monitoring Period were carried out 2 months later than planned. Still, all other requirements for monitoring, such as sampling requirements, minimum sample size, training of monitoring staff etc. were considered, confirming accuracy and completeness of the monitoring approach.</p> <p>In general, surveys being carried out at a later date mean that more time has passed since project start and the technology used in the project is older. As increased project age usually leads to lower benefits for all SDGs, the slight delay in monitoring surveys has led to more conservative results.</p>				
<p>Is there any potential temporary or permanent impact of deviation on other aspects of the project?</p>	<p>Select the relevant area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Project design</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Local stakeholder consultation</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Safeguarding principles</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> SDG assessment</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Regulatory compliance</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Additionality</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Applicability of methodology</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Annual emission reduction volume <i>(if yes, fill the table below)</i></li> </ul> <table border="1" data-bbox="464 1568 1441 1724" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr style="background-color: #00a6c9; color: white;"> <th style="padding: 5px;">Annual emission reduction/removal before applying deviation</th> <th style="padding: 5px;">Annual emission reduction/removal after applying deviation</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px; text-align: center;">XYZ tCO<sub>2e</sub></td> <td style="padding: 5px; text-align: center;">XYZ tCO<sub>2e</sub></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><input type="checkbox"/> any other matrix, please specify...</p>	Annual emission reduction/removal before applying deviation	Annual emission reduction/removal after applying deviation	XYZ tCO <sub>2e</sub>	XYZ tCO <sub>2e</sub>
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XYZ tCO <sub>2e</sub>	XYZ tCO <sub>2e</sub>				
<p>Summary of the impact</p>	<p>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.</p>				
<p>Insert text here</p>					

### 6.3 | VVB information

<p>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></p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>  <i>If answer is yes, fill the information in section 6.4 below.</i></p>
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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.*)

Not applicable

**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
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1.0	01.07.2017	Initial adoption