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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
- 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-367
Date of decision	18/03/2026
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 has been approved for the delayed submission of the annual report for the 01/03/2023 to 04/07/2024 verification period. The project developer must submit the revised annual report to the Assurance Platform as soon as possible.

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

The project developer shall establish and implement a process/procedure to ensure that Annual Reports are submitted annually, no later than the end of the year.

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

The verifying VVB shall verify compliance with this requirement, as stipulated in the applicable version of Principles & Requirements.

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? ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Does this decision set a precedent for future projects with similar circumstances? ²	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Precedent details (if applicable to other activities)

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 :	Marcelino Pellitero
Email ID ⁴ :	standards@southpole.com
Organisation: ⁵ :	South Pole AG
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	GS10797	GS XXXX GS XXXX	GS XXXX GS XXXX	
Host country(ies)	India			
Project Title	Himalayan Rocket Stove Project in India			
Registry link	https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/2754			
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 <i>Insert text here</i>			
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>	27/03/2025	<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 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>			

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Reference number	DEV_772		
Status of the deviation	<input checked="" 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	Principles and Requirements
	Version	V2.1
	Paragraph	Para 5.1.39

6.2 | Description of the deviation

Title	Deviation for submission of Annual Report submission as required by GS4GG Guideline para 5.1.39 of PRINCIPLES AND REQUIREMENTS.	
	<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)																											
	Insert Text here (if required) to support the selection																												
Relevant monitoring period, if applicable	Start date	01/03/2023																											
	End date	04/07/2024																											
Summarise the changes	<p>As per the Principles and Requirements version 2.1, paragraph 5.1.39 states that "An annual report shall be submitted for each monitoring year by end of next calendar year for which verification is not completed. If a verification is in progress but not completed, then an Annual Report is still required by the end of calendar year."</p> <p>The Annual Report, submitted on 16/12/2024, covered the period from 05/07/2019 to 28/02/2023. Consequently, the report omitted the period between 01/03/2023 to 31/12/2023 inadvertently. This misalignment was mainly due to the concurrent activities undertaken during the same period.</p> <p>The deviation in Annual Reporting obligation timeline, was a result of a misalignment primarily due to multiple parallel activities (Registration, Monitoring Period 1 issuance, Monitoring Period 2 preparation, and Crediting Period Renewal) being conducted simultaneously during the year 2023 & 2024. The project chronology is detailed below:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date/Period</th> <th>Activity</th> <th>Status/Relevance</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Feb-2023</td> <td>Project Registration</td> <td>The project achieved registration under GS4GG.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>08/06/2021 to 28/02/2023</td> <td>Monitoring Period 1 (MP1)</td> <td>First monitoring period boundary.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>June-2023 to July-2023</td> <td>VVB Site Visit for MP1</td> <td>Physical site visit conducted.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>06/11/2023</td> <td>Annual Report Submission</td> <td>Covers 05/07/2019 to 28/02/2023. This report aligns with MP1's end date.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>01/03/2023 to 04/07/2024</td> <td>Monitoring Period 2 (MP2)</td> <td>Second monitoring period boundary. This period covers the missing 2023 data (01/03/2023 to 31/12/2023).</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2024 (Initiation)</td> <td>Renewal of Crediting Period</td> <td>Validation initiated.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>November-2024 to December-2024</td> <td>VVB Site Visit for Renewal and MP2</td> <td>Combined physical site visit conducted.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>16/12/2024</td> <td>Annual Report Submission</td> <td>Submitted the same period (05/07/2019 to</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Date/Period	Activity	Status/Relevance	Feb-2023	Project Registration	The project achieved registration under GS4GG.	08/06/2021 to 28/02/2023	Monitoring Period 1 (MP1)	First monitoring period boundary.	June-2023 to July-2023	VVB Site Visit for MP1	Physical site visit conducted.	06/11/2023	Annual Report Submission	Covers 05/07/2019 to 28/02/2023. This report aligns with MP1's end date.	01/03/2023 to 04/07/2024	Monitoring Period 2 (MP2)	Second monitoring period boundary. This period covers the missing 2023 data (01/03/2023 to 31/12/2023).	2024 (Initiation)	Renewal of Crediting Period	Validation initiated.	November-2024 to December-2024	VVB Site Visit for Renewal and MP2	Combined physical site visit conducted.	16/12/2024	Annual Report Submission	Submitted the same period (05/07/2019 to
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Reason for deviation	The Annual Report submitted in 2024 (dated 16/12/2024) does not cover the full calendar year 2023, specifically the period from 01/03/2023 to 31/12/2023, as required by GS4GG Guideline para 5.1.39 of PRINCIPLES AND REQUIREMENTS.												
Proposed resolution	<p>The project commits to the following steps to rectify the missed coverage and ensure future compliance:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Submit a revised Annual Report for 2024: Since the data for the period 01/03/2023 to 31/12/2023 is fully encompassed and verified within the approved Monitoring Period 2 (01/03/2023 to 04/07/2024) issuance request (approved in November-2025), the required information is readily available and validated by the VVB & the GS, a new Annual Report will be prepared and submitted covering the full missing period of the calendar year 2023, specifically 01/03/2023 to 31/12/2023. Future Reporting: We will ensure that all future Annual Reports strictly adhere to GS4GG Principle & Requirements Guideline para 5.1.39. 												
Is there any potential temporary or permanent impact of deviation on other aspects of the project?	<p>Select the relevant area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Project design <input type="checkbox"/> Local stakeholder consultation <input type="checkbox"/> Safeguarding principles <input type="checkbox"/> SDG assessment <input type="checkbox"/> Regulatory compliance <input type="checkbox"/> Additionality <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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Summary of the impact	As the data for the deviated period has already been verified by the VVB and approved by GS under the MP2 performance review, there is no risk to the environmental integrity or emission reduction calculations of the project. There will be no temporary or permanent impact on the project activity due to this deviation. Therefore, we respectfully request approval for this deviation to correct the historical Annual Reporting coverage for the year 2023.						
Insert text here							

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 checked="" 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