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-383
Date of decision	08/05/2026
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 conditionally approved. The CME is required to complete validation by the VVB, which involves a PA aligned auditor in the team, and resubmit the renewal package within 6 months after the relevant PA-Aligned methodology is published.

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

N/A

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

N/A

4.2.4 | Directions for the Gold Standard, if applicable

N/A

4.3 | Applicability to other activities

Is this decision applicable to other projects under similar circumstances?[1]	☐ Yes ☒ No
Does this decision set a precedent for future projects with similar circumstances?[2]	☐ Yes ☒ No

[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.

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] :	PETER SCOTT
Email ID[4] :	peter.scott@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*	*GS10791* *GS10792* *GS11432* *GS11433*
Host country(ies)	Kenya, DRC		
Project Title	GS10791: GS10789 VPA2: Efficient and Clean Cooking for households in Kenya GS10792: GS10789 VPA3: Efficient and Clean Cooking for households in Kenya GS11432: GS10789 VPA4: Efficient and Clean Cooking for households in Kenya GS11433: GS10789 VPA5: Efficient and Clean Cooking for households in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)		

[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

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<tr><td>Registry link</td><td colspan="4">https://assurance-platform.goldstandard.org/projects/GS10791
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☐ Small scale
☒ Large scale
☐ Other, if applicable please specify below
Insert text here</td></tr>
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If other, specify here</td></tr>
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Name of the Standard – Insert text here</td></tr>
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☒ Community Services Activity Requirements
☐ Land-use and Forests Activity Requirements
☐ Other
Insert name here</td></tr>
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5.4 | Project deviation history

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<tr><td colspan="3">Is there any deviation request(s) for the same project activity/PoA/VPA(s) that was submitted to GS previously? If yes, below information.</td><td>☐ Yes
☒ No</td></tr>
<tr><td>Reference number</td><td colspan="3">Insert Text here</td></tr>
<tr><td>Status of the deviation</td><td>☐ Approved</td><td>☐ Rejected</td><td>☐ Under review</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="2">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?</td><td colspan="3">☐ Yes ☐ No</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="3">Summary of the findings
Summary of the CL, CAR, FAR not more than 200 words. Include reference to document, page number</td></tr>
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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	

6.2 | Description of the deviation

Title			
Confirm the nature of changes related to deviation	☒ Temporary (e.g. not expected to occur beyond one monitoring period)		☐ 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	Dd/mm/yyyy	
	End date	Dd/mm/yyyy	
Summarise the changes	We are writing to formally request your approval to place the ongoing Renewal of Crediting Period (RCP) reviews for the following VPAs **on hold**: GS10791, GS10792, GS11432, and GS11433. Current status of all VPAs GS10791 – VPA 02 Under RCP round 1 with GS, awaiting R! response GS10792 – VPA 03 Documents submitted via email but account not visible on registry GS11432 – VPA 04 Under R2 of RCP, CME to respond the comments to GS GS11433 – VPA 05 Under R1 of RCP, CME to respond the comments to GS All four VPAs are currently under design renewal review, with the start date of Crediting Period 2 (CP2) set as 01/01/2026. We would greatly appreciate your consideration of this request and look forward to your guidance and approval.		
Reason for deviation	All the projects are under RCP review with version 4 of the methodology. As per Gold Standard requirements, projects seeking issuance for emission reductions generated from 2026 onwards must undergo revalidation or complete a design change in line with the revised TPDDTEC methodology prior to verification. Accordingly, these VPAs will be required to complete		

	a design change to update the applied methodology version before any issuance under CP2 can take place. However, the revised version of the methodology has not yet been published. Given that emission reductions under CP2 will only be generated from January 2026 onwards, proceeding with RCP approval under the current methodology would likely result in duplicative work and avoidable costs, as a subsequent design change will be mandatory prior to issuance.
Proposed resolution	In light of the above, we kindly request your approval to place the current RCP reviews on hold until the revised methodology is published. Upon its release, CME will promptly update the project documentation accordingly and submit the RCP documentation together with the required design change submission.
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 *XYZ* tCO_2e | *XYZ* tCO_2e ☐ any other matrix, please specify…
Summary of the impact	There is no impact on the project design, safeguarding principles, SDG assessment, data quality, potential risk or any other aspects of the project due to this deviation. The VPA will abide by all Gold Standard requirements. 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.
Insert text here	

6.3 | VVB information

Is a VVB opinion on the deviation request required? *VVB opinion shall be included, where required by the requirements under [Deviations Request Requirements and*	Yes ☐ No ☐ *If answer is yes, fill the information in section 6.4 below.*

Procedures or request is submitted by the VVB.	

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: - 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