

**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-418                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Date of decision           | 08/05/2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Decision                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Approved</b> [No precondition to apply the deviation decision]<br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Conditionally approved</b> [Decision is subject to compliance with the precondition defined below]<br><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 has been approved for the delayed submission of the annual report for the 01/12/2023 – 30/11/2024 verification period. The project developer must submit the separate annual reports for year 2023 and 2024 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? <sup>1</sup>         | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Does this decision set a precedent for future projects with similar circumstances? <sup>2</sup> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Precedent details (if applicable to other activities)                                           |                                                             |
| <hr/>                                                                                           |                                                             |

<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> :                                                                            | Dyna Hafyane                                                           |
| Email ID <sup>4</sup> :                                                                        | hafyane@atmosfair.org                                                  |
| Organisation: <sup>5</sup> :                                                                   | atmosfair gGmbH                                                        |
| Are you an authorized project participant as per the cover letter submitted for this activity? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><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                                  | GS7574                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                           |                                                                                                                       |
| Host country(ies)                      | Madagascar                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                           |                                                                                                                       |
| Project Title                          | Toliara PV Plant                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                           |                                                                                                                       |
| Registry link                          | <a href="https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/2157">https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/2157</a>                                                                                                        |                                           |                                                                                                                       |
| Scale                                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Microscale (GS)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Small scale<br><input type="checkbox"/> Large scale<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other, if applicable please specify below<br><i>Insert text here</i> |                                           |                                                                                                                       |
| Certification Status and corresponding | <input type="checkbox"/> Listed                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Certified design | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified project<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other<br><i>Monitoring period 4</i> |

<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

|                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                              |                                                                                                           |                              |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| date of latest status           | 07/04/2020                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 03/08/2020                   | 30/12/2022                                                                                                | 01/12/2023 – 30/11/2024      |
| Applied version of Standard     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GS4GG<br><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<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other<br>Name of the Standard – Insert text here |                              |
| Applicable activity requirement | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Renewable Energy Activity Requirements<br><input type="checkbox"/> Community Services Activity Requirements<br><input type="checkbox"/> Land-use and Forests Activity Requirements<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other<br>Insert name here |                              |                                                                                                           |                              |

## 5.4 | Project deviation history

|                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                   |                                                                        |
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| 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<br><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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No<br><b>Summary of the findings</b><br><i>The CAR raised the delayed submission of the annual report pertaining to monitoring period 4. CAR was raised in the round 3 review feedback form "GS7574_PERR_CP01_MP04_Review Form_Round 3.docx" dated 27/03/2026, page 25.</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     | Name of standard document relevant to deviation request e.g., Safeguarding Principles and Requirements |
|                             | Version   | Version number e.g., V2.1                                                                              |
|                             | Paragraph | Paragraph number if available e.g., para 4.2.1                                                         |

**6.2 | Description of the deviation**

|                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Title                                                                                              | Delayed submission of Annual Report pertaining MP4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                |
| Confirm the nature of changes related to deviation                                                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Temporary<br>(e.g. not expected to occur beyond one monitoring period)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent<br>(e.g. deviation from requirements prior to submission for certification) |
|                                                                                                    | This deviation request relates to an isolated delayed submission of the Annual Report pertaining the monitoring period 4 as per specified timelines in line with para 5.1.39 Principle & Requirements V2.1.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                |
| Relevant monitoring period, if applicable                                                          | Start date                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 01/12/2023                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                                    | End date                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 30/11/2024                                                                                                     |
| Summarise the changes                                                                              | <p>The project developer would like to request an extension to submit the annual report pertaining the monitoring period of 01/12/2023 – 30/11/2024, beyond the specified timeline as per para 5.1.39 Principle &amp; Requirements V2.1. that states that 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." i.e in the case of this monitoring period, the end of the calendar year 2025.</p> |                                                                                                                |
| Reason for deviation                                                                               | <p>The project developer had anticipated to complete the verification process for monitoring period 01/12/2023 – 30/11/2024 by the end of the calendar year 2025. The verification process was initiated on 20/10/2025, however due to some procedural delays and the multiple feedback rounds could not be finalized withing the calendar year 2025.</p> <p>The annual report was submitted on 02/03/2026 as highlighted during the second round of feedback review issued on 22/01/2026.</p>                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                |
| Proposed resolution                                                                                | <p>The annual report was submitted on 02/03/2026 as displayed below</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 10px; background-color: #e0f2f1; margin: 10px 0;"> <p><b>Annual Report</b> <span style="background-color: #f44336; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; border-radius: 3px;">PRIVATE</span> </p> <p><b>Filename:</b> GS7574-Toliara PV Plant-Annual-Report 230226.docx </p> <p><b>Uploaded:</b> 02/03/2026 09:42</p> <p><b>Modified:</b> 02/03/2026 09:42</p> </div>                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                |
| 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> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Applicability of methodology</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Annual emission reduction volume (if yes, fill the table below)</p>                                                                                              |                                                                                                                |

|                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                       | <div>Annual emission reduction/removal before applying deviation</div> <div>Annual emission reduction/removal after applying deviation</div> <div>XYZ tCO<sub>2e</sub></div> <div>XYZ tCO<sub>2e</sub></div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> any other matrix, please specify...</div> |
| Summary of the impact | 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.                                                                                              |

No impact is to be noted, as the monitoring was done annually. This deviation request is to justify the isolated event of delayed submission of the annual report and prolonged completion MP4 verification process beyond the calendar year 2025.

### 6.3 | VVB information

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Is a VVB opinion on the deviation request required?<br><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"/><br><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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |