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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-441
Date of decision	15/06/2026
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 monitoring period for RVPA 1 (GS12635) may be extended from 01 April 2025 – 31 March 2026 to 01 April 2025 – 31 December 2026, subject to the following conditions:

- The CME shall conduct the design change following the applicable PA-aligned methodology following the Gold Standard requirements.
- The VVB verification site visit must be before 31 March 2027 so that the VVB could verify the ER for the 2 years period prior to the site visit date.
- Monitoring surveys frequencies shall be maintained throughout the extended monitoring period (01 April 2025 – 31 December 2026) in full compliance with the approved monitoring plan and the applicable methodology.

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 CME. 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 verifying 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 CME 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	☐ Yes ☒ No
Does this decision set a precedent for future projects with similar circumstances? ²	☐ Yes ☒ 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 :	Alexander B. Eaton
Email ID ⁴ :	impact@sistema.bio / alex@sistema.bio
Organisation: ⁵	Sistema.bio, Inc.
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 12634 GS XXXX	GS 12635 GS XXXX
Host country(ies)	Colombia		
Project Title	GS12635 RVPA 1- Sistema.bio Colombian Carbon Program: Biodigesters in Colombia 2024-25		
Registry link	https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/4532		
Scale	☐ Microscale (GS) ☒ Small scale ☐ Large scale ☐ Other, if applicable please specify below <i>Insert text here</i>		
Certification Status and corresponding	☐ Listed	☒ Certified design	☐ Certified project ☐ Other <i>If other, specify here</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

date of latest status	<i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>	<i>07/08/2025</i>	<i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>	<i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>						
Applied version of Standard	☒ GS4GG ☐ Previous version of Gold Standard									
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Transition date, if applicable	From previous GS version to GS4GG		<i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>							
	From another standard to GS4GG		<i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>							
	Name of another standard	☐ CDM ☐ Other Name of the Standard – Insert text here								
Applicable activity requirement	☐ Renewable Energy Activity Requirements ☒ Community Services Activity Requirements ☐ Land-use and Forests Activity Requirements ☐ 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.	☐ Yes ☒ No
Reference number	Insert Text here
Status of the deviation	☐ Approved ☐ Rejected ☐ 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?	☐ Yes ☐ 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	GS4GG Principles and requirements / Requirements For Paris Agreement Alignment
	Version	V2.1, V1.1
	Paragraph	Section 5.1.1.e (The number of Performance Certifications in a five-year

		certification cycle is not limited although it must take place at least once, no later than two years after Project implementation or Design Certification, whichever is later. In case of Design Certification Renewal, it must take place no later than two years after Design Certification Renewal) https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/standards/101_V2.1_PAR_Pinciples-Requirements.pdf REQUIREMENTS FOR PARIS AGREEMENT ALIGNMENT Version 1.1 (Mandatory Transition: Defines the cut-off date (31 December 2025) for non-PA aligned methodologies and requires a PA-Alignment Design Change validation for all projects seeking issuance for 2026 and onwards vintages) https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/standards/119_V1.1_PAA-PR100-01_Requirements-for-Paris-Agreement-Alignment.pdf
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6.2 | Description of the deviation

Title	Temporary monitoring period adjustment	
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	01/04/2025
	End date	31/03/2026
Summarise the changes	The project requests an extension of the current monitoring period from 31 March 2026 to 31 December 2026. The applicable monitoring period currently covers 01 April 2025 to 31 March 2026. Under this request, the monitoring period end date would be extended to 31 December 2026, while maintaining the same monitoring approach and requirements. The extension is sought to align the monitoring cycle with recently introduced Paris Agreement-aligned methodological requirements and to accommodate the slower-than-anticipated pace of project implementation since Design Certification. The revised monitoring period will enable a more representative assessment of project performance and avoid the need to apply different monitoring, verification, and issuance requirements across consecutive monitoring periods. The proposed change does not affect the project design, baseline scenario, monitoring methodology, additionality demonstration, or environmental integrity of the project. Monitoring activities will continue in accordance with the approved monitoring plan throughout the extended monitoring period.	

Reason for deviation	The project requests an extension of the current monitoring period from 01 April 2025 – 31 March 2026 to 01 April 2025 – 31 December 2026. The request is driven by two primary considerations. First, the project is preparing for the implementation of recently introduced Paris Agreement-aligned methodological requirements applicable to Animal Manure Management and Biogas Use for Thermal Energy Generation v1.1. Extending the monitoring period will facilitate a more streamlined transition to these requirements and avoid the need to manage different monitoring, verification, and issuance conditions across consecutive monitoring periods. Second, project implementation and installation activities have progressed more gradually than originally anticipated at the time of Design Certification. While implementation activities continue as planned, the pace of deployment has resulted in a lower volume of monitored activities during the current monitoring period than initially forecast. Maintaining the current monitoring period end date would lead to a subsequent monitoring period with comparatively limited emission reductions and an additional verification cycle shortly thereafter. The proposed extension will allow the project to consolidate monitoring activities within a single monitoring period, provide a more representative assessment of project performance, and improve the efficiency of monitoring, verification, and certification activities. The deviation is temporary and administrative in nature and does not involve any changes to the project design, baseline scenario, monitoring methodology, additionality demonstration, or calculation of emission reductions. Continuous monitoring will be maintained throughout the extended period, and all emission reductions generated during the revised monitoring period will be monitored, verified, and accounted for in accordance with the approved monitoring plan.
Proposed resolution	The proposed extension will support a more consistent and streamlined application of updated methodological and issuance requirements, while avoiding fragmented monitoring, verification, and crediting treatment between consecutive periods. The deviation is temporary in nature and does not alter the project activity, project design, monitoring procedures, or environmental integrity of the project. Continuous monitoring will be maintained throughout the revised monitoring period, and no emission reductions will be omitted or double counted. The CME confirms continued compliance with applicable GS4GG Principles and requirements, particularly section 5.1.1.e and Paris alignment requirements, as this monitoring period extension will achieve Performance Certification prior to two years after the project achieved Design Certification (07.08.2027).
Is there any potential temporary or	Select the relevant area:

permanent impact of deviation on other aspects of the project?	☐ Project design ☐ Local stakeholder consultation ☐ Safeguarding principles ☐ SDG assessment ☐ Regulatory compliance ☐ Additionality ☐ Applicability of methodology ☐ Annual emission reduction volume (<i>if yes, fill the table below</i>)	
	Annual emission reduction/removal before applying deviation	Annual emission reduction/removal after applying deviation
	XYZ tCO ₂ e	XYZ tCO ₂ e
	☐ any other matrix, please specify...	
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.	

The CME is requesting a modification of the first monitoring period, with no change to the ex ante forecasted Emissions Reductions.

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 ☐ No ☒ <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: - 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