FORM

FORM - DEVIATION REQUEST SUBMISSION

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– 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 help@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 Secretariat

4.1 | General information

DEVIATION REFERENCE NUMBER	DEVRQ-473
Date of decision	24/07/2026
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 for the delay of mandatory physical verification site visit. The project developer could combine the auditing events however the VVB shall not verify the monitoring period falling three years before the site visit date following the GS requirement "Applicability of Minimum Site Visit Requirements by VVB" for Non-Force Majeure.

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

The project developer 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 project developer shall comply with all other applicable standard requirements until unless specifically mentioned in the deviation decision. The project developer 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 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]	☐ Yes ☒ No
Does this decision set a precedent for future projects with similar circumstances?[2]	☐ Yes ☒ No
Precedent details (if applicable to other activities) NA	

[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] :	Şeymanur Sülün
Email ID[4] :	seymanursulun@netzero.com.tr
Organisation:[5]:	Net Zero Danışmanlık Anonim Şirketi
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	GS12015	*GS XXXX* *GS XXXX*	*GS XXXX* *GS XXXX*
Host country(ies)	Uganda		
Project Title	Safe Water in Uganda		
Registry link	**https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/3860**		
Scale	☐ Microscale (GS) ☒ Small scale ☐ Large scale ☐ Other, if applicable please specify below *Insert text here*		

[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

Certification Status and corresponding date of latest status	☐ Listed	☐ Certified design[6]	☒ Certified project[7]	☐ Other *If other, specify here*
	dd/mm/yyyy	*dd/mm/yyyy*	31/01/2024 (Design Certification); 11/09/2024 (Certified Project / Performance Review approval)	*dd/mm/yyyy*

Applied version of Standard	☒ GS4GG				
	☐ Previous version of Gold Standard	Version no.			
		☐ 1.0	☐ 1.1	☐ 1.2	☐ 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	☐ 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 ☐ Agriculture Activity Requirements ☐ Blue Carbon and Freshwater Wetlands Activity Requirements ☐ Engineered removals Activity Requirements ☐ Other *Insert name here*

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	N/A		
Status of the deviation	☐ Approved	☐ Rejected	☐ Under review
	☐ Yes ☒ No		

[6] Design certification date
[7] Date of first issuance approval by Gold Standard

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?	**Summary of the findings** *Summary of the CL, CAR, FAR not more than 200 words. Include reference to document, page number*

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	Site Visit and Remote Audit Requirements and Procedures
	Version	V2.0
	Paragraph	Para 3.1.2 (read together with Para 3.2.3)

6.2 | Description of the deviation

Title	Deviation from 3-year physical site visit cycle to combine with Design Change/Revalidation audit	
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)
Relevant monitoring period, if applicable	Start date	Dd/mm/yyyy
	End date	Dd/mm/yyyy
	☒ NA	
Summarise the changes	The Project Developer (PD) requests a deviation from the minimum physical site visit frequency set out in para 3.1.2 of the Site Visit and Remote Audit Requirements and Procedures V2.0 ("once within every three years after the first physical site visit date"). The first physical site visit for GS12015 was conducted by the VVB (Earthood Services Private Limited) on 28-29 April 2023 during the First Verification of CP1; the next physical site visit would ordinarily fall due by approximately 28-29 April 2026. The PD requests that this next physical site visit instead be conducted together with a single combined audit event covering: (i) a Design Change under Paris Agreement alignment requirements; (ii) Revalidation (Design Certification Renewal) for the Second Crediting Period (CP2); and (iii) the First Verification of CP2 (combined B/R audit), once the updated SDWS methodology applicable to the project has been published and the Design Change scope finalised. Consistent with this combined audit, Emission Reductions generated prior to 2025 will continue to be quantified under the currently applied Methodology for Emission Reductions from Safe Drinking Water Supply, version 1.0, while Emission Reductions generated from 2025 onwards will be quantified under the updated version of the methodology once published, with both crediting streams presented together within the same combined Revalidation/Verification submission.	

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<tr><td>Reason for deviation</td><td>The scope of the Design Change and its associated site-level data requirements cannot be finalised until Gold Standard publishes the updated SDWS methodology applicable to the project. Conducting the physical site visit before the methodology is published and the Design Change scope is finalised risks an incomplete site visit that does not capture the additional field/site data the updated methodology may require, which would likely necessitate a second, duplicative site visit once those requirements become known. This would be significantly less cost-efficient for both the PD and the VVB, and would fragment an assessment that is more complete and methodologically consistent when performed as a single, combined audit event.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Proposed resolution</td><td>The PD proposes that the next mandatory physical site visit be conducted as part of a single combined audit event - covering the Design Change, the Revalidation (Design Certification Renewal) for CP2, and the First Verification of CP2 - to be scheduled once the updated SDWS methodology is published and the Design Change scope is finalised. This maintains the intent of para 3.1.2 (periodic physical verification of project performance) while avoiding an incomplete, duplicative visit. The combined submission will present monitoring-period emission reductions on a hybrid basis: pre-2025 vintages quantified under Methodology v1.0 (the version applied at Design Certification and CP1), and 2025-onwards vintages quantified under the updated methodology once published - ensuring accuracy, completeness and conservativeness are maintained for both periods.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Is there any potential temporary or permanent impact of deviation on other aspects of the project?</td><td>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)

<table><tr><th>Annual emission reduction/removal before applying deviation</th><th>Annual emission reduction/ removal after applying deviation</th></tr><tr><td>XYZ tCO_2e</td><td>XYZ tCO_2e</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td></tr></table>☐ any other matrix, please specify…
☐ NA</td></tr>
<tr><td>Summary of the impact</td><td>The deviation affects: (a) Project design, since the Revalidation and Design Change will be finalised and audited together once the updated methodology is available; and (b) Applicability of methodology, since the methodology version applied (v1.0 for pre-2025 vintages vs. the updated version for 2025-onwards vintages) depends on the publication timeline. No change to previously issued or claimed Emission Reductions is proposed; the deviation solely affects the</td></tr>
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	timing and scope-bundling of the next audit event and the methodology vintage applied prospectively.
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 Procedures or request is submitted by the VVB.*	Yes ☐ No ☒ *If answer is yes, fill the information in section 6.4 below.*

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. Copy of correspondence sent to Gold Standard (email dated 14 July 2026) requesting this deviation

Document 2. Verification Report GS.VER.22.56 (confirms date of first physical site visit: 28-29 April 2023)

Document 3. Site Visit and Remote Audit Requirements and Procedures, V2.0 (reference document)

DOCUMENT HISTORY

VERSION NUMBER	RELEASE DATE	DESCRIPTION
6.1	15.05.2026	Editorial and structural changes to the template
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