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-478
Date of decision	28/07/2026
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 has been approved for the delayed submission of the annual reports for the 2023 and 2024 verification periods. The project developer must submit the annual reports 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 in the verification report, 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]	☐ 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] :	Mohamed El Maghraby
Email ID[4] :	maghraby@atmosfair.de
Organisation:[5]:	atmosfair gGmbH
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	*GS11936*		

Host country(ies)	Nigeria			
Project Title	Solar Power for Rural Regions in Nigeria			
Registry link	**https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/3852**			
Scale	☒ Microscale (GS) ☐ Small scale ☐ Large scale ☐ Other, if applicable please specify below *Insert text here*			
Certification Status and corresponding date of latest status	☐ Listed	☒ Certified design	☐ Certified project	☐ Other *If other, specify here*
	dd/mm/yyyy	*09/06/2023*	*dd/mm/yyyy*	*dd/mm/yyyy*

[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	☒ 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 ☐ 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	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 A CAR was raised by the Gold Standard ARM Team on the Gold Standard Assurance Platform on 08/05/2026 regarding the delayed submission of the annual report for the monitoring period 09/11/2023 – 31/12/2024, following the upload of "GS11936 - Annual Report no. 1".		

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
	Version	V2.1
	Paragraph	Paragraph number 5.1.39

6.2 | Description of the deviation

Title	Delayed Submission of Annual Report No. 1	
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)
	The deviation relates solely to delayed submission of Annual Reports for the monitoring period 09/11/2023 to 31/12/2024. The delay was procedural and limited to the first monitoring and verification cycle only. The project will revert to full compliance with annual reporting timelines in subsequent monitoring periods.	
Relevant monitoring period, if applicable	Start date	09/11/2023
	End date	31/12/2024
Summarise the changes	The Project Developer seeks deviation approval for delayed submission of Annual Reports pertaining to the monitoring period 09/11/2023 to 31/12/2024, as required under GS4GG Principles and Requirements v2.1, para 5.1.39. The project was implemented in a phased manner, with initial operations limited to the Toto mini-grid installation while financing arrangements, operational stabilization, and feasibility assessments for subsequent phases were being evaluated. Simultaneously, the project underwent its first verification cycle, including monitoring report preparation, supporting evidence compilation, onsite audit, corrective action closure, and verification assessment by the VVB. The monitoring report was submitted to the VVB on 16/09/2025 and onsite audit was conducted on 04/12/2025. As a result, submission of the Annual Report was delayed beyond the prescribed timeline. The deviation request is limited only to delayed submission of the Annual Report and does not involve any deviation from the registered monitoring plan, applied methodology, project boundary, monitoring parameters, emission reduction calculations, or safeguarding requirements.	
Reason for deviation	The project was under active verification, including monitoring report review, onsite assessment, closure of findings, and verification of emission reductions and SDG impacts. Accordingly, the Annual Report submission was unintentionally delayed as administrative and verification activities were being finalized. The delay was procedural in nature and was not caused by any intentional omission, concealment of information, or non-performance of monitoring obligations.	
Proposed resolution	The Project Developer has prepared and submitted the revised Annual Reports together with this deviation request and all relevant supporting documentation. The monitoring period 09/11/2023 to 31/12/2024 has already undergone independent verification by the VVB under the GS4GG performance certification process. The VVB confirmed that: • the monitoring system was implemented and operational, • project data were monitored and recorded appropriately,	

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emission reductions were calculated conservatively and without material misstatement,
stakeholder grievance mechanisms remained operational,
SDG monitoring requirements were fulfilled, and
no overestimation of emission reductions occurred.

The verified emission reductions for the monitoring period remain 411 tCO2e.
The Project Developer confirms that this delay was temporary and administrative in nature, and commits to ensuring timely submission of future annual reports in accordance with GS4GG requirements.
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<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)

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<tr><th>Annual emission reduction/removal before applying deviation</th><th>Annual emission reduction/ removal after applying deviation</th></tr>
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☐ any other matrix, please specify…
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<tr><td>Summary of the impact</td><td>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.</td></tr>
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The deviation has no impact on:

- project design,
- applicability of methodology,
- safeguarding assessment,
- stakeholder consultation process,
- SDG contributions,
- additionality,
- monitoring approach,
- regulatory compliance, or
- environmental integrity of the project.

The deviation relates solely to delayed administrative submission of the Annual Reports. Monitoring activities, data recording, verification assessment, and project implementation activities continued during the relevant period.

The monitoring period has already undergone independent third-party verification, and verified emission reductions remain unchanged at 411 tCO2e. Therefore, the deviation does not result in overestimation of emission reductions or compromise the conservativeness, completeness, transparency, or accuracy of the monitored data.

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.

Document 2.

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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