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 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-500
Date of decision	23/08/2026
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 for the delay of 6 months for the annual monitoring survey parameters and 7 months for the biennial Kitchen Performance Test (KPT) is approved.

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 project developer. The CME shall comply with all other applicable standard requirements 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 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

[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.

Does this decision set a precedent for future projects with similar circumstances?[2]	☐ Yes ☒ No
Precedent details (if applicable to other activities)	

[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] :	Manfred Stockmayer
Email ID[4] :	ms@likano.eu
Organisation:[5]:	Likano Project Development GmbH
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*	GS5047	GS10826, GS10827, GS10828, GS10990, GS10991, GS10992, GS10993, GS10994, GS10995, GS10996, GS10997, GS10998, GS10999, GS11000, GS11001, GS11002
Host country(ies)	Rwanda		
Project Title	GS5047 African Improved Cookstoves and Clean Water Programme PoA GS5047 VPA50 African Improved Cookstoves and Clean Water Programme: Ibanda – Makera Forest Cook Stove Project I GS5047 VPA51 African Improved Cookstoves and Clean Water Programme: Ibanda – Makera Forest Cook Stove Project II GS5047 VPA52 African Improved Cookstoves and Clean Water Programme: Ibanda – Makera Forest Cook Stove Project III		

[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

	GS5047 VPA59 African Improved Cookstoves and Clean Water Programme: Ibanda – Makera Forest Cook Stove Project IV GS5047 VPA60 African Improved Cookstoves and Clean Water Programme: Ibanda – Makera Forest Cook Stove Project V GS5047 VPA61 African Improved Cookstoves and Clean Water Programme: Ibanda – Makera Forest Cook Stove Project VI GS5047 VPA62 African Improved Cookstoves and Clean Water Programme: Ibanda – Makera Forest Cook Stove Project VII GS5047 VPA63 African Improved Cookstoves and Clean Water Programme: Ibanda – Makera Forest Cook Stove Project VIII GS5047 VPA64 African Improved Cookstoves and Clean Water Programme: Ibanda – Makera Forest Cook Stove Project IX GS5047 VPA65 African Improved Cookstoves and Clean Water Programme: Ibanda – Makera Forest Cook Stove Project X GS5047 VPA66 African Improved Cookstoves and Clean Water Programme: Ibanda – Makera Forest Cook Stove Project XI GS5047 VPA67 African Improved Cookstoves and Clean Water Programme: Ibanda – Makera Forest Cook Stove Project XII GS5047 VPA68 African Improved Cookstoves and Clean Water Programme: Ibanda – Makera Forest Cook Stove Project XIII GS5047 VPA69 African Improved Cookstoves and Clean Water Programme: Ibanda – Makera Forest Cook Stove Project XIV GS5047 VPA70 African Improved Cookstoves and Clean Water Programme: Ibanda – Makera Forest Cook Stove Project XV GS5047 VPA71 African Improved Cookstoves and Clean Water Programme: Ibanda – Makera Forest Cook Stove Project XVI
Registry link	https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/2815 https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/2816 https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/2817 https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/2949 https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/2950 https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/2951 https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/2952 https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/2953 https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/2954 https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/2955 https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/2956 https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/2957 https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/2958 https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/2959 https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/2960 https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/2961 https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/2962

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	*dd/mm/yyyy*	GS10826: 28/04/2021 GS10827: 28/04/2021 GS10828: 28/04/2021 GS10990: 24/11/2021 GS10991: 24/11/2021 GS10992: 24/11/2021 GS10993: 24/11/2021 GS10994: 24/11/2021 GS10995: 24/11/2021 GS10996: 24/11/2021 GS10997: 24/11/2021 GS10998: 24/11/2021 GS10999: 24/11/2021 GS11000: 24/11/2021 GS11001: 24/11/2021 GS11002: 24/11/2021	*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	*N/A*
	From another standard to GS4GG	*N/A*
	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		

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	Technologies and Practices to Displace Decentralized Thermal Energy Consumption,
	Version	Version 3.1
	Paragraph	Section C. On-going Monitoring Studies, pages 30ff

6.2 | Description of the deviation

Title	Temporary Adjustment to Monitoring Frequency	
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	01/02/2023
	End date	30/09/2024

Summarise the changes	This project's monitoring period was between 01/02/2023 and 30/09/2024. In the registered VPA-DD, the monitoring frequency for various parameters is "annually" or "biennially". Monitoring surveys and Kitchen Performance Tests were carried out in this monitoring period between 20/08/2024 – 23/08/2024. Parameters required to be monitored annually were last collected between 07/02/2023 – 08/02/2023, the latest Kitchen Performance Test was carried out between 18/01/2022 – 21/01/2022. PD understands that GS interprets "annually" every 12 months and "biennially" every 24 months, hence, PD is deviating temporarily from the registered monitoring plan. The following parameters are determined through annual monitoring surveys: • Np,y - Project technology-days • U p,y - Usage rate for project scenario • Sinstall - Number of stoves installed • HHless smoke,y - Share of households confirming less smoke by the improved stove in the Monitoring Kitchen Survey Parameter Pp,y - Quantity of fuel that is consumed in project scenario p during year y is determined biennially. All monitoring surveys were carried out in December 2024, which is a delay of 6 months for the annual parameters and 7 months for the KPT (reasons described below in section "reasons for deviation).
Reason for deviation	PD carries out all Kitchen Performance Tests in its projects in Rwanda (both baseline and project KPTs) in the dry season, to achieve conservative results (KPTs in rainy season would lead to higher baseline and project consumption and therefore increased emission reductions). The rainy season in autumn lasts from mid-September to end of November. Therefore, PD planned the KPT for August 2024. Also, this was towards the end of the monitoring period (30/09/2024), thus supporting the production of conservative results, due to decrease of efficiency of stoves over time. Moreover, PD was of the understanding that annual monitoring means monitoring during a calendar year, independently of the month in which the surveys are carried in that year. Similarly, PD was of the understanding that biennially monitoring means monitoring in the second year following the previous monitoring, independently of the month in which the earlier surveys were carried out. This was the understanding from previous internal verifications under the micro-scale scheme. Therefore, PD saw no problem for the monitoring activities to be carried out in August 2024.
Proposed resolution	The requested temporary deviation would approve that monitoring surveys for the current Monitoring Period were carried out 6 months later than planned and Kitchen Performance Tests 7 months later than planned. Still, all other requirements for monitoring, such as sampling requirements, minimum sample size, training of monitoring staff etc.

	were considered, confirming accuracy and completeness of the monitoring approach. In general, surveys being carried out at a later date mean that more time has passed since project start and the technology used in the project is older. As increased project age usually leads to lower benefits for all SDGs, the slight delay in monitoring surveys has led to more conservative results.
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: *XYZ* tCO_2e Annual emission reduction/removal after applying deviation: *XYZ* tCO_2e ☐ 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.
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.*)

Not applicable

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