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

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| DEVIATION REFERENCE NUMBER | DEVRQ-512 |
| Date of decision | 15/09/2026 |
| Decision | ☐ **Approved** [No precondition to apply the deviation decision]<br>☒ **Conditionally approved** [Decision is subject to compliance with the precondition defined below]<br>☐ **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 4 days delay of mandatory physical verification site visit. The VVB shall not verify the monitoring period falling after the site visit date and the monitoring period falling two years before the site visit date for first verification 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

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| Is this decision applicable to other projects under similar circumstances?[1] | ☐ Yes<br>☒ No |
| Does this decision set a precedent for future projects with similar circumstances?[2] | ☐ Yes<br>☒ 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<br>☐ 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)<br>☐ Small scale<br>☐ Large scale<br>☐ Other, if applicable please specify below<br>*Insert text here* | | |

| Certification Status and corresponding date of latest status | ☐ Listed | ☒ Certified design | ☐ Certified project | ☐ Other<br>*If other, specify here* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | *dd/mm/yyyy* | *09/06/2023* | *dd/mm/yyyy* | *dd/mm/yyyy* |
| | ☒ GS4GG | | | |

[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

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| Applied version of Standard | ☐ 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<br>Name of the Standard – Insert text here | | | |
| Applicable activity requirement | ☒ Renewable Energy Activity Requirements<br>☐ Community Services Activity Requirements<br>☐ Land-use and Forests Activity Requirements<br>☐ 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. | | | ☒ Yes<br>☐ No |
| Reference number | DEVRQ-478 | | |
| 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**<br>*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

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| Standard document reference | Title | Update: Revisions to Microscale Scheme Requirements |
| | Version | V1.0 |
| | Paragraph | 4.2.1(b) |

### 6.2 | Description of the deviation

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| Title | Deviation Request for site visit date gap | |
| | ☒ Temporary | ☐ Permanent |

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| Confirm the nature of changes related to deviation | Not expected to occur beyond one monitoring period. | |
| | One-time deviation from paragraph 4.2.1(b) of the Rule Update: Revisions to Microscale Scheme Requirements, v1.0. The first physical VVB site visit was conducted on 04/12/2025, four calendar days after the prescribed date of 30/11/2025 | |
| Relevant monitoring period, if applicable | Start date | 09/11/2023 |
| | End date | 31/12/2024 |
| Summarise the changes | The Project Developer requests a one-time deviation from paragraph 4.2.1(b) of the Rule Update: Revisions to Microscale Scheme Requirements, v1.0. The first physical VVB site visit was conducted on 04/12/2025, four calendar days after the prescribed date of 30/11/2025.<br>The Project Developer requests Gold Standard to accept the completed physical site visit and allow verification of the complete monitoring period from 09/11/2023 to 31/12/2024. The deviation is limited solely to the timing of the site visit and does not involve any change to the project design, methodology, monitoring system, baseline scenario or ER calculation approach. | |
| Reason for deviation | The project was designed for the phased implementation of 20 solar mini-grids. However, due to financial constraints, the project could not expand as planned, and only the Toto mini-grid was implemented during the current monitoring period. The same financial constraints affected the timely mobilization of resources required for the physical site visit. Further time was required to complete the necessary visa and international travel arrangements and coordinate travel logistics, access to the project location and the availability of relevant onsite personnel. Consequently, the physical site visit was conducted on 04/12/2025.<br>The delay was limited to four calendar days and did not affect the project's implementation, monitoring system or data quality. The Toto mini-grid remained operational throughout the monitoring period and supplied renewable electricity to 2,309 connected households and consumers who previously lacked access to a reliable electricity supply. | |
| Proposed resolution | The Project Developer requests Gold Standard to accept the comprehensive physical site visit conducted on 04/12/2025 and permit verification of the complete monitoring period from 09/11/2023 to 31/12/2024.<br>During the site visit, the VVB physically verified the mini-grid installation, monitoring equipment, operational arrangements, stakeholder benefits and supporting records. The verification was further supported by continuous generation data, consolidated monthly operational records, the consumer database and the ER calculation workbook. Accordingly, the four-day delay did not affect the accuracy, completeness or verifiability of the reported impacts.<br>The project generated only 411 $tCO_2e$ during the complete monitoring period, comprising approximately 57 $tCO_2e$ in 2023 and 355 $tCO_2e$ in 2024. These volumes are substantially below the applicable microscale limit and the projections for the planned 20 installations. Acceptance of | |

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<tr><td></td><td>the deviation would therefore not result in any material or inflated issuance.<br>The Toto region does not have access to a reliable conventional power supply. Before implementation of the project, the existing distribution infrastructure was non-operational, leaving households and local businesses dependent on costly diesel and petrol generators or without reliable electricity. The Toto mini-grid now provides renewable electricity to 2,309 connected households and consumers and is essential for maintaining basic household services and supporting local economic activities.<br>Although limited in volume, the ERs and associated carbon revenue are important for the project's continued financial and operational sustainability. They support operation and maintenance of the mini-grid, retention of local technical personnel and continued delivery of reliable and affordable electricity to the connected consumers. Carbon revenue is also important for enabling the project to pursue its planned expansion to other underserved communities, which has not yet been possible due to financial constraints.<br>Considering the limited four-day delay, the comprehensive physical verification completed by the VVB, the conservative ER volume and the project's importance to consumers in a region without reliable conventional electricity, the Project Developer requests approval to retain the complete monitoring period for verification.</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:<br>☐ Project design<br>☐ Local stakeholder consultation<br>☐ Safeguarding principles<br>☐ SDG assessment<br>☐ Regulatory compliance<br>☐ Additionality<br>☐ Applicability of methodology<br>☐ Annual emission reduction volume (if yes, fill the table below)<br><br><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></table><br>☐ any other matrix, please specify…</td></tr>
<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>
<tr><td colspan="2">No impact on the project is to be noted. There is only a temporary impact on the timing of the physical site visit. It does not affect project design, methodology, baseline, additionality, or emission reduction calculations.</td></tr>
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## 6.3 | VVB information

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| Is a VVB opinion on the deviation request required?<br>*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 ☒<br>*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.

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| 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 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:<br>- date of listing, design certification, transition<br>- standard version<br>- specific reference to a requirement deviated from<br>- any previous deviations/design changes approved<br>- 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 |