

FORM

FORM - DEVIATION REQUEST SUBMISSION

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RELATED DOCUMENTS

- <u>Deviations Approval Requirements and Procedures</u>

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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 <u>applicable</u> 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 <u>Deviation Request Requirements and Procedures</u> 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-58	
Date of decision		23/05/2025	
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 project developer's request for conducting a remote site visit cannot be approved as per paragraph 2.1.2 of Annex B of Principles and Requirements version 2.1. But in view of the conflict zone, Project developer shall appoint an Objective Observer for the on-site audit. This decision is exclusively for the monitoring period, from 01/01/2023 to 31/12/2023 and for VPA with GSID – GS2456, GS3516, GS3517, GS3518, GS3519, GS3520, GS3521, GS3522, GS3523, GS3524. The relationship between and among the Project Developer, the Objective Observer and Gold Standard shall be established in a Memorandum of Understanding that must be signed by all parties.

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

The project developer is not required to request another deviation for appointment of an Objective Observer (OO). However, the project developer shall ensure that the OO has been selected for the on-site audit as required by para 2.1.2 of the Annex B of Principles and Requirements version 2.1 and has conducted the audit under the guidance of a GS-approved VVB. The Project Developer will be responsible for contracting and covering the costs of the Objective Observer.

The project developer shall document the deviation request, its implications, and GS' decision in the appropriate section of the GS Monitoring Report (for the relevant MP).

4.2.3 | Directions for the Validation and Verification Body (VVB), if applicable

The VVB shall provide a checklist to the selected Objective Observer before the site visit, to assist the Objective Observer in assessing the relevant aspects related to the Project's Verification. The checklist must be limited to issues that the VVB thinks would be necessary to check on-site to form the Verification opinion.

The verifying VVB shall ensure the following:

- The Objective observer (OO) is selected to conduct the assessment as per the checklist provided.
- The site visit conducted by the OO during the verification shall confirm the status of the project operation and the mitigation plans in place to tackle the negative impacts of the project.
- Assess and demonstrate how the selected OO has prior experience working in conflict zones/areas that pose a high risk to life and/or health. The VVB shall also demonstrate OO's involvement in other activities within the project's geographical area.

The Verifying VVB shall, through appropriate means at its disposal, evaluate the Project's compliance with the above-mentioned conditions and provides its opinion in the Verification Report

4.2.4 | Directions for the Gold Standard, if applicable

Assurance team shall review both the PD's response and the VVB's assessment/opinion of the same and take appropriate steps.

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)	

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

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\boxtimes	Project developer
	CME
	VVB
	Other (specify)

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.

5.2 | Details of the entity and its representative submitting the form

Item	Information
Name ³ :	Herman Noppen
Email ID ⁴ :	herman@co2logic.com
Organisation: ⁵ :	CO2Logic
Are you an authorized project	⊠ Yes
participant as per the cover letter	□ No
submitted for this activity?	

5.3 | Background information

Type	☐ Project activity	□ PoA GSXXXX	⊠ VPA
GS ID	GSXXXX GSXXXX	GS XXXX GS XXXX	- GS2456 (VPA-1) - GS3516 (VPA-2) - GS3517 (VPA-3) - GS3518 (VPA-4) - GS3519 (VPA-5) - GS3520 (VPA-6) - GS3521 (VPA-7) - GS3522 (VPA-8) - GS3523 (VPA-9) - GS3524 (VPA-10)
Host country(ies)	Burkina Faso		
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Name of the individual representing the entity requesting the deviation
 Email ID for further correspondence related to the deviation request
 The name of the entity requesting the deviation

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	□ Large scale									
	\square Other, if applicable please specify below									
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Applied version of Standard	⊠ GS4GG									
Standard	□ Previous version	of	Version	n no.						
	Gold Standard		□ 1.0		□ 1.1	1	□ 1.2		□ 2.2	
Transition date, if	From previous GS version to GS4GG dd/mm/yyyy									
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				□ Other						
				Name of the Standard – Insert text						
				here						
Applicable activity	☐ Renewable Ener	gy A	Activity R	equir	ements					
requirement	□ Community Services Activity Requirements									
	☐ Land-use and Forests Activity Requirements									

□ Oth	er				
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 h	nere			
Status of the deviation	☐ Approved		□ Rejected	□ Under r	eview
Were there any findings (C	□ Yes	□ No			
raised during any certification step (preliminary review, design and/or performance review etc.) that are relevant to this deviation request?		Summar	ry of the findings y of the CL, CAR, FAR in Include reference to do		

6| Deviation detail

<u>To be completed by the entity requesting deviation (Project Developer/Coordinating and Managing Entity and/or VVB)</u>

6.1 | Standard document reference

Standard	Title	Annex B of Principles and Requirements
document	Version	V2.1
reference	Paragraph	2.1.2

6.2 | Description of the deviation

Title	Impossibility to conduct site visit due to safety issue			
Confirm the nature of	□ Temporary		□ Permanent	
changes related to	(e.g. not expected to occu		(e.g. deviation from requirements	
deviation	beyond one monitoring pe	eriod)	prior to submission for certification)	
	Insert Text here (if requir	ed) to s	support the selection	
Relevant monitoring	Start date	01/01/	2023	
period, if applicable	End date	31/12/	2023	
Summarise the changes	As per Principles and Requirements v2.0 paragraph 5.1.26: "Verification includes a site visit by a VVB who assesses the following against all Gold Standard Requirements including applicable Activity Requirements, Gold Standard Methodology and Product Requirements: The Monitoring Report (including any updates in Annual Reports) All supporting evidence and documents included by the Project Developer to demonstrate conformity" However, the site visit is not feasible due to the safety issues occurred during all the 2024, like terroristic attack. The site visit			

	performed by the VVB is previewed to be substituted by the recruitment of an Objective Observer. Following what reported into "SITE VISIT AND REMOTE AUDIT REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES".
	Refer to latest version of <u>Deviation Request Requirements and</u>
	<u>Procedures for requirements and guidelines</u>
Reason for deviation	Safety problems

Email (s):

Proposed resolu	REQUIRE	As per "SITE VISIT AND REMOTE AUDIT REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES v2.0", when the physical site visit is not possible a remote audit can be arrange.			
Is there any potential temporary or permanent impact of deviation on other aspects of the project? □ Cocal stakeholder consultation □ Safeguarding principles □ SDG assessment □ Regulatory compliance □ Additionality □ Applicability of methodology □ Annual emission reduction volume (if yes, fill the			consultation ciples ance ethodology		
	reduction deviation	n	Annual emission reduction/ pefore applying removal after applying deviation		
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	□ any ot	her matrix,	, please specify		
Summary of the impact	project i	No impact results on the project and/or its design. The results of the project in terms of SDGs will be assessed remotely rather than physically on site.			
Insert text her	е				
6.3 VVB inf	ormation				
required? VVB opinion sharequired by the Deviations Required	n on the deviation on the included, variation of the included, variation of the included, variation of the included in the inc	vhere nder ots and	Yes □ No ⊠ If answer is yes, fill the information in section 6.4 below.		
6.4 VVB's a	ssessment		·		
The below info	rmation is to b	e complete	ed by VVB, if applicable.		
VVB's assessn	nent of	Please cor	nfirm the nature of deviation.		
deviation request					
VVB's assessment of impact					
of deviation re	quest				
VVB recomme	ndation				
VVB details	VVB name:				
	Auditor name	(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. Burkina Faso Accled Data report https://acleddata.com/data-export-tool/ where all the dangerous events occurred during 2024 have been listed.

Document 2. https://edition.cnn.com/2024/10/04/africa/burkina-faso-massacre-600-dead-french-intel-intl/index.html

Document 3. https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c77x45y130lo

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