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TEMPLATE

DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1| Decision

1.1 | Date – 30/12/2020

1.2 | Decision – Approved

The deviation request is approved whereby the PD/CME is allowed to separate rooftop solar from ground-mounted solar PV installations. The rooftop solar projects may be treated as different technology and **are not required to demonstrate compliance with eligibility criteria stated in paragraph 2.1.3(b) of GS Renewable Energy Activity Requirements (version 1.2, dated October 2019)**. It should be noted that the exception is only applicable if the proposed project/VPAs involves **installation of rooftop solar PV where each individual unit size is less than 500 kWp rated capacity**. This deviation approval doesn't constitute a decision on project's additionality justification which shall be reviewed by GSVVB and/or SustainCERT, as applicable, as part of validation and design review.

B. To be completed by the Project Developer/Coordinating and Managing Entity and/or VVB requesting deviation (Please submit complete deviation request form in Microsoft Word format)

2| Background information

Deviation Reference Number	DEV_160	
Date of decision	30/12/2020	
Date of submission	17/11/2020	
Project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> Project	ID - GSXXXX
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID - GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID - GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	Solar roof-top power generation PoA in Vietnam	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Vietnam	
Scale of the project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> Microscale <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small scale <input type="checkbox"/> Large scale	
Gold Standard Impact Registry link of the project/PoA/VPA		
Status of the project/PoA/VPA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Listed <input type="checkbox"/> Certified design <input type="checkbox"/> Certified project	
Title/subject of deviation	Deviation from RE requirement	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology and version number	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AMS-I.D.: Grid connected renewable electricity generation - -- Version 18.0 	
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date NA	End date NA
Submitted by	Contact person name: Ha Hoang Thanh	
	Email ID: h.hoang@nexusfordevelopment.org	
	Organization: Nexus for Development	
	Project participant: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
Validation and Verification body (VVB opinion shall be included, where required by the applicable rules/requirements or request is submitted by the VVB).	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes; VVB name: Auditor name:	

3| Deviation detail

3.1 | Description of the deviation:

Use the space below to describe the deviation and substantiate the reason for requesting deviation from applicable rules/requirements. Please include all relevant information in support of the request. You are requested to follow the principles for guidelines for requesting deviations, given in the Deviation Approval Procedure.

<p>Nexus is currently engaging with the rooftop solar power project developers in Vietnam and planning for developing a PoA on grid connected power from solar rooftop technology.</p> <p>In October 2019, Gold Standard for Global Goals introduced new eligibility requirements for grid-connected renewable energy projects. According to RENEWABLE ENERGY ACTIVITY REQUIREMENTS, Version 1.2, paragraph 2.1.3; Grid-connected Renewable Energy projects - unless located in a Least Developed Country (LDC), Small Island Developing State (SIDS) or a Land Locked Developing Country (LLDC) - shall be deemed ineligible for the issuance of Gold Standard Verified Emission Reductions (GS-VERs) or Gold Standard labels for Certified Emission Reductions (GS-CERs);</p> <p>(a) If a Renewable Energy project is connected to national or a regional grid and located in an Upper Middle- and High-Income Country, OR</p> <p>(b) If a project is located in a country where the penetration level of the <i>proposed Renewable Energy Technology type</i> is greater than 5% of the total grid installed capacity, at the time of the first submission (preliminary review) to Gold Standard</p> <p>We would like to request the deviation for solar rooftop technology to be separated from solar farm technology in the definition of "<i>proposed Renewable Energy Technology type</i>".</p>
<p>VVB opinion (if applicable):</p> <p>N/A</p>

3.2 | Assessment of the deviation:

Use the space below to describe how the deviation complies with the requirements, and accuracy, completeness, conservativeness, as applicable is ensured. Please include all relevant information in support of the request.

<p>From our perspective, with solar power technology, the sub categories such as ground-mounted PV plants (usually with high capacity, e.g. up to 10 MW or hundreds MW), rooftop PV arrays (from some hundreds kW to 1 MW that only be installed at households, restaurants or small farms) or the floating solar projects are different "proposed Renewable Energy Technology type". Same as wind power project, the off-shore or on-shore wind power project should be defined as different technology type.</p>
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<p>In particular for rooftop solar, the total installed capacity for rooftop up to Jun 2020 was only 764 MW (https://evn.com.vn/d6/news/EVN-chu-dong-cong-khai-cac-thong-tin-de-thuc-day-phat-trien-dien-mat-troi-mai-nha-6-12-26154.aspx) which is 1.6% of the total installed power capacity (48,000 MW according to https://www.evn.com.vn/d6/news/He-thong-dien-Viet-Nam-nam-trong-top-dau-khu-vuc-ASEAN-6-12-24194.aspx) in Vietnam.</p>
<p>VVB opinion and recommendation (if applicable):</p> <p>N/A</p>

3.3 | Impact of the deviation:

Use the space below to describe the impact of the deviation on project design, safeguarding principles assessment, SDG assessment, emissions reductions, monitoring frequency, data quality, potential risk or any other relevant aspect of the project. Please substantiate the impact assessment with relevant and verifiable data/information.

<p>Giving the clear definition for sub-categories of renewable energy type would promote more micro/small scales projects at communities level which would contribute to sustainable development of local area.</p>
<p>VVB opinion (if applicable):</p> <p>N/A</p>

3.4 | Documents:

List of documents provided