

DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1| Decision

1.1 | Date – 01/12/2020

1.2 | Decision - Approved

The deviation request is approved in accordance with the requirements stated in Section 6.1.3 of GHG Emissions Reduction and Sequestration Product Requirements. The PD shall ensure that the revised PoA crediting period start date is the earliest crediting period start date amongst all the VPAs included in the PoA. The PD shall perform either one of the following actions:

- i. Revise the crediting period start dates of VPA01 (GS4965) and VPA03 (GS6252) in accordance with the revised crediting period start date of the PoA or
- ii. Voluntarily exclude VPA01 (GS4965) and VPA03 (GS6252) from the PoA

Consequently, the POA shall submit a request for a design change, during or any time before the next verification and no later. In case the PD chooses option (i) above, the design change request shall include revision in the crediting period start dates of VPA01 (GS4965) and VPA03 (GS6252).

Precedent Statement:

The GS decision on this deviation request sets a precedent for PoAs operating under identical conditions. A PoA is allowed to revise its crediting period start date to a later date (which may be the crediting period start date of any VPA other than VPA1) if it can be demonstrated that VPA1 has not been implemented. The PoA shall ensure that the revised PoA crediting period start date is the earliest crediting period start date amongst all the VPAs included in the PoA. For VPAs having crediting period start dates before the proposed (new) crediting period start date of the PoA, the PD/CME shall perform either one of the following actions:

- a) Revise the crediting period start dates of these VPAs in accordance with the proposed (new) crediting period start date of the PoA or
- b) Voluntarily exclude these VPAs from the PoA by following due process.

Consequently, the PoA and VPAs shall submit a request for a design change, during or any time before the next verification and no later. In case the PD chooses option (a) above, the design change request shall include revision in the crediting period start dates of the concerning VPAs.

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_161	
Date of decision	01/12/2020	
Date of submission	17/11/2020	
Project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> Project	ID - GSXXXX
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID - GS4798
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID - GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	Accelerating Clean Cooking Solutions in the Mekong Region	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Cambodia, Lao and 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 type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Listed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified design <input type="checkbox"/> Certified project	
Title/subject of deviation	Changing the start date of PoA crediting period	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology and version number	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNFCCC methodology¹: AMS-II.G. Energy Efficiency measures in thermal applications of non-renewable biomass, Version 9.0 GS4GG methodology: TPDDTEC version 3.1 	
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)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

or request is submitted by the VVB).	If yes; VVB name: Auditor name:
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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.

The PoA4798 and its 3 included VPAs were registered under GS4GG with the following Design certification dates:

	Start date	Design certification date	Start of CP
PoA: GS4798	30/03/2016	15/02/2019	15/02/2017
VPA01: GS4965	31/03/2016	15/02/2019	15/02/2017
VPA03: GS6252	04/07/2016	15/02/2019	15/02/2017
VPA04: GS6746	03/08/2017	25/01/2020	25/01/2018

According to the GS4GG PoA requirement, item 3.1.2: “The PoA crediting period start date is the crediting period start date of the earliest VPA/CPA included in the PoA”. Therefore, the start of PoA crediting period should be 15/02/2017 as in the above table.

¹ Please note that in the PoA DD or VPA DDs, the term "CPA" was sometime used because the PoA and VPA have been developed under GS4GG but using the CDM methodology AMS II.G and referred to the UNFCCC guidelines. In this PoA context, VPA and CPA have the same meaning

However, due to the lack of funding for distribution of ICS since Dec 2018, under VPA01 and VPA03, these VPAs are currently inactive but only the VPA04 (GS6746). Besides, there has been no VERs were issued to date under the proposed PoA, therefore, PP would like to request for changing the current start date of PoA crediting period (15/02/2017) to 25/01/2018 which is the starting date of crediting period of its VPA04 (GS6746).

VVB opinion (if applicable):
N/A

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.

Since there is no issuance taken place before the new proposed start date of PoA (25/01/2018), there should be no any conflict with the GS’s requirements. In fact, the requested postponed period is less than 1 years therefore it is in line with the UNFCCC standard that:

"234. The project participants of a registered CDM project activity are not required to request approval from the Board for the following changes to the start date of the crediting period of the project activity, but shall notify the secretariat of the changes in accordance with the "CDM project cycle procedure for project activities":

(a) Bringing forward the start date up to one year earlier than that indicated in the registered PDD, taking into account that the start date shall not be earlier than the effective date of registration of the project activity;

(b) Postponing the start date by up to one year, or by up to two years for a project activity hosted by a least developed country, later than that indicated in the registered PDD."

VVB opinion and recommendation (if applicable):
N/A

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.

This deviation request does not have any impact on the project design, safeguarding principles assessment, SDG assessment, emissions reductions, monitoring frequency, data quality, potential risk. The only impact is that it will allow PP to align the start of crediting period of both PoA and its VPA to the same date. This will be a cost saving solution for PP to manage this PoA and VPA especially at the renewal stage.

VVB opinion (if applicable):

N/A

3.4 | Documents:

List of documents provided

- PoA (GS4798) DD
- VPA (GS6746) DD