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TEMPLATE

DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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Version **4.0**

A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1 | Decision

1.1 | Date – 22/02/2022

1.2 | Decision

The applied deviation request is **approved**. The Project Developer may continue with the process with the applied version of methodology.

1.3 | Is this decision applicable to other project activities under similar circumstances?

No

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

2 | Background information

Deviation Reference Number	DEV_217	
Date of decision	22/02/2022	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	N/A	
Date of submission	01/12/2021	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID - GS11075
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID - GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID - GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	Solar water filtration units for rural areas in costal Bangladesh	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Bangladesh	
Scale of the project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> Microscale <input type="checkbox"/> Small scale <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large scale	
Gold Standard Impact Registry link of the project/PoA/VPA	https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/3062	
Status of the project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Listed <input type="checkbox"/> Certified design <input type="checkbox"/> Certified project	
Title/subject of deviation	Delay in payment of design review fees	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology and version number	TPDDTEC version 3.1 (Technology Practices to Displace Decentralized Thermal Energy Consumption)	
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	N/A	
Submitted by	Contact person name: Manjari Chandra	
	Email ID: manjari@vnavadvisory.com	
	Organization: VNV Advisory Services Pvt. Ltd.	
	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	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

<p>rules/requirements or request is submitted by the VVB).</p>	<p>If yes; VVB name: Auditor name:</p>
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3 | Deviation detail

3.1 | Description of the deviation:

3.1.1 | Deviation detail (to be completed by Project developer):

In-line with the rule update dated 03/05/2021 i.e. Application of TPDDTEC methodology to safe water supply projects - Annex 3 of 'Technologies and Practices for the Displacement of Decentralised Thermal Energy Consumption (TPDDTEC)' has been revised and released as a new methodology – 'Methodology for emission reductions from safe drinking water supply' and as per section 1.2.2 (Annex 3) of TPDDTEC methodology, it will remain in effect until 02.08.2021.

The project activity GS 11075 is a regular large scale water purification project in rural coastal districts of Bangladesh. The LSC meeting took place in January 2021 in the midst of COVID-19 pandemic and the remote audit site visit by VVB was conducted in July 2021 during the lockdown with special permission in Bangladesh. The final documents for design review was submitted on 02.08.2021 before the expiry of the methodology. However, we could not process with the payment on the same day since it takes time to release the invoice by SustainCert and for us to make the payment (a day or two) and for the payment to reflect in the SustainCert account (which usually takes 3-5 business days). Further, the first invoice that we received from SustainCert on 05.08.2021 had some error and we requested them to send the revised invoice which was received by us on the next day (06.08.2021). It was also accepted by SC that the payment could not be processed on the same day. Therefore, it is a request to extend the deadline for the payment of fees for the project.

3.1.2 | VVB opinion (to be completed by VVB, if applicable):

N/A

3.2 | Assessment of the deviation:

3.2.1 | Deviation assessment (to be completed by Project developer):

Kindly see the following table providing evidence of the uninterrupted track record of the project activity since the beginning.

Date	Event
16/12/2020	LSC invitation date
21/01/2021	LSC meeting date
01/03/2021	Date of first submission to GS/SC for preliminary review
04/03/2021	Date of generation of invoice for preliminary review
08/03/2021	Date of invoice paid
30/06/2021	Date of project activity Listed on SC app
24/06/2021	Date of VVB appointed - contract signed between Carboncheck and VNV / Start date of Validation
03/05/2021	Date of rule update
11/07/2021	Date of remote site visit
02/08/2021	Last date of submission before the methodology expires
02/08/2021	Validation closed
02/08/2021	Documents submitted to SC app along with the email notification
02/08/2021	Date till activity can be submitted for design review
05/08/2021	Invoice generated for the design review (correction required)
06/08/2021	Correction in invoice - new invoice date

It is evident from the chronology that we have been seeking for the Gold Standard certification. Furthermore, we have made use of all the possibilities for the timely submission to Gold standard. We also informed SustainCert on 02 August 2021 via email for the timely submission of the project documents for the Design review process. However, we could not process with the payment on the same day since it takes time to release the invoice by SustainCert and for us to make the payment (a day or two) and for the payment to reflect in the SustainCert account (which usually takes 3-5 business days). Further, the first invoice that we received from SustainCert on 05.08.2021 had some error and we requested them to send the revised invoice which

was received by us on the next day (06.08.2021). It was also accepted by SC that the payment could not be processed on the same day.

3.2.2 | VVB opinion (to be completed by VVB, if applicable):

N/A

3.3 | Impact of the deviation:

3.3.1 | Impact assessment (to be completed by Project developer):

We have tried to submit the project activity in timely manner as per the documents but due to payment date related issue there will be a huge loss in number of credits and in-turn number of plants and benefits to the rural. Therefore, it is a request to extend the deadline for the payment of fees.

3.3.2 | VVB opinion (to be completed by VVB, if applicable):

N/A

3.4 | Documents:

1. Email attachments with SustainCert
2. Email attachment of LSC invitation and stakeholder feedback round
3. Final validation report from VVB for audit date and validation approval date.