

TEMPLATE

# DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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## A. To be completed by Gold Standard

### 1 | Decision

**1.1 | Date – 05/07/2022**

#### **1.2 | Decision**

The deviation request is approved. However, the VVB shall:

1. Document the deviation request, its implications, and GS' decision in the appropriate section of the Verification Report (for the relevant MP).
2. Explain in the verification report the measures employed to ensure maintenance of impartiality during the audit (in line with its established requirements and procedures).

#### **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_275	
Date of decision	05/07/2022	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	N/A	
Date of submission	17/04/2022 (DD/MM/YYYY)	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GS7495
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	Hifadhi-Livelihoods Improved Cookstove Project in Tharaka Nithi County, Kenya (Project ID: GS7495)	
Date of listing	12/07/2019 (DD/MM/YYYY)	
GS Standard version applicable	GS Principles and requirements V1.2	
Date of transition to GS4GG (if applicable)	Validated under GS4GG requirements	
Date of transition to Gold Standard from another standard (e.g. CDM) (if applicable)	Not applicable (GS-VER only)	
Date of design certification/inclusion (if applicable)	21/09/2020 (4 Week Review Period End Date )	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Host country(ies): Kenya	
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	<a href="https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/1890">https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/1890</a>	
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	Same validation team conducting verification scope as well	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	VALIDATION AND VERIFICATION BY SAME VVB (RU 2020 PR – PR V1.2) dated 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2020	
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date 13/02/2019      End date 01/12/2020	
Submitted by	Contact person name: R. Vijayaraghavan  Email ID: vijay@epicsustainability.com	

	Organisation: EPIC Sustainability Services Private Limited Project participant: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>  If yes; VVB name: EPIC Sustainability Services Private Limited  VVB Staff name(s): R. Vijayaraghavan
Any previous deviations approved for the same project activity/PoA/VPA(s)?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

### 3 | Deviation detail

#### 3.1 | Description of the deviation:

*\*Guidance\** 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 requesting deviations, given in the [Deviation Approval Procedure/Design Change Requirements](#).

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

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

*\*Guidance\** If required by SustainCERT or Gold Standard for this particular deviation, please add here the VVB's opinion.

..... The same team used in the project design certification (validation) activity was involved in the performance certification (verification) of the 1<sup>st</sup> monitoring period as well.

### 3.2 | Assessment of the deviation:

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

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

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

***\*Guidance\*** If required by SustainCERT or Gold Standard for this particular deviation, please add here the VVB's opinion.*

..... The verification team has declared and demonstrated that there was no financial interest towards the project. The verification team was independent from the project. It has not involved during finance or implementation or operation of the project activity. There is no self-review for the verification team as all the documents are being checked thoroughly during the performance certification activity. The report was reviewed by the technical reviewer as well. As such verification team is impartial during the entire verification activity.

Background: EPIC has selected the verification team based on 5.1.28 of GS4GG Principles & Requirements v1.2. EPIC was not aware of this new rule update.

### 3.3 | Impact of the deviation:

***\*Guidance\*** 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.*

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

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

*\*Guidance\* If required by SustainCERT or Gold Standard for this particular deviation, please add here the VVB's opinion.*

..... As EPIC and the verification team ensured that integrity and impartiality is maintained during the entire verification activity, there is no negative impact.

### 3.4 | Documents:

*\*Guidance\* List of documents provided (note that once a decision has been made by Gold Standard, this deviation form along with supporting documents will be made public on the Gold Standard website. If any of the supporting documents are confidential, please indicate here to ensure they are omitted.)*

Not applicable.

Version number	Release date	Description
5	11.04.2022	Additional information added: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- date of listing, design certification, transition</li> <li>- standard version</li> <li>- specific reference to a requirement deviated from</li> <li>- any previous deviations/design changes approved</li> </ul> Guidance on VVB opinion
4	14.01.2021	
3	16.07.2020	
2	03.05.2018	
1	01.07.2017	Initial adoption