

TEMPLATE

DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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Version **5.0**

A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1 | Decision

1.1 | Date – 22/03/2023

1.2 | Decision

The deviation request is **approved** considering there is no progress made with respect to the implementation of the project activity i.e., project is yet to start as of now. However, the PD shall:

- a. Justify that the stakeholder consultation carried out in September 2021 is still valid for design certification of the VPA # 2 and there is no change in the stakeholder feedback or outcome of the stakeholder consultation due the gap in date of consultation i.e., September 2021 to January 2023.
- b. Provide relevant evidences of delay in the implementation of the project activity to the VVB and document the same in the VPA-DD and stakeholder consultation report.

The VVB shall verify the above and provide its opinion in the validation report.

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_375	
Date of decision	22/03/2023	
Precedent (YES/NO)	NO	
Precedent details	N/A	
Date of submission	23/01/2023	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GSXXXX
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GS10875
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GS12024
Project/PoA/VPA title	<p>VPA Title-</p> <p><i>GS10875 GS 11343 RVPA 1 Namene Solar Lights Distribution Programme in Southern African Countries - Zimbabwe VPA 1</i></p>	
Date of listing	For regular case VPA's there is no requirement of Preliminary review	
GS Standard version applicable	GS4GG	
Date of transition to GS4GG (if applicable)	N/A	
Date of transition to Gold Standard from another standard (e.g. CDM) (if applicable)	N/A	
Date of design certification/inclusion (if applicable)	N/A	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Zimbabwe	
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	https://platform.sustain-cert.com/public-project/3271	
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	Stakeholder's_Deviation	

Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	As per P & R requirement clause 4.1.35 <i>The project shall prepare the Stakeholder consultation report of the consultation process, including consultation feedback and how this was incorporated into the design of the Project. The Stakeholder consultation report shall be submitted to Gold Standard within three months of the event (though this date may be after the Project Start Date).</i>
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	<div>Start date End date</div> N/A
Submitted by	Contact person name: BERNARDO LAZO Email ID: bernardo.lazo@namenensolar.com Organisation: NAMENE SOLAR LIGHTS 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 rules/requirements or request is submitted by the VVB).	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes; VVB name: VVB Staff name(s):
Any previous deviations approved for the same project activity/PoA/VPA(s)?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" 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):

The project developer through this submission would like to **request an extension to submit the SCR for the 2nd VPA in Zimbabwe for the PoA GS 10875.** The stakeholder's meeting was carried out in line with GS rules in the month of September 2021, but the PD did not submit the stakeholder's consultation report to SC till Jan 2023.

In line with clause, 4.1.35 of the P & R requirements, ***the project shall prepare the Stakeholder consultation report of the consultation process, including consultation feedback and how this was incorporated into the design of the Project. The Stakeholder consultation report shall be submitted to Gold Standard within three months of the event*** (though this date may be after the Project Start Date).

There was delay in submission of the SCR since there was no progress made in the 2nd VPA with respect to implementation of the project activity i.e. project is yet to start as of now. The delay of the 2nd VPA is attributable to the delay in Design certification of the PoA (GS 10875) and the 1st VPA in Zimbabwe (GS 11343) which occurred on 22nd Dec, 2022. Due to delay of the project achieving design certification status, there was a lack of clarity with respect to achieving investments required to implement the 2nd VPA. The issue has now been resolved since the 1st VPA has now achieved Design Certification status and implementation related to the 2nd VPA shall soon be underway.

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.*

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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):

As explained earlier, the project is yet to start now, and the PD intends to consider all comments received during the physical stakeholder's consultation as well as the feedback round prior to proceeding with the implementation of the project activity, and therefore the deviation is in line with the GS rules that stakeholder's comments shall be considered during the project implementation.

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.*

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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):

The deviation shall have no impact on the project design, safeguarding principles assessment, SDG assessment, emissions reductions, monitoring frequency, data quality, potential risk, or any other relevant aspect of the project since the deviation pertains to only extension required to submission of the SCR. The project developer would comply with all GS4GG related rules and guidelines during the project cycle.

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.*

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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.)*

GS10875PoA_SCR_DeviationRequest

Version number	Release date	Description
5	11.04.2022	Additional information added: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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	14.01.2021	
3	16.07.2020	
2	03.05.2018	
1	01.07.2017	Initial adoption