

TEMPLATE

DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

PUBLICATION DATE **11.04.2021**

Version **5.0**

A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1 | Decision

1.1 | Date – 04/04/2023

1.2 | Decision

The deviation has been APPROVED considering that continuous activities have been performed since the project transition to GS4GG (from other scheme), verification report was closed (dated) on 28/10/2022, the performance review was scheduled for December 2022 and the Annual Report was submitted during the performance review process.

The PD shall note that this is not a permanent approval.

The PD must implement a process/procedure to ensure that the Annual Reports are submitted latest by end of the following year as stipulated in PRINCIPLES & REQUIREMENTS - Version 1.2 § 5.1.39 to 5.1.44. in future or any other version that supersede in future; and independent of any status of the project.

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_381	
Date of decision	04/04/2023	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	-	
Date of submission	08/03/2023	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GS10889
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	Methane Recovery and Biogas Utilization Project, Lao Cai Province, Vietnam	
Date of listing	03/03/2021	
GS Standard version applicable	Gold Standard for the Global Goals	
Date of transition to GS4GG (if applicable)	14/10/2022	
Date of transition to Gold Standard from another standard (e.g. CDM) (if applicable)		
Date of design certification/inclusion (if applicable)	26/08/2021	
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	https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/2878	
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	Methane Recovery and Biogas Utilization Project, Lao Cai Province, Vietnam - Annual Report	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	PRINCIPLES & REQUIREMENTS Version 1.2 Para 5.1.39	
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date 01/01/2021	End date 23/03/2022

Submitted by	Contact person name: Tom Hayes
	Email ID: tom.hayes@agasco.com
	Organisation: Agasco 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 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):

As raised by SC during performance certification:

PP shall consider the following rules since the GS4GG Transition is finalized in October 2022:

5.1.39: Transparent, annual update reports need to be provided for Projects that have achieved the Project Design Certification stage or have successfully transitioned to Gold Standard for the Global Goals. An annual report shall be submitted for each monitoring year by end of next calendar year for which verification is not completed. If a verification is in progress but not completed, then an Annual Report is still required by the end of calendar year

Please provide a deviation request and concluded decision for the next round of performance review for delay in submission the annual report of 2021 in 2022. The issue remains open.

PP Response:

An Annual Report covering the corresponding monitoring period will be uploaded to the SC app along with a deviation request form. Please note that at the time of first submission (October 28, 2022) it was expected that the verification would conclude before the end of the year, hence the annual report was not initially submitted. However, due to SC scheduling issues and review postponement this was unachievable.

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 raised by SC, to comply with the requirements the PD must present *Transparent, annual update reports need to be provided for Projects that have achieved the Project Design Certification stage or have successfully transitioned to Gold Standard for the Global Goals*

By submission of the report and corresponding deviation we assess that it will be in compliance with the requirements and transparent annual reporting. We also assess that as per the deviation request procedures, if a deviation is submitted as part of a Certification Review, SustainCERT shall assess the request themselves.

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):

There is no impact on the project activity since all of the information available had already been presented in the monitoring report which was submitted in October 2022. The annual reporting requirement has no reason to impact the project activity, nor was this suggested by SC during the performance certification.

The deviation relates to a reporting delay rather than a material deviation from rules, monitoring, project design, safeguarding or methodology.

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.)*

Annual Report

Monitoring Report

Version number	Release date	Description
5	11.04.2022	Additional information added: - date of listing, design certification, transition

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - standard version - specific reference to a requirement deviated from - any previous deviations/design changes approved <p>Guidance on VVB opinion</p>
4	14.01.2021	
3	16.07.2020	
2	03.05.2018	
1	01.07.2017	Initial adoption