

TEMPLATE

# DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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## A. To be completed by Gold Standard

### 1 | Decision

#### 1.1 | Date – 02/05/2023

#### 1.2 | Decision

The requested deviation is approved for VPAs GS11259 to GS11305 for monitoring period 01/07/2022 to 31/12/2022. However, the CME shall ensure that:

1. The VPAs involved in the proposed remote verification shall include only the VPAs which were a part of previously conducted physical on-site audit conducted from 11/10/2022 to 15/10/2022.
2. The remote audit shall be conducted as prescribed and/or suggested by section 4,5 and 6 of the [Site Visit and Remote Audit Requirements](#). The CME shall apply the requirements or guidance contained in the above-mentioned sections pragmatically to the PoA and VPA.
3. The subsequent verification of the involved VPAs shall mandatorily involve a physical onsite visit by the VVB.
4. The deviation request, its implications, and GS' decision is documented in the appropriate section of the GS Monitoring Report (for the relevant MP).

The verifying VVB shall, through appropriate means at its disposal, evaluate the project's compliance with the above-mentioned conditions and provide its opinion in the Verification Report.

SustainCert shall review both the project developer's response and the VVB's assessment/opinion of the same and take appropriate steps.

FAR for the verifying VVB of the next monitoring period:

The VVB shall ensure that the next verification of VPAs GS11259 to GS11305 involves a physical onsite visit mandatorily.

**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

|   |   |                         |
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| Deviation Reference Number  | DEV_387   |                         |
| Date of decision  | 02/05/2023  |                         |
| Precedent (YES/NO)  | No  |                         |
| Precedent details   | NA  |                         |
| Date of submission  | 04/04/2023  |                         |
| Project/PoA/VPA   | Project   | ID – GSXXXX             |
|   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PoA   | ID – GS11189            |
|   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VPA   | ID – GS11259 to GS11305 |
| Project/PoA/VPA title   | Improved Cookstove and Safe Water Programme   |                         |
| Date of listing   | 30/07/2021  |                         |
| GS Standard version applicable  | GS4GG   |                         |
| Date of transition to GS4GG (if applicable)   | NA  |                         |
| Date of transition to Gold Standard from another standard (e.g. CDM) (if applicable)                | NA  |                         |
| Date of design certification/inclusion (if applicable)  | 02/02/2022  |                         |
| Location of project/PoA/VPA   | Kenya and Nigeria   |                         |
| Scale of the project/PoA/VPA  | <input type="checkbox"/> Microscale<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small scale<br><input type="checkbox"/> Large scale  |                         |
| Gold Standard Impact Registry link of the project/PoA/VPA   | <a href="https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/3177">https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/3177</a>   |                         |
| Status of the project/PoA/VPA   | <input type="checkbox"/> New<br><input type="checkbox"/> Listed<br><input type="checkbox"/> Certified design<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified project |                         |
| Title/subject of deviation  | Physical Site visit for verification of a PoA/VPA   |                         |
| Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number | 1. Para 5.1.26 of Principle and Requirements, version 1.2<br>2. Para 8.5.2 of Programme of Activity Requirements, version 2.0   |                         |
| Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)                        | Start date 01/07/2022      End date 31/12/2023  |                         |
| Submitted by  | Contact person name: Mark C. Turgesen<br>Email ID: <a href="mailto:mturgesen@impactwater.co">mturgesen@impactwater.co</a>   |                         |

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|   | Organisation: Impact Water  |
|   | 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"/><br><br>If yes;<br>VVB name:<br><br>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"/><br>DEV_184  |

### 3| Deviation detail

#### 3.1 | Description of the deviation:

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

Para 5.1.26 of the "Principle and Requirements", Version 1.2 and Para 8.5.2 of the "PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITY REQUIREMENTS", Version 2.0" states the following:

*"Verification includes a site visit by a VVB who assesses the following against all GS4GG Requirements including applicable Activity Requirements, Gold Standard Methodology and Product Requirements:*

- a. The Monitoring Report (including any updates in Annual Reports)*
- b. All supporting evidence and documents included by the CME to demonstrate conformity."*

The VVB (Earthood) has conducted verification audits for last two monitoring periods in line with the above-mentioned requirements as follows:

- MP1 (01/01/2021 to 31/12/2021): Remotely under the exemptions provided by COVID Interim measures.
- MP2 (01/01/2022 to 30/06/2022): **Physical on-site audit** conducted during 11 –15 Oct 2022.

Now, the PP proposes to get the next verification site visits conducted remotely by the VVB for the subsequent monitoring periods until the end of this year. Given the VVB has conducted two audits already and the most recent one was conducted physically, hence the PP warrants conducting remote audits by the VVB instead of a physical on-site audit to save time, money and costs associated with physical audit.

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

Not Applicable

### 3.2 | Assessment of the deviation:

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

Apart from deviation from the stated rule, the project complies with all other requirements of the monitoring methodology the principles of accuracy, completeness, and conservativeness.

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

Not Applicable

### 3.3 | Impact of the deviation:

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

No Impact envisaged.

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

Not applicable

### 3.4 | Documents:

Not applicable.

| Version number | Release date | Description   |
|----------------|--------------|---|
| 5              | 11.04.2022   | <p>Additional information added:</p> <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> <p>Guidance on VVB opinion</p> |
| 4              | 14.01.2021   |   |
| 3              | 16.07.2020   |   |
| 2              | 03.05.2018   |   |
| 1              | 01.07.2017   | Initial adoption  |