

**TEMPLATE**

# DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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## **A. To be completed by Gold Standard**

### **1 | Decision**

#### **1.1 | Date – dd/mm/yyyy**

15/05/2023

#### **1.2 | Decision**

The deviation request is partially approved.

The deviation regarding conducting the remote site visit after 2 years of the start date of project activity due to Covid-19 situation is approved.

However, PD has to comply with the Site Visit and Remote Audit Requirements and Procedures §3.1.1 b), the duration of the GS monitoring period is not more than three years from the date of remote/physical site visit by a VVB. For example, if the site visit was concluded on 12/10/2022, the MP cannot start before 12/10/2019. Achieved emission reductions before this date cannot be claimed/issued.

A continuity in the Project's monitoring activities is maintained and PD is able to justify that no monitoring gaps exist (especially for SDG parameters) within the Monitoring Period(s). However, if gap(s) exist, the project shall justify that conservative

approach(es) have been applied in line with section 3 of the Deviation Approval Requirements and Procedures (version 1.2) and overarching GS principles (as applicable).

The PD shall document the deviation request, its implications, and GS' decision 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 provides its opinion in the Verification Report.

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

**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_412	
Date of decision	15/05/2023	
Precedent (YES/NO)	Yes	
Precedent details	Monitoring period no longer than 3 years from physical site visit.	
Date of submission	12/05/2023	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GSXXXX
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GS7609
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GS7610
Project/PoA/VPA title	PoA Title-Waste Management PoA in India  VPA Title- Waste Management PoA in India-Composting-VPA 01	
Date of listing	19/08/2020	
GS Standard version applicable	Gold Standard for Global Goals (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)	12/05/2022	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	India	
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	<a href="https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/2241">https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/2241</a> <a href="https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/2242">https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/2242</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	Delay in physical site visit by VVB (not within 2 years as per the SITE VISIT AND REMOTE AUDIT REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES, Version 01) due to delay in design certification of GS7609 & GS7610	

Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	SITE VISIT AND REMOTE AUDIT REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES, Version 01	
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date 18/03/2019	End date 17/03/2021
Submitted by	Contact person name: Madhureema Auddy	
	Email ID: <a href="mailto:madhureema@vnvadvisory.net">madhureema@vnvadvisory.net</a>	
	Organization: Value Network Ventures Advisory Services Pte. 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:

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

As per Rule Update -Applicability of minimum site visit requirements by VVB p.3.1.1 of SITE VISIT AND REMOTE AUDIT REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES, it has been stated that at minimum, the VVB shall conduct physical site visit a. Within two years of project start date and b. once every three years after the first physical site visit.

The CME would like to justify that the GS7609 (PoA) & GS7610 (VPA 01) is a retroactive project and hence the start date of the PoA and VPA 01 has been considered as 18.03.2019. The remote audit was conducted during validation of GS7609 (PoA) & GS7610 (VPA 01) due to COVID 19 measures on 27.09.2021. The SITE VISIT AND REMOTE AUDIT REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES came into effect from 18.12.2021. Further, the PoA and the VPA 01 was approved and registered on 12.05.2022. Please note that both the PoA and the VPA 01 was design certified after 2 years of the PoA/VPA01 start date. Hence, there has been a delay in conducting the physical onsite audit (conducted on 12/10/2022-13/10/2022) for the verification of monitoring period 1 (18/03/2019- 17/03/2021) for VPA 01. CME would like to justify that without the project getting design certified, we cannot proceed with hiring the VVB and the verification for MP 01.

CME would request Gold standard to consider this as a deviation during the current MP due to unavoidable circumstances.

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 events of the PoA/VPA 01 since the beginning.

Date	Event
18/03/2019	Start date of PoA and VPA 01 (GS7609 & GS7610)
26/12/2019	Date of first submission to GS/SC for preliminary review

19/08/2020	Date of PoA/VPA 01 Listed on SC app
31/01/2020	Date of VVB appointed - contract signed between Earthood and VNV / Start date of Validation
27/09/2021	Date of remote site visit (Proof: 1st version of validation report)
03/12/2021	Date of validation Approval (Proof: 1st version of validation report)
18/12/2021	Date of entry into force of SITE VISIT AND REMOTE AUDIT REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES, version 01
07/12/2021	Date of submission of final documents to GS/SC for design review
12/05/2022	Date of design review approval and registration of PoA/VPA (Proof: Design review final document for GS7609 & GS7610)
22/08/2022	Date of VVB appointed- contract signed between TUV SUD and VNV/ Start date of Verification
12/10/2022- 13/10/2022	Date of VVB onsite audit for MP 01 verification

It is evident from the chronology that the PoA and the VPA 01 was approved and registered on 12.05.2022 and both the PoA and the VPA 01 was design certified after 2 years of the PoA/VPA 01 start date. Hence, there has been a delay in conducting the physical onsite audit (conducted on 12/10/2022-13/10/2022) for the verification of monitoring period 1 (18/03/2019- 17/03/2021) for VPA 01. CME would like to justify that without the project getting design certified, we cannot proceed with hiring the VVB and the verification for MP 01.

CME would request Gold standard to consider this as a deviation during the current MP due to unavoidable circumstances.

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 PoA/VPA in timely manner but due to delay in registration of the PoA/VPA 01 there will be a huge loss in number of credits. Also, the credits achieved during the current monitoring period is very low as can be seen from the MR and the ER sheet. It is around **258 tCO<sub>2</sub>** only for 2 years which is less than 300 tCO<sub>2</sub>. Therefore, it is a request to Gold standard to consider this as a deviation during the current MP due to unavoidable circumstances.

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

N/A

### 3.4 | Documents:

1. PoA and VPA 01 validation report, version 01 dated 03/12/2021.
2. Design review final forms dated 12/05/2022

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