

TEMPLATE

DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1 | Decision

1.1 | Date – 10/08/2023

1.2 | Decision

The Deviation request is not approved for claiming maximum retroactive period. Extension of the retroactive period can be up to a maximum of two years prior to the date of design certification. Project developer shall refer to the [Rule clarification](#) stating the same.

The deviation request is approved for local stakeholder consultation. The developer shall adhere to all other Retroactive local stakeholder consultation guidelines mentioned in [LSC Requirements](#).

In addition, the project developer shall:

- a. Carry out a remote physical stakeholder consultation meeting using appropriate means (like teleconferencing, video conferencing etc.).
- b. Also carry out a physical meeting and SFR as soon as the situation allows.

- c. The postponed physical stakeholder consultation and SFR shall be carried out in line with the latest [Stakeholder Consultation and Engagement Requirements](#).
- d. Note that project developer may be required to retroactively modify the project design, safeguarding principles and SDG impact parameters (which may, for instance, involve retroactively reducing the amount of emissions reductions/impact statements issued in the first verification as a result of the project design changes) based on all relevant feedback received from stakeholders during the delayed physical stakeholder consultation meeting and SFR.
- e. Document the deviation request, its implications, and GS' decision in the appropriate section of the GS PDD and Monitoring Report (for the relevant MP).

The Validating VVB shall:

- a. through appropriate means at their disposal, evaluate the project developer's justification for carrying out a delayed physical meeting and provide their opinion in the validation report.
- b. verify the evidence to confirm that the physical stakeholder meeting was disrupted and could not have been carried out due to the reasons provided by project developer.
- c. seek feedback from relevant stakeholders on the grievance mechanism, safeguarding principles and sustainable development assessment during the audit process.
- d. evaluate the project's compliance with the above condition(s) and provides 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_ 426	
Date of decision	10/08/2023	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	N/A	
Date of submission	15/05/2023	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GSXXXX
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GS11657
Project/PoA/VPA title	Solar Lighting Mayotte	
Date of listing	12/10/2022	
GS Standard version applicable	2.1	
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	Mayotte	
Scale of the project/PoA/VPA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Microscale <input 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/3744	
Status of the project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Listed <input type="checkbox"/> Certified design <input type="checkbox"/> Certified project	
Title/subject of deviation	Deviation for implementation	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	GS4GG Principles and requirements (version 1.2, published in Oct 2019); GS4GG PoA requirements (version 1.2, published in Oct 2019)	
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date	End date

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	Organisation: Fonroche Lighting
Validation and Verification body (VVB opinion shall be included, where required by the applicable rules/requirements or request is submitted by the VVB).	Project participant: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	If yes; VVB name:
Any previous deviations approved for the same project activity/PoA/VPA(s)?	VVB Staff name(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 of VPA solar lighting in Mayotte, had been listed in October 2022 on Gold Standard.

We asked for a one-year retroactivity for this project.

Looks to the time for reaching all the preliminary steps prior validation, we'll not be able to complete all the administrative steps before registration with one month for sticking to the 2 years delays.

The deviation occurred in the Certification review and adhered to environmental integrity, contribution to SDGs, safeguarding principles and requirements, compliance with host country regulations.

This deviation is for, Local Stakeholder Consultation, which, according to paragraph 4.1.28, shall be conducted prior to project start.

As you may noticed this, till end of 2022 COVID-19 restrictions were still applicable on Mayotte's territory which made any meeting and journey in Mayotte, difficult. During COVID it was allowed to conduct LSC after design certification.

Even if COVID measures are over, the LSC cannot still be conducted to the really complex situation in Mayotte.

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hNq04M0m80Q>;
<https://www.nouvelobs.com/societe/20230502.OBS72849/a-mayotte-l-operation-wuambushu-s-enlise-t-elle-face-aux-contestations.html>),

Currently 2,000 policemen and militaries had been sent on site in order to destroy shantytowns and to evacuate illegal migrants. The situation locally is really tense and all non-essential travels have to be postponed. All travels to Mayotte have to be strictly limited to what it is under imperial need.

Onto that point we are requesting that LSC can be conduct after the design certification. On the second point the deviation is asked for an extension of the maximum period of retroactive certification from the date of design certification (validation).

We already spent a lot of time into accomplishing the previous steps for reaching validation (where we're currently). Due to the fact that we considered a one-year retroactivity we haven't any delay looks to the starting date of the project.

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):

At this time, when we're asking for deviation, our VPA in Mayotte is under validation procedure. A VVB had been mandated for analyzing our project. An expert made a site visit to our offices during two days (18-19 of April 2023).

Some clarification has to be done to the VPA. The Local Stakeholder Consultation wasn't realized yet.

In order to allow us to manage these things we're asking for a two-years delay for 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 looked for (for extending for one year the delay for implementation) will have really limited impact. The first one will be on the project design: as we're delaying for one year the implementation date, some solar streetlights will be installed during this time. The second impact, linked to the first one, will be on emissions reductions. As new solar streetlights will be installed, emissions reductions will be higher than initially expected.

No other impact will be linked to this deviation. SDG assessment, safeguarding principles, data quality, monitoring frequency, etc. will remain exactly the same than initially provided into our VPA.

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.)*

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