

TEMPLATE

DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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Version **5.0**

A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1 | Decision

1.1 | Date – 19/06/023

1.2 | Decision

The deviation is approved considering the documents were submitted within 2 years of the grouped consultation. The project developer may proceed with the inclusion process with GS approved VVB.

The project developer shall document the deviation request, its implications, and GS' decision in the appropriate section of the PDD.

The Validating/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 Validation 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_429	
Date of decision	16/06/2023	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	NA	
Date of submission	24/05/2023	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GSXXXX
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GS10875
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GS12117
Project/PoA/VPA title	VPA Title- <i>GS10875 GS 10876 Namene Solar Lights Distribution Programme in Southern African Countries - Zambia R-VPA 1</i>	
Date of listing	04/04/2023	
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	ZAMBIA	
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/4054	
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	Stakeholder's_Deviation	

<p>Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number</p>	<p>As per STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS version 2.0, clause 4.9.3 (d)</p> <p><i>A single stakeholder consultation i.e., grouped stakeholder consultation may be organised for real case VPA and/or several regular VPA(s). The CME may conduct a grouped stakeholder consultation as long as the proposed VPAs;</i></p> <p><i>a. correspond to the same real case VPAs, and</i></p> <p><i>b. are to be implemented within the same host country, and</i></p> <p><i>c. are to be implemented within the geographical boundary, applicable to the group defined for a single consultation. The applicable geographical boundary is defined at the time of the first physical meeting of the specific grouped consultation, and</i></p> <p><i>d. are included in the PoA within two years of the first physical meeting conducted for grouped consultation.</i></p>
<p>Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)</p>	<p>Start date End date</p> <p>N/A</p>
<p>Submitted by</p>	<p>Contact person name: BERNARDO LAZO</p> <p>Email ID: bernardo.lazo@namenensolar.com</p> <p>Organisation: NAMENE SOLAR LIGHTS LTD.</p> <p>Project participant: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Validation and Verification body (VVB opinion shall be included, where required by the applicable rules/requirements or request is submitted by the VVB).</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes; VVB name:</p> <p>VVB Staff name(s):</p>
<p>Any previous deviations approved for the same project activity/PoA/VPA(s)?</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>

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 complete the inclusion process of the regular VPA beyond 2 years.**

In line with clause, 4.9.3(d) of the Stakeholder's requirements, there are certain requirements to be met for a regular VPA to comply with grouped consultation rules. The PD is following clause (A) to (C) and does not comply with only clause (D) i.e.

*VPAs are included in the **PoA within two years of the first physical meeting conducted** for grouped consultation.*

The dates of the grouped consultations are stated below:


Shiwang'andu, Muchinga province - **26/02/2021**

Bombwe, Central province - **05/03/2021**

Mupelekese, Central province - **09-03-2021**

and the documentation for the regular case VPA was submitted for inclusion to SC on **24/02/2023** i.e., **within 2 years of the first consultation**. (Please see screenshot below)

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Design Review

SDG Tool (AJ_VP1_ZAM_GS12117_SDGTOOL_1.0_23022023.xlsx)	↓
Uploaded on Feb 24, 2023	
Emission Reduction Calculation Excel File (AJ_VPA1_ZAM_GS12117_ERSHEET_1.0_23022023xlsx.xlsx)	↓
Uploaded on Feb 24, 2023	
Gold Standard Validation Report (AJ_VPA1_ZAM_GS12117_VPADD_1.0_23022023(1).docx)	↓
Uploaded on Feb 24, 2023	
Gold Standard Project Design Document (AJ_VPA1_ZAM_GS12117_VPADD_1.0_23022023.docx)	↓
Uploaded on Feb 24, 2023	

The PD was expecting SC to conduct the inclusion process for this VPA in line with latest PoA rules, but we were informed by SC that we are not eligible for this process since our PoA was certified as per version 1.0 of PoA rules. The PD had to then go through a normal inclusion process inclusive of Preliminary review and our now undergoing inclusion process through an external VVB, which is essentially the reason due to which there has been a delay in completing the inclusion process for the regular VPA.

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.*

N/A

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):

The PD can assure that the stakeholder's opinion about the project has not changed, and we still receive positive comments about the project (from the real case VPA i.e., GS 10876 and our standalone project i.e., GS 7002) and there is no need to conduct a separate stakeholder's meeting again.

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.*

N/A

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 for completing the inclusion process. 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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N/A

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.)*

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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