

TEMPLATE

DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

PUBLICATION DATE **11.04.2021**

Version **5.0**

A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1 | Decision

1.1 | Date – 26/06/2023

1.2 | Decision

The deviation request is partially approved.

A Design certification review should not have started without the VVB having valid approval status. Given 4K has obtained re-approval in the meantime, a deviation is granted to proceed with Design certification review, under the following conditions:

The Certification Body shall:

- A) only close the Design certification review process after the VVB has been granted re-approval by Gold Standard
- B) include the deviation decision in the project documentation publicly available on the Gold Standard Impact Registry.

The VVB shall include a reference to the deviation decision in the Verification 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_452	
Date of decision	26/06/2023	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	NA	
Date of submission	06/06/2023	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GSXXXX
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GS11508
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GS11509
Project/PoA/VPA title	<p>PoA Title: Clean Cooking Programme for Biomass Gasification, GS ID of Programme: GS11508</p> <p>VPA Title: Clean Cooking with Biomass Gasification in Zambia (VPA1), GS reference number: GS 11508</p>	
Date of listing	23/12/2021	
GS Standard version applicable	GS4GG	
Date of transition to GS4GG (if applicable)	-	
Date of transition to Gold Standard from another standard (e.g. CDM) (if applicable)	-	
Date of design certification/inclusion (if applicable)	-	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Rwanda	
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/3544 https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/3543	
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 the design submission
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date N/A End date N/A
Submitted by	Contact person name: Chetan Swaroop Sharma Email ID: chetan@4kearthscience.com
	Organisation: 4K Earth Science Private Limited
	Project participant: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes; VVB name: 4K Earth Science Private Limited VVB Staff name(s): Chetan Swaroop Sharma
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:

**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):

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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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Thanks in advance for the consideration.

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Final Validation Report	28/04/2023

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):

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

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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):

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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.*

NA

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	<p>Additional information added:</p> <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 <p>Guidance on VVB opinion</p>
4	14.01.2021	
3	16.07.2020	
2	03.05.2018	
1	01.07.2017	Initial adoption