

TEMPLATE

DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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Version **5.0**

A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1 | Decision

1.1 | Date – 28/08/2023

1.2 | Decision

The deviation request is partially approved.

The PD shall ensure that 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 verifying VVB shall confirm that the monitoring approaches are correct and conservative for the emission reduction calculations.

The PD shall ensure that an Objective Observer (OO) is selected for the on-site audit as required by paragraph 2.1.2 of the Annex B of Principles and Requirements version 1.2 and have conducted the audit under the guidance of a GS-approved VVB.

The VVB shall ensure the following:

- a) The Objective observer (OO) is selected to conduct the assessment as per the applicable requirements.
 - b) The site visit conducted by the OO during the verification shall confirm the status of the project operation and the mitigation plan in place to tackle the negative impacts of the project.
 - c) Assess and demonstrate how the selected OO has prior experience working in conflict zones/areas that pose a high risk to life and/or health
- The VVB shall also demonstrate OO's involvement in other activities within the project's geographical area. The VVB shall report the above-mentioned information in its verification report.

Additionally, the PD shall follow the Site Visit and Remote Audit Requirements and Procedures – V2.0; section 3.1 | Frequency of physical site visits; 3.1.1 | *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 project is only allowed to submit request for issuance of ERs and SDG impacts for a three-year retroactive period from the latest VVB site visit date (i.e.: if it was conducted on 04/03/2023), then i.e., for a period starting from 04/03/2020 and not earlier.

The Project Developer shall clearly 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 condition 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_455	
Date of decision	28/08/2023	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	N/A	
Date of submission	Dd/mm/yyyy	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GS880
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	Improved cookstoves in Guinea	
Date of listing	15/06/2016	
GS Standard version applicable	GS V2.1	
Date of transition to GS4GG (if applicable)	03/10/2018	
Date of transition to Gold Standard from another standard (e.g. CDM) (if applicable)	NA	
Date of design certification/inclusion (if applicable)	15/06/2016	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Guinea	
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		
Status of the project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Listed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified design <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified project	
Title/subject of deviation	Reactivation project	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	Monitoring report not being uploaded	
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date 01/01/2017 End date 31/12/2021	
Submitted by	Contact person name: PERRIN Michel	
	Email ID: permi.biss@hotmail.fr	
	Organisation: INTI (ex: Bolivia Inti Sud Soleil)	
	Project participant: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

<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 type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>

3 | Deviation detail

3.1 | Description of the deviation:

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

Due to the issues related to Covid-19 and the highly disturbed political situation in Guinea, it was very difficult to go on site in Guinea and complete the monitoring reports of our GS880 project for the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021. Nevertheless the recordings were made by the local team.

That the raison why we did not send the monitoring reports for years.

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

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3.2 | Assessment of the deviation:

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

Despite the difficulties, local teams continued to record cookstoves sales. When the conditions were met, they were able to go on site to collect the data needed for the monitoring.

This allowed us to complete the reports

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 difficulty of going on site to carry out the checks necessary for monitoring may have led to some not being found. Only the cookstoves that could be checked were taken into account during the monitoring.

In these circumstances, the credits entered in the reports relate only to cookstoves which have been checked

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	<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

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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