

TEMPLATE

DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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Version **5.0**

A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1 | Decision

1.1 | Date – 20/07/2023

1.2 | Decision

The deviation request is approved.

However, the project developer shall ensure that project complies with all the other applicable requirements of [Stakeholder Consultation and Engagement Requirements](#) and [Guidelines](#).

The validating VVB shall cautiously assess the evidence provided by the project developer to ensure that adequate efforts were made, and enough time was provided to collect the feedback of the invited stakeholders who did not attend the meeting, and provides its opinion in the Validation Report.

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

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_469	
Date of decision	20/07/2023	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	NA	
Date of submission	27/06/2023	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GSXXXX
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GS11670
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GS12200
Project/PoA/VPA title	GS11670 Azra Tech Advanced Hull Coating – Blue Race™ (Blue Reduction mArine Co2 Emissions)	
Date of listing		
GS Standard version applicable	Gold Standard Methodology “Retrofit Energy Efficiency Measures in Shipping V2.0”	
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	Host country(ies) : There is no host country. The POA and VPAs involve ships mostly travelling in international waters. Shipping emissions and emissions reductions are not included in the GHG inventories of any country.	
Scale of the project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> Microscale <input type="checkbox"/> Small scale <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large scale	
Gold Standard Impact Registry link of the project/PoA/VPA	https://platform.sustain-cert.com/certification/projects	
Status of the project/PoA/VPA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Listed <input type="checkbox"/> Certified design <input type="checkbox"/> Certified project	
Title/subject of deviation	Decrease of timeframe between PDD LSC invitation and meeting date	

Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	Stakeholder Consultation and Engagement Requirements, sections 3.4.2 and 4.5.1 and sections 4.6.3
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date End date N/A
Submitted by	Contact person name:Alain Savary
	Email ID:as@bluerace.ch
	Organisation:Blue Race Sàrl
	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):

The project developer proposed several alternative dates for the PDD Stakeholder Consultation, including one date fulfilling the 30 days notice, hence aligned with the GS requirements.

The purpose of proposing alternative dates, even with a shorted notice period, was to ensure that as many stakeholders as possible could attend the meeting.

The result of this initiative showed that, despite the notice period was shorter, the highest number of invitees could attend the meeting on 21.10. 2022 and therefore the decision was taken to hold the meeting at this date, hence ensuring the participation of the largest number of attendees.

The following alternative dates were provided to the stakeholders on 18.10.2022 by e-mail:

Wednesday 19.10.2022	@ 13.00
Friday 21.10.2022	@ 11.00
Tuesday 25.10.2022	@ 13.00
Thursday 27.10.2022	@ 15.00
Monday 14.11.2022	@ 10.00

The latest date option was more than 30 days after the invitation was sent, however if a large majority of the stakeholders could attend an earlier session, the opportunity to hold the meeting at an earlier date would be adopted.

All stakeholders promptly reverted with their availability, below the summary table:

PROPOSED DATES					
	Wed 19.10	Fri 21.10	Tues 25.10	Thur 27.10	Mon 14.11
1 Paul Moore					
2 Roberto Cafagna					
3 Alessandro Piras					
4 Nicoletta Paganella					
5 Nicole Bolzicco					
6 Alain Savary					
7 Andrea Cogliolo					
8 Alexandre Borde					
9 Yang Zhang					
10 Michele Patierno					
11 Aarti Laederach Agrawal					
12 Alan Wells					
13 Alexandra Pelka					
14 Claire Mizutani					
15 Fabienne Schuerch					
16 Filippo de Jorio					
17 Giacomo Poretti					
Attendees	10	15	10	12	12
Excused	7	2	7	5	5

The above availability table shows that the meeting date that was suitable for the highest number of participants was Friday 21.10.2022. It is noted that this date is prior the 30 days notice however it allowed to gather close to 90% of the invitees.

As all invitees except 2 did attend the meeting, they could provide their comments during the meeting, hence the 30 days notice period, which should all invitee not attending the meeting to provide their comments in anticipation of the meeting was not crucial to the efficient consultation process.

If comments would have been received after the meeting date, they would have been communicated to all attendees for further consideration and reaction, however no comments were received.

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):

Our understanding is that the 30 days notice is set to provide enough time for the invitee to attend the meeting, however considering the primary goal of this requirement i.e. maximizing the attendance to the meeting, we think that this requirement can be waived in the primary goal is achieved.

No comments were received from the 2 persons who couldn't attend the meeting event after the meeting date, therefore no further actions were required.

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):

This deviation would have no impact to the project structure and execution, to the contrary it has allowed the highest number of invitees to participate to the consultation and therefore receive the largest possible feedback from participants.

As no comments were received after the meeting date from the 2 persons who couldn't attend, we don't see any negative impact.

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

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.)*

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