

TEMPLATE

# DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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## A. To be completed by Gold Standard

### 1 | Decision

#### 1.1 | Date – 13/07/2023

#### 1.2 | Decision

The applied deviation request is **not** approved. The PD must comply with the requirements under section 2.2 of [RU Validation and Verification by same VVB](#).

The PD shall 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 provide 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?



**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_478	
Date of decision	13/07/2023	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	NA	
Date of submission	10/07/2023	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GS7527
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	
Project/PoA/VPA title	İzmir Ödemiş Biogas Power Plant	
Date of listing	24/03/2020	
GS Standard version applicable	Gold Standard for the Global Goals	
Date of transition to GS4GG (if applicable)	NA	
Date of transition to Gold Standard from another standard (e.g. CDM) (if applicable)	NA	
Date of design certification/inclusion (if applicable)	30/12/2021	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Turkey	
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	<a href="https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/1963">https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/1963</a>	
Status of the project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Listed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified design <input type="checkbox"/> Certified project	
Title/subject of deviation	Validation and verification by the same VVB but with different team members	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	VALIDATION AND VERIFICATION BY SAME VVB (RU 2020 PR – PR V1.2)	
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date 01/01/2019 End date 31/12/2022	

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	Organisation: Biosolutions LLC
	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>  If yes; VVB name: TÜV SÜD South Asia Private Limited 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:

*\*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):

In 2023 we started the process of VER verification generated by our GS project GS-7527, hoping to be able to issue VERs.

We are using TÜV SÜD South Asia Private Limited for the project verification, which was previously appointed to do validation in the year 2021 for the same project.

We understand that as per the GS4GG requirements (VALIDATION AND VERIFICATION BY SAME VVB (RU 2020 PR – PR V1.2)), entire verification audit team, including the lead auditors, auditors and sectoral experts, are different from the team that performed the validation activity.

We kindly ask that GS4GG considers allowing us and the DOE to use the same team leader for GS VER verification. Sine availability of other sectoral scope experts was not confirmed, DOE has used the same team leader who has performed the validation.

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

Though DOE has used the same team leader, other team member has been changed. DOE confirms that the integrity and impartiality of the verification audit are maintained in the verification.

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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):

The key principals listed in paragraph 2.1.1 of the Deviation Approval Process version 01 are adhered to:

- Environmental integrity: GS VERs will not be overestimated as a result of the deviation, and conservativeness will be ensured. The deviation does not affect the estimation of the GS VERs,
- Contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): SDG contributions will not be compromised. The deviation does not affect the estimation of the contribution to SDGs.
- Safeguarding principles and requirements: Safeguarding principles and requirements will not be compromised. The deviation does not affect the Safeguarding principles assessment.
- Compliance with host country regulations: The host country regulations will not be compromised. The deviation does not conflict with the host country regulations.

Furthermore:

- Accuracy: The deviation does not affect the accuracy of the measurement and the monitoring plan. All measurement equipment have been duly calibrated and the calibration certificates have been given to the DOE to verify.

- Completeness and conservativeness: The deviation does not affect the project eligibility, application of the methodology, additionality, baseline determination and quantification of GHG emission reductions.

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):

Deviation does not impact in any way the project design, safeguarding principles assessment, SDG assessment, emissions reductions, monitoring frequency, data quality, potential risk or any other relevant aspect of the project. We just kindly ask that GS4GG considers the deviation. All required additional checks will still be done by the DOE to maintain the impartiality.

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"> <li>- date of listing, design certification, transition</li> <li>- standard version</li> <li>- specific reference to a requirement deviated from</li> <li>- any previous deviations/design changes approved</li> </ul> Guidance on VVB opinion
4	14.01.2021	
3	16.07.2020	
2	03.05.2018	
1	01.07.2017	Initial adoption