

TEMPLATE

# DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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A. **To be completed by Gold Standard**

**1 | Decision**

**1.1 | Date – 01/09/2023**

**1.2 | Decision**

The deviation request is Approved.

The developer shall note that stakeholder consultation report shall be submitted to GS at the time of preliminary review as per the [stakeholder consultation requirements](#).

Please note that if during certification process any major gaps from the stakeholder consultation process are identified, GS retains the right to require the projects to do a physical stakeholder consultation.

**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_491	
Date of decision	01/09/2023	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	NA	
Date of submission	24/07/2023	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GS12163
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GSXXXX
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	Production and sale of energy efficient stoves in Inhambane province, Mozambique	
Date of listing	N/A	
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) Mozambique, Inhambane province	
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	N/A	
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	LSC conducted > 3 months before project registration
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	GS TPDDTEC V4.0: REDUCED EMISSIONS FROM COOKING AND HEATING - TECHNOLOGIES AND PRACTICES TO DISPLACE DECENTRALIZED THERMAL ENERGY CONSUMPTION
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: Gianluca Persia
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	Organisation: Carbonsink, South Pole
	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:

*\*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 Stakeholder Consultation related to the project activity named "Production and sale of energy efficient stoves in Inhambane province, Mozambique" (GS ID 12163)

was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> of May 2022, as per all requirements listed under “Stakeholder Consultation and Engagement Requirements v.2.1”.

The carbon certification of the project activity was foreseen to be performed within another standard accredited for certification of Verified Emission Reductions (VERs), however the PD has finally decided to switch to GS to comply with all the latest high quality requirements that GS4GG has been putting in place for distributed ICs projects as per the dedicated applicable methodologies and guidelines, before even initiating the project listing on the other relevant registry.

Internal procedures to finalize/justify the engagement of the current standard (GS) and VVB for the validation (CarbonCheck) have made it impossible to deliver documents on SustainCERT platform within 3 months from the date of the physical stakeholder meeting, hence the rationale of the current deviation request is discussed to support the applicability of the same physical meeting outcomes even if reporting was not delivered on time as per paragraph 4.1.35 from Gold Standard Principles & Requirements Version 1.2 *“The project shall prepare the Stakeholder consultation report of the consultation process, including consultation feedback and how this was incorporated into the design of the Project. The Stakeholder consultation report shall be submitted to Gold Standard within three months of the event (though this date may be after the Project Start Date)”*.

### 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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### 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):

Requirements, accuracy and completeness

**Gold Standard**

The local stakeholders consultation took place on 25<sup>th</sup> of May 2022 following all the requirements presented in the "Stakeholder Consultation and Engagement Requirements v.2.1". All the invitations, both by email and letters, had been sent to the stakeholders on 22<sup>nd</sup> of April 2022. All the categories were well represented<sup>1</sup>. The request will not have any impact on the accuracy and completeness on conducting the monitoring period and on overcoming the amount of cookstoves declared. ....

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):

#### Impact on project design

The proposed deviation does not involve any changes in the Project Design so there will have no impact on this.

#### Impact on Safeguard Principles Assessment

The project's activities will remain unchanged during the crediting period, and the social, economic and environmental impacts are not influenced. Thus, the proposed deviation will not have any impact on the Safeguard Principles Assessment.

#### Impact on emissions reductions and SDG assessment

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<sup>1</sup> Please refer to "GS12163\_Lista de participantes.pdf" and the translated version "GS12163\_PARTICIPANTS LIST OF STAKEHOLDER MEETING.docx" and "GS12163\_LSC Report.docx"

The proposed deviation will have no impact on the quantity of ERs or on the quantity of the SDG impacts. Also there will be no impact on the overestimation of ERs or on the quantity of the other SDG impacts.

Monitoring frequency

There will be no change in the frequency of monitoring.

Data quality and/or potential risks

The monitoring activities will be carried out in line with the applied methodology. The quality of the data will have the same attention and accuracy as without the deviation.

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.)*

- GS12163\_Lista de participantes.pdf
- GS12163\_PARTICIPANTS LIST OF STAKEHOLDER MEETING.docx
- GS12163\_LSC Report.docx

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