

TEMPLATE

# DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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## A. To be completed by Gold Standard

### 1 | Decision

**1.1 | Date – 11/09/2023**

**1.2 | Decision**

The deviation is approved. The PD can include in the last Monitoring Period the residual days to align the same with the end date of the crediting period.

**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

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| Deviation Reference Number  | DEV_518  |                     |
| Date of decision  | 11/09/2023   |                     |
| Precedent (YES/NO)  | No   |                     |
| Precedent details   | N/A  |                     |
| Date of submission  | 07/09/2023   |                     |
| Project/PoA/VPA   | Project  | ID – GSXXXX         |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> PoA   | ID – GSXXXX         |
|   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VPA  | ID – GS6752, GS7311 |
| Project/PoA/VPA title   | GS5658 VPA 7: Water is Life, Madagascar<br>GS5658 VPA 9: Water is Life - Phase II, Madagascar  |                     |
| Date of listing   | GS6752: 24/08/2018<br>GS7311: 21/01/2019   |                     |
| GS Standard version applicable  | GS TPDDTEC v3.1  |                     |
| 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)  | GS6752:02/08/2019<br>GS7311: 02/09/2019  |                     |
| Location of project/PoA/VPA   | Madagascar   |                     |
| Scale of the project/PoA/VPA  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Microscale<br><input type="checkbox"/> Small scale<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large scale  |                     |
| Gold Standard Impact Registry link of the project/PoA/VPA   | GS6752: <a href="https://platform.sustain-cert.com/public-project/1555">https://platform.sustain-cert.com/public-project/1555</a><br><br>GS7311: <a href="https://platform.sustain-cert.com/public-project/1552">https://platform.sustain-cert.com/public-project/1552</a> |                     |
| Status of the project/PoA/VPA   | <input type="checkbox"/> New<br><input type="checkbox"/> Listed<br><input type="checkbox"/> Certified design<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified project  |                     |
| Title/subject of deviation  | Include remaining days of the crediting period in the last monitoring period   |                     |
| Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number | Technologies and practices to displace decentralized thermal energy consumption (TPDDTEC), version 3.1   |                     |
| Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)                        | Start date 31/08/2022      End date 30/08/2023   |                     |

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| Submitted by  | Contact person name: Martina Margari  |
|   | Email ID: m.margari@southpole.com   |
|   | Organisation: Carbonsink Group  |
|   | 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"/><br><br>If yes;<br>VVB name:<br><br>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):

GS6751

The length of the crediting period is 5 years, from 18/11/2018 to 17/11/2023. However, the Monitoring Period did not follow the same rhythm as can be seen in table 1. The start date of the last Monitoring Period is 31/08/2022 and relative monitoring activities have been carried out in August 2023. The rationale of the current deviation request is to include in the last Monitoring Period the residual 79 days never considered for the issuance of ERs. In this way the last Monitoring Period will end on 17/11/2023 as reported in the validated VPA-DD. In addition, the monitoring activities should cover all the length of the Monitoring Period (17/11/2023 instead of 30/08/2023).

Table 1 GS6751 Monitoring Periods

| Monitoring Period | Start Date | End Date   | No. of monitored days | No. of residual days |
|-------------------|------------|------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1                 | 18/11/2018 | 17/11/2019 | 365                   | 0                    |
| 2                 | 18/11/2019 | 08/10/2020 | 324                   | 41                   |
| 3                 | 09/10/2020 | 30/08/2021 | 327                   | 38                   |
| 4                 | 31/08/2021 | 30/08/2022 | 365                   | 0                    |

### GS7311

The length of the crediting period is 5 years, from 26/11/2018 to 25/11/2023. However, the Monitoring Period did not follow the same rhythm as can be seen in table 2. The start date of the last Monitoring Period is 31/08/2022 and relative monitoring activities have been carried out in August 2023. The rationale of the current deviation request is to include in the last Monitoring Period the residual 87 days never considered for the issuance of ERs. In this way the last Monitoring Period will end on 25/11/2023 as reported in the validated VPA-DD. In addition, the monitoring activities should cover all the length of the Monitoring Period (25/11/2023 instead of 30/08/2023).

Table 2 GS7311 Monitoring Periods

| Monitoring Period | Start Date | End Date   | No. of monitored days | No. of residual days |
|-------------------|------------|------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1                 | 26/11/2018 | 17/11/2019 | 357                   | 8                    |
| 2                 | 18/11/2019 | 08/10/2020 | 324                   | 41                   |
| 3                 | 09/10/2020 | 30/08/2021 | 327                   | 38                   |
| 4                 | 31/08/2021 | 30/08/2022 | 365                   | 0                    |

### 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

According to Section 5.1.1 of Principles & Requirements "Gold Standard for the Global Goals Project Certification is based on a five-year renewable certification cycle" the end of the Crediting Period must be 17/11/2023 and 25/11/2023 for GS6752 and GS7311 respectively. The request will not have any impact on the accuracy and completeness of the monitoring period.

*\*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

The proposed deviation will have no impact on the overall quantity of generated by the total length of the Crediting Period.

### Monitoring frequency

The last monitoring activities will cover until the end of the Crediting Period (i.e., 17/11/2023 and 25/11/2023).

Water quality testing has been carried out every quarter. Monitoring activities conducted in August 2023 are still representative of the use of the water systems (no reasons to expect any variations on the use of the systems). This is also confirmed by the rigorous maintenance plan which has been updated on a weekly basis.

### 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.)*

| Version number | Release date | Description  |
|----------------|--------------|--|
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|   |            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- specific reference to a requirement deviated from</li> <li>- any previous deviations/design changes approved</li> </ul> <p>Guidance on VVB opinion</p> |
| 4 | 14.01.2021 |   |
| 3 | 16.07.2020 |   |
| 2 | 03.05.2018 |   |
| 1 | 01.07.2017 | Initial adoption  |