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TEMPLATE

DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1 | Decision

1.1 | Date – 28/09/2023

1.2 | Decision

The deviation request is not approved.

PD shall submit monitoring reports for monitoring periods that are in line with the crediting periods.

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_534	
Date of decision	28/09/2023	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	N/A	
Date of submission	13/06/2023	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GS397
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	Suzhou Qizi Mountain Landfill Gas Recovery Project	
Date of listing		
GS Standard version applicable	GS4GG Principles and Requirements Version 1.2	
Date of transition to GS4GG (if applicable)	20/02/2019	
Date of transition to Gold Standard from another standard (e.g. CDM) (if applicable)	N/A	
Date of design certification/inclusion (if applicable)	22/04/2009	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Host country(ies) China	
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://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/1643	
Status of the project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Listed <input type="checkbox"/> Certified design <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified project	
Title/subject of deviation	Combination of both periods from 2nd and 3rd CP into one monitoring period	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	N/A	
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date 01/08/2020	End date 30/04/2022

Submitted by	Contact person name: Ning Hou Email ID: n.hou@southpole.com
	Organisation: South Pole Carbon Asset Management Ltd.
	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 deviation is requested for the combination of both periods from 2nd and 3rd CP into one monitoring period.

01/08/2020 - 21/04/2021 belongs to 2nd CP, and 22/04/2021 - 30/04/2022 belongs to 3rd CP. The implementation and monitoring activities of the project activity in the period from 01/08/2020 to 21/04/2021 were prepared based on ACM0001 version 16.0 and PDD version 3.2. The implementation and monitoring activities of the project activity in the period from 22/04/2021 to 30/04/2022 were prepared based on ACM0001 version 19.0 and PDD version 4.0.

Therefore, the combination of both periods from the 2nd and 3rd CP into one monitoring period did not impact the monitoring activities and the accuracy of emission reduction calculation.

During the current performance review, a concluded deviation request for the combination of both periods from 2nd and 3rd CP into one monitoring period was

requested by Sustaincert. Accordingly, this deviation form was prepared and submitted to GS as well.

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

Not applicable

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):

Since this is a request for the combination of both periods from the 2nd and 3rd CP into one monitoring period, there won't be any compromise with the accuracy, completeness, and conservativeness of the project. The monitoring plan would be clearly settled down to ensure the accuracy, completeness, and conservativeness of the monitoring of the parameters.

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

Not applicable

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):

As mentioned above, this is a deviation request for the combination of both periods from the 2nd and 3rd CP into one monitoring period. It has no impact on project design, safeguarding principles assessment, SDG assessment, emission reductions, monitoring frequency, data quality, potential risk, or any other relevant aspect of the project activity.

After the deviation, the project design will not change, safeguarding principles and SDG assessments remain the same; emissions reductions are still calculated based on data collected through the monitoring activities as per the monitoring plan; monitoring frequency for each parameter remains the same as required by monitoring plan; data quality is guaranteed by cross-check procedures stipulated in monitoring plan; and there is no other potential risk.

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

Not applicable

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.)*

No other documents except for this deviation request form.

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