

# DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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## A. To be completed by Gold Standard

### 1 | Decision

**1.1 | Date – 07/11/2023**

**1.2 | Decision**

This request is approved; however, it is not clearly presented a deviation from any requirement.

As the project is changing its implementation status from 16,214 built stoves to 14,382 stoves; the verifying VVB shall assess if this change requires a Design Change.

Additionally, the PD shall ensure that a continuity in the Project's monitoring activities is maintained and PD is able to justify that no monitoring gaps exist (especially for SDG parameters) within the Monitoring Period(s). However, if gap(s) exist, the project shall justify that conservative approach(es) have been applied in line with section 3 of the Deviation Approval Requirements and Procedures (version 1.2) and overarching GS principles (as applicable).

The verifying VVB shall confirm that the monitoring approaches are correct and conservative for the emission reduction calculations.

The Project Developer shall clearly 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 provides 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?**

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_561	
Date of decision	07/11/2023	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	N/A	
Date of submission	26/10/2023	
Project/PoA/VPA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Project</b>	ID – GS1191
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	Smokeless Cook Stoves for Rural Districts of Nepal	
Date of listing	23/10/2012	
GS Standard version applicable	GS V2.1	
Date of transition to GS4GG (if applicable)	19/10/2018	
Date of transition to Gold Standard from another standard (e.g. CDM) (if applicable)	n/a	
Date of design certification/inclusion (if applicable)	14/01/2014 Status 'Registered'	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Host country: Nepal	
Scale of the project/PoA/VPA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Microscale</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Small scale <input type="checkbox"/> Large scale	
Gold Standard Impact Registry link of the project/PoA/VPA	<a href="https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/118">https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/118</a>	
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	Monitoring of subsequent monitoring periods	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	The project follows the methodology outlined in the small scale project activity category in Type II .G. / Version 03 EB 60 "Energy Efficiency Measures in Thermal Applications of Non-Renewable Biomass"	
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date 01/08/2022      End date 31/10/2023 The request is valid for all subsequent monitoring periods until the end of the crediting period on 06/01/2026.	
Submitted by	Contact person name: Reinhard Hallermayer Email ID: Reinhard.Hallermayer@gmx.de	

	Organisation: Die Ofenmacher e.V.
	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>  1) Deviation Request for COVID-19 interim measures submitted on 11/03/2021. Positive Decision sent on 20/04/2021.  2) Deviation Request for COVID-19 interim measures submitted on 13/06/2023. Positive Decision sent on 13/06/2023.

## 2.1 Description of the GS1191 Project Situation

The GS1191 project has built stoves in the project region from September 2012 until end of April 2021. With this date stove building was set to an preliminary end by the project. The final number at this time was 16,214 built stoves (see monitoring report of the 5<sup>th</sup> monitoring period).

As stated in the monitoring report of the 5<sup>th</sup> monitoring period the project continued to build stoves in the project area. But only 16,214 stoves were claimed for crediting for this monitoring period. During the 5<sup>th</sup> monitoring period actually 2,733 stoves were built in district Dolakha and 1,984 stoves were installed in district Ramechhap. These are together 4,717 stoves. See database extract of 5th MP (document: GS1191-All-built-Chulos-2022\_V2.xlsx). It was sent to SustainCert during internal verification.

## 2.2 Description of the GS1191 Monitoring Situation

The 5<sup>th</sup> monitoring period ended on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022. Monitoring during the 5<sup>th</sup> monitoring period was done in all project districts despite the fact that the majority of stoves was installed in district Dolakha (12,015 stoves in Dolakha versus 4,199 stoves in other districts). Another fact is that many stoves were built before the earthquake in 2015 and were destroyed by this attack.

## 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](#).*

**The requested deviation refers to the quantity of stoves that will be included in the next monitoring periods. The deviation request consists of the following:**

1. Starting point is 16,214 stoves at the beginning of 5<sup>th</sup> monitoring period.
2. Take out all built stoves of districts Kavre-Palanchok and Ramechhap from crediting of 6<sup>th</sup> MP (these are 4,199 stoves).
3. Take out all operative stoves of district Dolakha built before end of 2016 from crediting of 6<sup>th</sup> MP (these are 366 stoves).
4. Include all additional stoves built in Dolakha during 5<sup>th</sup> MP into crediting of 6<sup>th</sup> MP (these are 2,733 stoves).
5. This means only stoves built in Dolakha from 2017 on are counted for crediting. The number of these stoves is about 14,000 stoves (exact number is 14,382 stoves).

#### 3.1.1 | Deviation detail (to be completed by Project developer):

The reasons for this change are:

1. The vast majority of stoves was built in Dolakha after 2016 (about 72% of stoves credited in 5<sup>th</sup> MP).
2. Most stoves built before 2016 which are operative after the earthquake are in districts Kavre-Palanchok and Ramechhap.
3. If one takes out the oldest stoves the mean age of all stoves will be reduced substantially.

4. The remaining quantity of stoves is sufficient to reach the limit of 10,000 tons CO<sub>2</sub>-savings per year. CO<sub>2</sub>-savings beyond this limit do not count.
5. Concentrating onto one district only and having newer stoves makes monitoring less time consuming and less costly.
6. The number of approximately 14,000 stoves is just the number of stoves, which is mentioned in the certified PDD as the planned total number of stoves.

Every single installed stove is documented in the project database with unique identification label, address of the recipient, data of installation and so on. Therefore, the project knows well which stoves are stoves built before 2017 and which ones have been installed since 01/01/2017. The restriction to one district makes it also easier to send a monitoring team into the project area.

### **Repetition of the formulation of the proposal:**

The project proposes to restrict the stoves claimed for crediting to the stoves in district Dolakha installed after 01/01/2017 until 31/07/2022. These are 14,382 stoves.

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.*

### **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):

There is no change in the project design due to that proposal. There is no change in the claiming of CO<sub>2</sub> savings because the maximum limit of 10,000 tons CO<sub>2</sub> for a micro-scale project is still reached. Only the set of monitored and regarded stoves has changed.

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.*

**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):

There is no change in the project design due to that proposal. There is no change in the claiming of CO<sub>2</sub> savings because the maximum limit of 10,000 tons CO<sub>2</sub> for a micro-scale project is still reached. Only the set of monitored and regarded stoves has changed.

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.*



### 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.)*

- 1) GS 1191 Monitoring Report of 5<sup>th</sup> Monitoring Period (Document: GS1191-SCSN-Monitoring-Report\_Period5\_Draft\_V4-clean.pdf (uploaded to SustainCert))  
See [https://impact.sustain-cert.com/public\\_projects/124](https://impact.sustain-cert.com/public_projects/124)
  
- 2) Gold Standard Project Design Document of project GS1191 (Document: PDD\_14-02-2020.pdf)  
See [https://impact.sustain-cert.com/public\\_projects/124](https://impact.sustain-cert.com/public_projects/124)
  
- 3) Listing of all built stoves during the 5<sup>th</sup> monitoring period (Document: GS1191-All-built-Chulos-2022\_V2.xlsx (uploaded to SustainCert during the verification process)) **This is a confidential document!**

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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