



TEMPLATE

DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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

1 | **Decision**

1.1 | **Date – 08/11/2023**

1.2 | **Decision**

The applied deviation is approved exclusively for this monitoring period.

However, the project developer shall:

Ensure the subsequent verification of the involved Project Activity shall mandatorily involve a

physical onsite visit by the VVB.

The remote audit shall be conducted as prescribed and/or suggested by section 4,5 and 6 of the [Site visit and remote audit requirements and procedures](#). The PD shall apply the requirements and/or guidance contained in the above-mentioned sections.

Ensure that credits are claimed for the remotely verified monitoring period only, considering the ongoing violent protests in Mozambique during the mentioned MP only.

The PD shall follow the regular verification cycles for all the subsequent verifications. 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 conditions and provide its opinion in the Verification Report.

For the purpose of current remote verification, the VVB shall follow requirements, procedures and guidelines stated in Site visit and remote audit requirements and procedures.

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_562	
Date of decision	08/11/2023	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	N/A	
Date of submission		
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID - GS11209
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID - GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID - GSXXXX

Project/PoA/VPA title	Production and sale of efficient cookstoves in the urban areas of Maputo Province
Date of listing	07/09/2021
GS Standard version applicable	GS4GG Principles and Requirements (version 1.2, published in Oct 2019)
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	Mozambique
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://platform.sustain-cert.com/public-project/2437
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	Desktop undertaking for verification due to political instability causing unsafe conditions for site visit for the Production and sale of efficient cookstoves in the urban areas of Maputo Province (GS11209)
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	GS TPDDTEC V3.1: TECHNOLOGIES AND PRACTICES TO DISPLACE DECENTRALIZED THERMAL ENERGY CONSUMPTION
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date 02/08/2021 End date 01/08/2022
Submitted by	Contact person name: Gianluca Persia
	Email ID: g.persia@southpole.com
	Organisation: Carbonsink Group S.r.l
	Project participant: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

<p>Validation and Verification body (VVB) opinion shall be included, where required by the applicable rules/requirements or request is submitted by the VVB).</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes; VVB name: Carbon Check (India) Private Limited</p> <p>VVB Staff name(s):</p>
<p>Any previous deviations approved for the same project activity/PoA/VPA(s)?</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>

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 current deviation request was redacted due to the impossibility of conducting a site-visit on 17-18th of October 2023 as per the site visit plan shared with this form.

The current 2nd Verification for GS11209 is covering the monitoring period 02/08/2021 to 01/08/2022 and was going to be audited with a physical site visit of two days in the Maputo metropolitan area.

On October 12th the Carbonsink team was notified that the political conditions in Mozambique were not favorable for the intended site visit. Current conditions reported in Mozambique are a result of the recent governmental elections within the country. Immediately after receiving this information the Carbonsink team notified Carbon Check (selected VVB) about the current conditions in Mozambique indicating that it was not recommended to undertake the site visit, especially due to the location of the project area in comparison to the protest action.

The stated change and cancellation of the site visit is only applicable for the monitoring period falling between 02/08/2021/ to 01/08/2022. Future site visits for proceeding monitoring periods will be undertaken as per the rules and requirements of the standard, unless conditions are not favorable to do so.

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):

The deviation would specifically act on section 3.1.1. of 'Site Visit and Remote Audit Requirements and Procedures v2.0' and in this case will imply the postponement of the need of a physical site visit to the Verification stage of next Monitoring Period (#3), once the safety concerns in the project area will be eased.

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 be 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 quantity of the 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 inline 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.)*

Title	Date of document	Document/link
Carbon Check Validation and Verification Plan	November 2022	Document provided separately
Mozambique: Civil society sees ‘abusive episodes’ in Wednesday’s local elections	16 October 2023	https://clubofmozambique.com/news/mozambique-civil-society-sees-abusive-episodes-in-wednesdays-local-elections-246781/
Mozambique: Opposition calls for nationwide protests on Oct. 17 following contested election results/update 2	16 October 2023	https://crisis24.garda.com/alerts/2023/10/mozambique-opposition-calls-for-nationwide-protests-on-oct-17-following-contested-election-results-update-2

Catholic Entity Fears for Violence Escalation in Mozambique following Contested Elections	13 October 2023	https://www.aciafrica.org/news/9354/catholic-entity-fears-for-violence-escalation-in-mozambique-following-contested-elections
Mozambique Police crack down on opposition before election results	13 October 2023	https://www.hrw.org/news/2023/10/13/mozambique-police-crack-down-opposition-election-results
Mozambique Elections: 16 year-old boy shot dead by police in Chiure, 12-year-old injured	13 October 2023	https://clubofmozambique.com/news/mozambique-elections-16-year-old-boy-shot-dead-by-police-in-chiure-12-year-old-injured-police-246663/