



DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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Version **5.0**

A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1 | Decision

1.1 | Date – 31/01/2024

1.2 | Decision

The Deviation request is NOT APPROVED.

Although CME has submitted a real case VPA for each technology measure/ methodology, they shall follow the requirements applicable as per p.8.10.1 and p.8.10.2 of PoA Requirements and Procedures, v2.0 since the requested deviation is relevant for the multi country VPAs included in the PoA.

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_570	
Date of decision	31/01/2024	
Precedent (YES/NO)	NO	
Precedent details	NA	
Date of submission	08/11/2023	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GSXXXX
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GS12102
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	GS12102 PoA Energy-Efficient Development for Africa	
Date of listing	N/A	
GS Standard version applicable	<p>Methodology for Emission reductions from safe drinking water supply. V1.0.</p> <p>Reduced emissions from cooking and heating – technologies and practices to displace decentralised thermal energy consumption (TPDDTEC). V4:0</p>	
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, Tanzania (United Republic of), Kenya, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, Uganda.	
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	https://platform.sustain-cert.com/public-project/3349	
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	Physical/ Geographical boundary of the PoA	

Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	Programme of Activity Requirements and Procedures V.2.0 8.10 Registration of multi-country PoAs
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date End date
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes; VVB name: Carbon Check (India) Private Limited VVB Staff name(s): Pankaj Kumar, Harish Sharma
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 PoA will initially include the countries as per section A.2 of the PoA-DD. Currently, Mozambique, Tanzania (United Republic of), Kenya, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, Uganda will be included as host countries.

According to Section 4.12.4 of Programme of Activity Requirements and Procedures V.2.0: "For a proposed PoA applying more than one technology/measure or more than

one methodology, the coordinating/managing entity shall prepare a real case VPA-DD for each technology/measure, each methodology and each combination". The PD is including at least one REAL CASE VPA for each technology/measure and each methodology. REAL CASE VPAs "GS12102 VPA-1 Carbon Credit financing for sustainable rural water supply in Manyara Region" (Tanzania) and "GS12102 VPA-3 Supply of safe water in rural areas of Tete province, Mozambique" for safe water technologies applying "Methodology for Emission reductions from safe drinking water supply. V1.0".

REAL CASE VPA GS12102 "VPA-2 Production and sale of energy efficient stoves in Inhambane province, Mozambique" for efficient cookstoves applying "Reduced emissions from cooking and heating – technologies and practices to displace decentralised thermal energy consumption (TPDDTEC). V4:0".

The PoA will initially include Tanzania and Mozambique. Since for these countries at least one REAL CASE VPA will be submitted for design certification, the remaining countries will be formally included later on once a REAL CASE VPA is available.

The PoA level design consultation was conducted for each country to obtain feedback from relevant national and local authorities, NGO communities, and other stakeholders on the design framework of the programme. Physical stakeholder consultations at VPA levels will be organized in each country.

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 4.12.4 of Programme of Activity Requirements and Procedures V.2.0: "For a proposed PoA applying more than one technology/measure or more than one methodology, the coordinating/managing entity shall prepare a real case VPA-DD for each technology/measure, each methodology and each combination", PD is including at least one REAL CASE VPA for each technology/measure and each methodology. The request will not have any impact on the accuracy and completeness.

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 Project Design is ongoing, hence the proposed deviation 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

N/A

Data quality and/or potential risks

The PoA level design consultation was conducted for each country to obtain feedback from relevant national and local authorities, NGO communities, and other stakeholders on the design framework of the programme. Physical stakeholder consultations at VPA levels will be organized in each country.

The PD has taken into consideration all applicable national and/or sectoral policies and regulations within that chosen boundary.

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
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
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