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TEMPLATE

DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1 | Decision

1.1 | Date – 15/11/2023

1.2 | Decision

The deviation is approved. However, the PD shall note that this is not a permanent approval.

The PD must implement a process/procedure to ensure that in future, the Annual Reports are submitted each year and latest by end of the following year of a monitoring period as stipulated in PRINCIPLES & REQUIREMENTS - Version 1.2 § 5.1.39 to 5.1.44. or any other version that supersede in future, independent of any status of the project.

Compliance of this decision shall be reflected in next Monitoring Report and, the verifying VVB, shall present in its Verification Report information on how the PP has complied with this decision as part of the assessment of the PP's management system.

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_576	
Date of decision	15/11/2023	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	N/A	
Date of submission	Dd/mm/yyyy	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GS11139
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GS11358
VPA title	Efficient Kitchens in India-VPA01	
Date of listing	09/03/2022	
GS Standard version applicable	GS4GG	
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)	07/04/2022	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Host country(ies) India	
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	SustainCERT Platform (sustain-cert.com)	
Status of the project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Listed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified design <input type="checkbox"/> Certified project	
Title/subject of deviation	Delay in submission of annual reports	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	<p>The Principles and Requirements version 1.2 para 5.1.39 requires that “<i>Transparent, annual update reports need to be provided for Projects that have achieved the Project Design Certification stage or have successfully transitioned to Gold Standard for the Global Goals. An annual report shall be submitted for each monitoring year by end of next calendar year for which verification is not completed. If a verification is in progress but not completed, then an Annual Report is still required by the end of calendar year</i>”.</p>	

Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date 29/10/2020 End date 31/05/2023
Submitted by	Contact person name: Lilian Kagume
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	Organisation: Climate Impact Partners
	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"/> Deviation approved 13/07/2022

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 Principles and Requirements para 5.1.39 requires that, "Transparent, annual update reports need to be provided for Projects that have achieved the Project Design Certification stage or have successfully transitioned to Gold Standard for the Global Goals. An annual report shall be submitted for each monitoring year by end of next calendar year for which verification is not completed. If a verification is in progress but not completed, then an Annual Report is still required by the end of calendar year".

The PP did not submit an annual report for year 2021 and 2022 hence the requirement has not been met. In 2022, the project was undergoing active review processes with the Standard (preliminary review and design certification) which led to

subsequent listing of the project in March 2023 and approval of design certification in August 2022. The project's verification process commenced immediately after the design certification. As a result of these engaging activities, the PP missed completing the annual reports as required. These have now been completed and submitted on the SC app as part of the 2nd round performance review feedback.

The PP is seeking GS approval for the acceptance of the two annual reports though the deadline for submission have lapsed.

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 annual report has now been completed in line with the Principles and Requirements and have been uploaded on the SC app. All the key information related to the activities that happened during the monitoring years have been provided as part of the report.

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):

In the course of 2021 and 2022, the project was actively undergoing VVB validation, GS preliminary review and design certification and VVB verification. Although the annual reports were missed as per the requirement, the project's key information, design and activities were reported and reviewed as part of either GS or VVB review. The deviation request is seeking GS acceptance of the two delayed annual reports and is not going to impact on project design, safeguarding principles assessment, SDG assessment, emissions reductions, monitoring frequency, data quality, or any other relevant aspect of the project.

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.)*

- [GS 11358 Project Annual Report 2021](#)
- [GS 11358 Project Annual Report 2022](#)

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