



**Gold Standard**<sup>®</sup>  
for the Global Goals

TEMPLATE

# DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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## A. To be completed by Gold Standard

### 1 | Decision

#### 1.1 | Date – 05/12/2023

#### 1.2 | Decision

Deviation request 1:

The deviation is approved under the following conditions:

The PD and validating VVB shall demonstrate that they established a contract relation before 31/12/2022 and that the remote audit was planned and conducted before 31/12/2022<sup>1</sup>. Additionally, the PD and validating VVB shall clarify why it was not possible to conduct a physical site visit during 2023 when COVID19 measures were no longer valid.

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<sup>1</sup> [COVID-19 Interim Measures – Gold Standard for the Global Goals](#)

Following the last update to the COVID-19 Interim Measures rules published in June 2022, the impact of the pandemic on projects has further decreased and therefore Gold Standard has taken the decision to not extend the rule beyond 31/12/22.

The validating VVB shall demonstrate how it complied with the corresponding requirements and provide its opinion in the corresponding validation report.

Compliance with this deviation decision shall be assessed by the corresponding certification officer at SustainCERT and provide additional request when applicable. Additionally, the PD shall make the necessary arrangements to comply with the minimum site visit requirements as stipulated in the Site Visit and Remote Audit Requirements and Procedures – V2.0 or whichever document supersedes it in future.

Deviation request 2:

The deviation is not approved. The PD shall comply with P&R v1.2, section 5.1.37, ...“The maximum period for Retroactive Certification is two years prior to the date of Project Design Certification”.

**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

The project is initially submitted to GS on 30/12/2022. The project was listed on GS dated 21/02/2023. The impact of COVID-19 has affected the project developer's capacity to design, implement and operate the said project. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, project developers were unable to meet timelines for first submission of the project as required by the GS4GG Principles and Requirements and Stakeholder Consultation and Engagement Requirements V1.2. The project developer has submitted the Gold Standard COVID-19 Interim Measures on 30/12/2022 and the same is approved by GS.

The project start date is 06/01/2020 and due to COVID 19, the physical site visit could not conduct within two years of the project start date. Hence a deviation 1 is sought to allow the remote audit for the project.

The validation process could not be completed in the stipulated time and got delayed due to COVID 19. As a result, the maximum period of retroactive certification is also getting stretched to the date of project design certification. Hence a deviation 2 is sought to allow the start date of the crediting period from 06/01/2020.

Deviation Reference Number	DEV_583	
Date of decision	05/12/2023	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	N/A	
Date of submission	17/11/2023	
Project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> Project	ID – GSxxxx
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GS11873
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GS11874
Project/PoA/VPA title	PoA title – INUMA Safe Water Project VPA Title - INUMA Safe Water Project -VPA-001	
Date of listing	21/02/2023	
GS Standard version applicable	-	
Date of transition to GS4GG (if applicable)	-	
Date of transition to Gold Standard from another standard (e.g. CDM) (if applicable)	-	
Date of design certification/inclusion (if applicable)	-	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Host country(ies) Republic of Rwanda	
Scale of the project/PoA/VPA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Microscale <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small scale <input type="checkbox"/> Large scale The PoA will encompass both small scale and micro scale VPA. VPA-001 is a micro scale project	
Gold Standard Impact Registry link of the project/PoA/VPA	<a href="https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/3989">https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/3989</a>	
Status of the project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Listed <input type="checkbox"/> Certified design <input type="checkbox"/> Certified project	
Title/subject of deviation	Deviation Request against 1) clause no. 3.1.1 of Site visit and remote audit requirements and procedure Version 2.0 2) clause no. 5.1.37 of "Principals and Requirements Version 1.2	

<p>Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number</p>	<p>Deviation is requested from clause no. 3.1.1 of Site visit and remote audit requirements and procedure Version 2.0, which states that "At minimum, the VVB shall conduct physical site visit within two years of project start date</p> <p>and</p> <p>Deviation is requested from clause no. 5.1.37 of "Principals and Requirements Version 1.2, which states that "The project may take into account retroactive period for performance Certification of Certified Impact Statement and /or Products. The maximum period for Retroactive Certification is two years prior to the date of Project Design Certification unless otherwise stated in a specific Methodology or Product Requirements.</p>
<p>Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)</p>	<p>Start date                      End date</p>
<p>Submitted by</p>	<p>Contact person name: Sachin Nagarkar</p> <p>Email ID: <a href="mailto:sachin.nagarkar@enkingint.org">sachin.nagarkar@enkingint.org</a></p> <p>Organisation: EKI Energy Services Ltd.</p> <p>Project participant: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<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 type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes; VVB name:</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 type="checkbox"/></p>

### 3 | Deviation detail

#### 3.1 | Description of the deviation:

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

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unable to meet timelines for first submission of the project as required by the GS4GG Principles and Requirements and Stakeholder Consultation and Engagement Requirements V1.2. The project developer has submitted the Gold Standard COVID-19 Interim Measures and the same is approved by GS.

### **Details of Deviation**

#### **Deviation 1:**

Deviation is requested from clause no. 3.1.1 of Site visit and remote audit requirements and procedure Version 2.0, which states that "At minimum, the VVB shall conduct physical site visit within two years of project start date

The project start date is 06/01/2020 and due to COVID 19, the physical site visit could not conduct within two years of the project start date. The project developer has submitted the Gold Standard COVID-19 Interim Measures and the same is approved by GS. Hence a deviation is sought to allow the remote audit for the project.

#### **Deviation 2:**

Deviation is requested from clause no. 5.1.37 of "Principals and Requirements Version 1.2, which states that "The project may take into account retroactive period for performance Certification of Certified Impact Statement and /or Products. The maximum period for Retroactive Certification is two years prior to the date of Project Design Certification unless otherwise stated in a specific Methodology or Product Requirements.

The project start date is 06/01/2020 and due to COVID 19, the validation process could not be conducted and got delayed. As a result, the maximum period of retroactive certification is also getting stretched to the date of project design certification. Hence a deviation is sought to allow the start date of the crediting period from the start date i.e. 06/01/2020.

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

Not applicable

### **3.2 | Assessment of the deviation:**

3.2.1 | Deviation assessment (to be completed by Project developer):

Since these deviations are only procedural delay and we are not seeing any material impact on the monitoring plan and ER calculation of the project activity.

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

Not applicable

### **3.3 | Impact of the deviation:**

3.3.1 | Impact assessment (to be completed by Project developer):

No effect is expected on project design, safeguarding principles assessment, SDG assessment, emissions reductions, monitoring frequency, data quality, potential risk or any other relevant aspect of the project.

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

Not applicable

### **3.4 | Documents:**

Not applicable

Version number	Release date	Description
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