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TEMPLATE

DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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Version **5.0**

A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1 | Decision

1.1 | Date – 27/01/2024

1.2 | Decision

The Deviation request is APPROVED.

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_592	
Date of decision	27/01/2024	
Precedent (YES/NO)	NO	
Precedent details	NA	
Date of submission	22/11/2023	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GSXXXX
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GS12383
Project/PoA/VPA title	GS12382 VPA 01 Improved agricultural practices for rice cultivation in India	
Date of listing	NA	
GS Standard version applicable	GS4GG	
Date of transition to GS4GG (if applicable)	NA	
Date of transition to Gold Standard from another standard (e.g. CDM) (if applicable)	NA	
Date of design certification/inclusion (if applicable)	NA	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	India	
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	NA	
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	Request for deviation form para 4.1.35 of Principles and Requirements	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	GS4GG Principles & Requirements, v1.2	
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date	End date
Submitted by	Contact person name: Narendra Kumar R	
	Email ID: narendra@kosherclimate.com	
	Organisation: Kosher Climate India Pvt. Ltd.,	

	Project participant: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" 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 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):

As per para 4.1.35 of Principles & Requirement, v1.2, 'The project shall prepare the Stakeholder consultation report of the consultation process, including consultation feedback and how this was incorporated into the design of the Project. The Stakeholder consultation report shall be submitted to Gold Standard within three months of the event'.

The delay in submitting the stakeholder report was due to several interconnected factors. Firstly, the methodology Methane emission reduction by adjusted water management practice in rice cultivation, Version 1.0 was undergoing a public comment period when the decision to implement the project was made by CME and VPA implementers. To ensure community awareness before the paddy season commenced, a Local Stakeholder Consultation was conducted in the month of March 2023. This initial step aimed to familiarize the community and initiate the onboarding process for farmers under the project. However, the methodology was only released in July 2023. The subsequent completion of the POA and VPA DD took considerable time, leading to the initiation of the submission process in September 2023. This process faced further delays as the new methodology was not updated on the sustain cert website during the

listing phase. Consequently, the final project submission occurred in October 2023. Based on all these facts, this process took more than three months which was not in our control.

Considering the above facts, we request deviation from Section 4.1.35 of GS4GG Principles and requirement, v1.2.

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

NA

3.2 | Assessment of the deviation:

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

This deviation is related to submission of stakeholder report three months after the LSC completion. This does not affect compliance of the projects with all GS4GG requirements except Section 4.1.35 of GS4GG Principles and requirement, v1.2 for which the deviation is sought.

Also there is not impact in accuracy, completeness and conservativeness.

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

NA

3.3 | Impact of the deviation:

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

This deviation is related to submission of stakeholder report three months after the LSC completion. This does not affect 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):

NA

3.4 | Documents:

NA

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