



DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1 | Decision

1.1 | Date – dd/mm/yyyy

14/02/2024

1.2 | Decision

The Deviation Request is Approved.

The Stakeholder Consultation shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements outlined in this section and Gold Standard Stakeholder Consultation & Engagement Requirements during the validation of the project.

The verifying VVB shall, through appropriate means at its disposal, evaluate the Project's compliance with the above requests and provides its opinion in the Validation Report.

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_593	
Date of decision	14/02/2024	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	NA	
Date of submission	14/12/2023	
Project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> Project	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	Mirasol 100 MW Solar PV Plant	
Date of listing	N/A	
GS Standard version applicable	N/A	
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	Dominican Republic	
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	N/A	
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	Deviation from the local stakeholder consultation requirements of the project that has a delay in consultation due to the unforeseen floods.	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	Stakeholder consultation and engagement requirements, Version 2.1, paragraph 3.6.6 Stakeholder consultation and engagement requirements, Version 2.1, paragraph 3.2.2 Principles & requirements Version 1.2, paragraph 4.1.39	
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date	End date
	N/A	

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	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):

The deviation request is to seek approval for delaying conducting the local stakeholder consultation. The stakeholder meeting was planned to be conducted on 25th October 2023. On 24th October, the project owner received an enquiry related to treatment of small water bodies that form when there is higher volume and frequency of precipitation than normal inside the project perimeter. The enquiry was addressed and resolved by the project developer and the stakeholder consultation meeting was postponed to 20th November 2023.

Due to heavy tropical storm which hit Dominican Republic on 18th November 2023, causing floods in Guerra, the municipality where the project is located, the project work was halted, and stakeholder consultation could not be conducted as planned.

The project activity is a retroactive project with a start date of 18th January 2023 and needs to complete initial submission to GS by 17th Jan 2024. In line with the above situation, its very unlikely that project stakeholder consultation can be conducted on time to meet the above deadline. The project developer would therefore like to request a deviation where if permitted, the stakeholder consultation will be conducted after the project is submitted for initial submission.

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.*

N/A

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 request is made to request additional time and not to bypass any of the GS requirements. The project developer will conduct a stakeholder consultation as soon as the local conditions allow for such a meeting to happen fully meeting the stakeholder consultation requirements.

Therefore, the project developer seeks a deviation in the local stakeholder consultation requirements.

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.*

N/A

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):

The project developer is confident that this deviation request neither impact the project design, SDG assessment, emissions reductions, monitoring frequency and data quality nor imposes potential risk or any other relevant aspect of the project since it is strictly connected to seeking additional time for local stakeholder consultation.

Furthermore, none of the safeguarding principles assessment are negatively impacted by the deviation request. In this regard, project developer would like to take the opportunity to reaffirm the company’s commitment to transparency and permanent communication with local community.

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.*

N/A

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.)*

(mention documents)

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

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - specific reference to a requirement deviated from - any previous deviations/design changes approved <p>Guidance on VVB opinion</p>
4	14.01.2021	
3	16.07.2020	
2	03.05.2018	
1	01.07.2017	Initial adoption