



# DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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## A. To be completed by Gold Standard

### 1 | Decision

#### 1.1 | Date – 19/02/2024

#### 1.2 | Decision

The deviation decision is not approved.

This is a core requirement of the GS4GG and no deviations can be granted on this.

The project developer shall comply with the requirements of [GHG emissions reductions & sequestration product requirements](#).

Project developer shall document the deviation request, its implications, and GS' decision in the appropriate section of the GS Monitoring Report (for the relevant MP).

The verifying VVB shall, through appropriate means at its disposal, evaluate the project's compliance with the above-mentioned conditions and provides its opinion in the Verification Report.

Certification body shall review both the project developer'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_606	
Date of decision	19/02/2024	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	NA	
Date of submission	14/12/2023	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GS12062
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	
Project/PoA/VPA title	CTL Landfill Gas Project	
Date of listing	12/05/2023	
GS Standard version applicable	GS4GG	
Date of transition to GS4GG (if applicable)	Not yet transitioned	
Date of transition to Gold Standard from another standard (e.g. CDM) (if applicable)	Not yet transitioned	
Date of design certification/inclusion (if applicable)	Currently under Combined Design and Performance Review for transition	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Brazil	
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	<a href="https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/4095">https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/4095</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	Para 6.4.1. of GHG EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS & SEQUESTRATION PRODUCT REQUIREMENTS MR Template Guidelines – Deviation in order to request issuance of GSVERs, for a period slightly	

	larger than two years before the date of first submission.
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	Para 6.4.1. of GHG EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS & SEQUESTRATION PRODUCT REQUIREMENTS MR Template Guidelines
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date 01/01/2021      End date 30/04/2023
Submitted by	Contact person name: João Sprovieri
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	Organisation: BENG
	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>  If yes; VVB name: EARTHOOD  VVB Staff name(s): Ricardo Lopes
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):

During Design Review 1<sup>st</sup> Round received from SustainCert, the following finding was raised:

- 1) "As per above reference p.6.4.1, the transition project may request issuance of GSVERs, for maximum two years before the date of first submission (submission for preliminary review) however, in this case submission for pre-liminary review was made on 20/01/2023, then the ERs can be claimed from this date onwards and not before that. PD shall clarify how are they meeting this requirement?"

The initial MP was defined by the PP as 01/01/2021 until 30/04/2023.

The PP understands that p.6.4.1 should be applied. However, this limitation of the MP to start only in 20/01/2021 (two years before the date of first submission made on 20/01/2023) brings harm to the project issuance flow in the sense that it will be remaining a very tiny period between 01/01/2021 until 27/01/2021 to be issued on Article 6.4 (project ins transitioning from CDM to GS4GG). So, it is very unlikely that the PP will be able to issue such a small period considering all fees and operational related costs (consultancy and VVB).

Considering the presented situation and confronting the fact that this discounted period will probably be lost, PP asks if an exemption of the rule is possible.

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.*

NA

### 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 proposed deviation requests an exemption for the Paragraph 6.4.1. of GHG EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS & SEQUESTRATION PRODUCT REQUIREMENTS MR Template Guidelines. It does not relate to deviations that impact VERs calculations methods or procedures as well as its accuracy, completeness and conservativeness.

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.*

NA

### 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 Proposed deviation will not impact the 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 ):

*\*Guidance\** If required by SustainCERT or Gold Standard for this particular deviation, please add here the VVB’s opinion.

NA

### 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"> <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	

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2	03.05.2018	
1	01.07.2017	Initial adoption