



DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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Version **5.0**

A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1| Decision

1.1 | Date – dd/mm/yyyy

01/03/2024

1.2 | Decision

The Deviation Request is partially Approved. An additional extension of 6 months is approved.

The Project shall complete Validation (defined as the date of submission of Validation Report by the VVB) before 25/07/2024. Further extension is not possible.

PD shall document the decision in the PDD. VVB shall assess the same. SC shall check both PD and VVB assessment.

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_612	
Date of decision	01/03/2024	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	NA	
Date of submission	19/01/2024	
Project/PoA/VPA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project	ID – GS7608
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	EcoCar Solaire	
Date of listing	25/01/2021	
GS Standard version applicable	AMS-III.BC. Emission reduction through improved efficiency of vehicle fleet	
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	Senegal	
Scale of the project/PoA/VPA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Microscale <input type="checkbox"/> Small scale <input type="checkbox"/> Large scale	
Gold Standard Impact Registry link of the project/PoA/VPA	GSF Registry (goldstandard.org)	
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	Extension of Validation Process	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	<p>With reference to Principles & Requirements Version 1.2, Chapter: Project Cycle 5.1.1, point b), “<i>Projects may then seek Gold Standard Certified Design status by successfully completing Validation (within two years of the date of Listing) and a subsequent Design Review</i>”. The project will deviate from the indicated timeline and from applicable requirements listed in GS4GG’s Principles and Requirement, as defined in Deviation Approval Procedures, Chapter 2.2.1 Definitions, point a).</p>	

Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date N/A	End date
Submitted by	Contact person name: Janina Schnick	
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	Organisation: Foundation myclimate	
	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 Request (Ref. no. DEV_370) submitted on 20 Jan 2023, extension approved until 25 Jan 2024	

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):

For the project EcoCar Solaire, myclimate is requesting a second deviation in the certification process to postpone the validation procedure and submission of the Validation Report by up to one year. The deviation is necessary to allow the completion of the validation, which is in progress, but started later and is taking longer than anticipated. The original timeline had been delayed by project preparations (local export procedures in Senegal), but the pilot buses have now arrived in Switzerland. The validation is ongoing, with the first round of questions received and a site visit scheduled for mid-February. An extension by 6 months might be sufficient to complete the remainder of the validation process, but we are conservatively requesting another full year to ensure all necessary documents are in place before the expiration of the

extension. As previously noted, EcoCar Solaire is the first project in Africa to date to attempt the transformation of diesel-powered buses into electric solar-powered ones. Without any precedent or point of reference, the project development, set-up and validation require additional time and resources. In parallel, the project is also being evaluated by the [Klik Foundation](#) for the generation of Internationally Transferrable Mitigation Outcomes (ITMOs), in accordance with the Article 6.2 of the Paris Agreement.

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 does not alter the project design or implementation, aside from the shift in the timeline (later start date). As confirmed in the registration process, the project therefore continues to comply with all relevant Gold Standard principles and requirements. The accuracy and completeness of the ER estimation is still given as the deviation request does not affect these criteria; a conservative approach will be ensured through the GS certification process.

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 requested deviation will not impact the adherence to the following principles:

- Environmental integrity: GS certified products (i.e. VERs) will not be overestimated as a result of this deviation and conservativeness is ensured. The methodology to assess Emission Reduction is planned to be "AMS-III.BC Emission reductions through improved efficiency of vehicle fleets", as recommended by GS4GG. In the preliminary review (approved on 25 January 2021) submitted for the listing of the project, we had originally proposed "AMS-III.C Emission reductions by electric and hybrid vehicles". However, we received feedback from GS4GG to use AMS-III.BC instead because the electric buses in the EcoCar Solaire project are not new vehicles but use the old bodies of existing buses and only replace the engine with solar-powered batteries.
- Contribution to the SDGs: The project will still be carried out as defined in the preliminary review submitted for the listing of the project. Therefore, the SDGs contribution that the project was designed to achieve (i.e.: SDGs 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 17) has not changed and is in line with GS4GG requirements.
- Safeguarding principles and requirements: the project is in line with GS4GG safeguarding principles and requirements.
- Compliance with host country regulations: the project is not in conflict with any of Senegal's relevant regulations.
- Technology prices: there is a possibility that the cost for the e-conversion kits might change during the requested extension period, but any changes are not expected to be significant.
- The deviation request does not have any impact in the project design, it is the same project as described in the PDD draft version.
- The monitoring frequency and data quality are not affected by any parameter, as already described in the PDD draft version. The frequency and data quality fulfill the methodology guidelines.

- There is no other potential risk or any other relevant aspect that impacts 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.*

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.)*

1. Approved Deviation Request DEV_370
2. Preliminary review Final Round (approved by GS)
3. PDD draft version v1.1 210107.

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