



Gold Standard[®]
for the Global Goals

TEMPLATE

DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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Version **5.0**

A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1 | Decision

1.1 | Date – 29/01/2024

1.2 | Decision

The deviation has been APPROVED, considering the annual report for 2023 was submitted on 12.01.2024 and the reasons for the delay are acceptable.

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_616	
Date of decision	29/01/2024	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	NA	
Date of submission	29/01/2024	
Project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> Project	ID – GS2990
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	Kikonda Forest Reserve Reforestation Project	
Date of listing		
GS Standard version applicable	Gold Standard for the Global Goals (GS4GG)	
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	Kikonda Forest Reserve, Hoima, Uganda	
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		
Status of the project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Listed <input type="checkbox"/> Certified design <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified project	
Title/subject of deviation	Annual report submitted after of the submission deadline of 31 December 2023	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	Annual reporting requirement, section 5.1.39 “...An annual report shall be submitted for each monitoring year by end of next calendar year ..”	
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date Jan 01, 2022 End date Dec 30, 2026	
Submitted by	Contact person name: Sonai Muthu	
	Email ID:muthu@nfb.ug	
	Organization: Nile Fibre Board Limited	
	Project participant: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

<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: 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>

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):

According to the gold standard for the global goals, principles & requirements section 5.1.39, an annual report shall be submitted for each monitoring year by end of the calendar year.

We submitted the annual report for 2023 on 12.01.2024 which was after the deadline, because the annual forest inventory which involves measurement of permanent sample plots took longer than planned. The Western part of Uganda saw an unprecedented heavy rain between October-December, which resulted into flooding and break down of bridges, notably of river Kafu. Movement of the inventory teams required driving through flooded area and thus the forest inventory could not be completed in time.

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.

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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 forest inventory and report summary was completed and this was incorporated into the summary of monitoring results. The project will follow the GS4GG Principle & 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.*

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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):

No data quality should be impacted.

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.*

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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"> - 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