



DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

PUBLICATION DATE **11.04.2021**

Version **5.0**

A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1 | Decision

1.1 | Date – 08/02/2024

1.2 | Decision

The Deviation request is Approved. The Project Developer may continue with the design review of the project with the crediting period starting immediately after the end date of the previous CP. In line with GS P&R 5.1.46, no Certified Impact Statements shall be issued for the period of delay and no credit (and SDG Impacts) can be claimed for the delay period by the PD.

VVB shall assess the same in the Validation report.

1.3 | Is this decision applicable to other project activities under similar circumstances?

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_617	
Date of decision	08/02/2024	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	NA	
Date of submission	20/01/2024	
Project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> Project	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GSXXXX
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GS5303
Project/PoA/VPA title	Indonesia Domestic Biogas Programme of Activities (IDBP) (ID 1172), VPA-2 (GS5303)	
Date of listing	22/12/2016	
GS Standard version applicable	Version 1.2	
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)	01/01/2017	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Indonesia	
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	https://impact.sustain-cert.com/project_developer/projects/117	
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	Delay on request for renewal of crediting period	

<p>Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number</p>	<p>"Gold Standard PRINCIPLES & REQUIREMENTS Version 1.2":</p> <p><i>"5.1.45 To maintain Gold Standard Certified Project status beyond five years, a Project must undergo Design Certification Renewal. This process shall begin (defined by the submission of a Renewal opinion by a VVB for Design Review to Gold Standard) no later than the last date of current certification cycle. Note that review of the Design Certification Renewal may complete after the last date of current crediting period. In this case, the renewal date shall be the first day after the end date of the current certification cycle."</i></p>
<p>Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)</p>	<p>Start date 01/01/2024 End date 31/12/2024</p>
<p>Submitted by</p>	<p>Contact person name: Chabi Batur Romzini</p> <p>Email ID: c.romzini@birukarbon.id</p> <p>Organisation: PT. Biru Karbon Nusantara</p> <p>Project participant: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>VVB name: AENOR</p> <p>Auditor name: Richard Daniel Gonzales Toledo</p> <p>Email: rgonzales@aenor.com</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):

In the document "Gold Standard PRINCIPLES & REQUIREMENTS Version 1.2":

"5.1.45 To maintain Gold Standard Certified Project status beyond five years, a Project must undergo Design Certification Renewal. This process shall begin (defined by the submission of a Renewal opinion by a VVB for Design Review to Gold Standard) no later than the last date of current certification cycle. Note that review of the Design Certification Renewal may complete after the last date of current crediting period. In this case, the renewal date shall be the first day after the end date of the current certification cycle."

In the PDD of GS5303 approved by Gold Standard in 11/06/2020, the second VPA (VPA-2) is for biodigester installed from 01/01/2017. With seven years crediting period since 2017, the second crediting period should be started in 01/01/2024.

PD requests that the delay in submitting for renewal of crediting period will not affect the project.

Justification:

Since April 2023 PD has prepared for the renewal of crediting period with the new methodology "Methodology for Animal Manure Management and Biogas use for Thermal Energy Generation (version 1.1) – a transition from old methodology "Technologies and practices to displace decentralized thermal energy consumption".

The change in methodology caused a challenge in getting data when conducting baseline survey and it took more time. PD has finished the draft Project Design Document on September 2023 to be validated by VVB. After several rounds of clarification, corrective action and forward action request, the validation process closed on 29 December 2023 (please see document T-PR_V1.3-PDD_GSID GS5303_v.01.pdf Appendix 4). But it needs more time for VVB to process the Validation Report – also affected by end-of-year holidays, and hence the validation report will be submitted after 01/01/2024.

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 above deviation does not negatively affect the conservativeness of the quantification of GHG emission reductions, nor the accuracy or completeness of data quality as the deviation request is for a short delay in submission of the validation report only.

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):

The above deviation does not negatively affect the conservativeness of the quantification of GHG emission reductions, the safeguarding principles assessment, SDG assessment, the monitoring frequency and data quality and/or potential risk as these have been completed and validated by VVB, and only the validation report is being prepared.

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