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TEMPLATE

DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1 | Decision

Date – 19/03/2024

1.1 | Decision

Not Approved.

The Project Developer shall adhere to the defined standard guidelines

1.2 | 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_623	
Date of decision	19/03/2024	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	NA	
Date of submission	13/02/2024	
Project/PoA/VPA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project	ID – GS1191
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	Smokeless Cook Stoves for Rural Districts of Nepal	
Date of listing	23/10/2012	
GS Standard version applicable	GS V2.1	
Date of transition to GS4GG (if applicable)	19/10/2018	
Date of transition to Gold Standard from another standard (e.g. CDM) (if applicable)	n/a	
Date of design certification/inclusion (if applicable)	14/01/2014 Status 'Registered'	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Host country: Nepal	
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	https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/118	
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	Raising the limit of emission reductions	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	The project follows the methodology outlined in the small scale project activity category in Type II .G. / Version 03 EB 60 "Energy Efficiency Measures in Thermal Applications of Non-Renewable Biomass"	
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date 01/08/2022 End date 31/10/2023 The request is valid for all subsequent monitoring periods until the end of the crediting period on 06/01/2026.	
Submitted by	Contact person name: Reinhard Hallermayer Email ID: Reinhard.Hallermayer@gmx.de	

	Organisation: Die Ofenmacher e.V.
	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"/> 1) Deviation Request for COVID-19 interim measures submitted on 11/03/2021. Positive Decision sent on 20/04/2021. 2) Deviation Request for COVID-19 interim measures submitted on 13/06/2023. Positive Decision sent on 13/06/2023. 3) Deviation Request for change of Monitoring submitted on 26/10/2023. Positive decision sent on 07/11/2023.

2.1 Description of the GS1191 Project Situation

The GS1191 project has built stoves in the project region from September 2012 until end of July 2022. The final number at this time was 14,382 built stoves (see deviation request for the 6th monitoring period and decision 561 on date 07/11/2023).

Internal Verification was stopped by Gold Standard Foundation with date of 30th November 2023.

The possibility of internal verification is offered by Gold Standard Foundation since the beginning of its activities. It is especially for micro-scale projects and micro-scale Programme of Activities. It is declared in GS principles and requirements.

Project GS1191 is a certified and issued project. It started in 2012 and has chosen internal validation/verification for its validation/verification. Five monitoring periods from 01/01/2013 until 21/07/2022 (with a suspension time of 3 years for crediting) have been verified internally successfully.

Internal verification is a fundamental principle for Gold Standard micro-scale projects and PoAs. When a project was accepted and certified by Gold Standard Foundation

that was more or less a contract between two organisations. A relationship of trusting was established. Our project trusted on the fundamental regulations of Gold Standard. A stop of internal verification means a loss of reliability of Gold Standard Foundation. It violates a general principle of contracts and legal actions that underlying fundamental starting conditions establish a special relationship of trusting. In detail for our project it means much more payment and expenditure for verification for micro-scale projects after several years of successful work on the project. That is very bad and it is a great pity!

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](#).*

I think with this change the differences between micro-scale and small-scale projects have nearly vanished.

And this is the reason for my deviation request:

- 1) The stop of internal verification of micro-scale projects has a severe impact on the project.
- 2) A micro-scale project differs then only little from a small-scale project.

I request to change the micro-scale limit of emission reductions from 10,000 tons CO₂ per year to at least 14,000 tonnes per year for project GS1191 for the last and the remaining monitoring periods until end of 2025.

I think this would be a fair compensation for all stakeholders. It would give the project the opportunity to overcome the shortcomings of Gold Standard's regulation changes.

3.1.1 | Deviation detail (to be completed by Project developer):

There are no further details of the deviation for the project. The deviation is just an adjustment of the emission reduction limit of micro-scale projects described in GS principles and requirements.

Repetition of the formulation of the proposal:

I request to change the micro-scale limit of emission reductions from 10,000 tons CO₂ per year to at least 14,000 tonnes per year for project GS1191 for the last and the remaining monitoring periods until end of 2025.

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.*

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):

There is no change in the project design due to that proposal. There is only a change in the claiming of CO₂ emission reductions because the maximum limit of 10,000 tonnes CO₂ for a micro-scale project is changed.

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.*

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):

There is no change in the project design due to that proposal. There is only a change in the claiming of CO₂ emission reductions because the maximum limit of 10,000 tonnes CO₂ for a micro-scale project is changed.

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.*

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) GS 1191 Monitoring Report of 5th Monitoring Period (Document: GS1191-SCSN-Monitoring-Report_Period5_Draft_V4-clean.pdf (uploaded to SustainCert))
 See https://impact.sustain-cert.com/public_projects/124

2) Decision 561 on 07/11/2023 to Deviation Request about Monitoring (Document: DEV_561.pdf)

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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