



DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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Version **5.0**

A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1 | Decision

1.1 | Date – 05/03/2024

1.2 | Decision

The deviation request is approved.

The Project Developer may proceed with the registration of “GS12102 PoA - Energy-Efficient Development for Africa” as a retroactive project using 13/07/2021 as start date of the programme.

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_631	
Date of decision	05/03/2024	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details		
Date of submission	23/02/2023	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GSXXXX
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GS12102
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	GS 12102PoA - Energy-Efficient Development for Africa	
Date of listing	Not yet set	
GS Standard version applicable	Gold Standard for the Global Goals	
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	Mozambique, Tanzania (United Republic of)	
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://platform.sustain-cert.com/public-project/3349	
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	Retroactivity request	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	<p>Retroactive projects shall submit the required documents for preliminary review (time of first submission) within one year of the project start date. Retroactive Project submitted at a date later than one year from the project start date will not be eligible for Gold Standard certification.</p> <p>(para 4.1.49(b), Principles and Requirements)</p>	
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date	End date

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	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 type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

3 | Deviation detail

3.1 | Description of the deviation:

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

According to Section 4.6 of “Programme of Activity Requirements”: *“The PoA crediting cycle start date is the crediting period start date of the earliest VPA included in the PoA.”* The earliest VPA corresponds to “GS12102 VPA-1 Carbon Credit financing for sustainable rural water supply in Manyara Region” which was listed as stand-alone retroactive project. The start date of the project is 13/07/2021 and the date of the first submission was 30/06/2022 i.e., within one year the project start date in line with Section 4.1.49 of Principles-Requirements *“Retroactive projects shall submit the required documents for preliminary review (time of first submission) within one year of the project start date.”*

The project switched from stand-alone to earliest VPA of the PoA keeping both project start date and start date of the crediting period.

The rationale of the current deviation request is to proceed with the registration of the “GS12102 PoA - Energy-Efficient Development for Africa” as a retroactive project using 13/07/2021 as start date of the programme.

3.1.2 | VVB opinion (to be completed by VVB, if applicable):

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):

Requirements, accuracy and completeness

According to Section 4.6 of "Programme of Activity Requirements": "The PoA crediting cycle start date is the crediting period start date of the earliest VPA included in the PoA." The start date of the first VPA is 13/07/2021 and the date of the first submission was 30/06/2022 i.e., within one year the project start date in line with Section 4.1.49 of Principles-Requirements "Retroactive projects shall submit the required documents for preliminary review (time of first submission) within one year of the project start date."

3.2.2 | VVB opinion (to be completed by VVB, if applicable):

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):

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Impact on project design

The proposed deviation does not involve any changes in the Project Design as the project is still under Preliminary Review.

Impact on Safeguard Principles Assessment

The project’s activities will remain unchanged during the crediting period, and the social, economic and environmental impacts are not influenced. Thus, the proposed deviation will not have any impact on the Safeguard Principles Assessment.

Impact on emissions reductions and SDG assessment

The proposed deviation will have no impact on the overall quantity of generated by the total length of the Crediting Period.

Monitoring frequency

The proposed deviation will not have any impact on the frequency of the monitoring activities.

Data quality and/or potential risks

The monitoring activities will be carried out in line with the applied methodology. The quality of the data will have the same attention and accuracy as without the deviation.

3.3.2 | VVB opinion (to be completed by VVB, if applicable):

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.)*

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