



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

14/03/2024

1.2 | Decision

The Deviation Request is approved.

The PD may claim the crediting period of the project starting from 01/03/2024 considering that all the requirements of the Principles and Requirements are complied with. The decision is subject to fulfilment of the following condition:

- i. The PD shall ensure that a continuity in the Project's monitoring activities is maintained and PD is able to justify that no monitoring gaps exist (especially for SDG parameters) within the Monitoring Period(s).
- ii. The PD shall document the deviation request, its implications, and GS' decision in the appropriate section of the GS PDD.

The validating VVB shall, through appropriate means at its disposal, evaluate the Project's compliance with the above-mentioned condition and provides its opinion in the Validation Report.

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)

Project Developer is requesting the Design certification Renewal for the 2nd crediting period. As per Principles and Requirements v1.2 point 5.1.45, the “process shall begin by the submission of a Renewal opinion by a VVB for Design Review to Gold Standard no later than the last day of current certification cycle”.

Current certification cycle ends on the 29th of February 2024. The audit was planned to be conducted earlier in the month of February, in order for the VVBH to be able to submit his renewal opinion on time. However, due to some internal issues, the audit was delayed by several days leading to a delay in the submission to Sustain Cert platform of the validation report from the VVB along with the supporting documents. Therefore, the Project Developer is requesting a short delay of several days, without leading to a reduction of the VER.

It is important to note that at the moment of submitting this Deviation Request Form, the audit has been successfully performed.

2 | Background information

Deviation Reference Number	DEV_634	
Date of decision	14/03/2024	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	NA	
Date of submission	27/02/2024	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GS6598
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	Water for Climate Rwanda	
Date of listing	23/11/2018	
GS Standard version applicable	GS4GG	
Date of transition to GS4GG (if applicable)		
Date of transition to Gold Standard from another standard (e.g. CDM) (if applicable)	N/A	
Date of design certification/inclusion (if applicable)		
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Rwanda	
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://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/1531	
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 in submitting the request for Design Certification Renewal	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number		
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date	End date

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	Organisation: CO2Logic
	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"/>

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):

The Project Developer is requesting the design certification renewal for the 2nd crediting period for the project GS6598. The first crediting period ends on the 29/02/2024, and the PD aims at renewing the project for another 5 year – crediting period.

However, due to some internal organizational considerations, the audit could not be performed as planned and has been delayed by a few days. Therefore, the submission of the documentation (renewal opinion of the VVB) to SustainCert won't be completed before the end of the current crediting period (being 29/02/2024), but will be delayed by several days.

PD is requesting a short delay (several days) in the submission of the opinion of the VVB (validation report) and the whole supporting documentation (updated PDD, ER spreadsheet,..) on SustainCert platform, without any reduction in issuance of VER.

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 delay in submission does not affect the accuracy, completeness or conservativeness of the project. It is a deviation from rule 5.1.45 of the GS Principles and Requirements v1.2., due to some internal organization matters.

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 deviation does not affect the safeguarding principles assessment, SDG assessment, emissions reductions, monitoring frequency, data quality, potential risk or any other relevant aspect of 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.*

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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