



# DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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## A. To be completed by Gold Standard

### 1 | Decision

#### 1.1 | Date – dd/mm/yyyy

21/07/2024

#### 1.2 | Decision

The Deviation Request is Approved.

The delay in the submission of Local Stakeholder Consultation Report could be accepted.

The project developer shall note that the decision is based on the information provided in the deviation request form and only against the applicable standard requirement quoted in the form below by the developer. The project developer shall comply with all other applicable standard requirements until unless specifically mentioned in the deviation decision.

#### 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_760	
Date of decision	21/07/2024	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	NA	
Date of submission	13/06/2024	
Project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> Project	ID – GS12784
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	Ayémé solar PV plant	
Date of listing	10/04/2024	
GS Standard version applicable	1.2	
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	Gabon	
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	N/A	
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	Delay in submission of LSC report	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	Principles & Requirements V1.2; Paragraph 4.1.35 from Principle 3: Stakeholder Inclusivity from.	
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date	End date
Submitted by	Contact person name: Alexandre Dunod	
	Email ID: <a href="mailto:a.dunod@aera-group.fr">a.dunod@aera-group.fr</a>	
	Organisation: Aera Group	
	Project participant: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Validation and Verification body (VVB opinion shall be included,	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

where required by the applicable rules/requirements or request is submitted by the VVB).	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

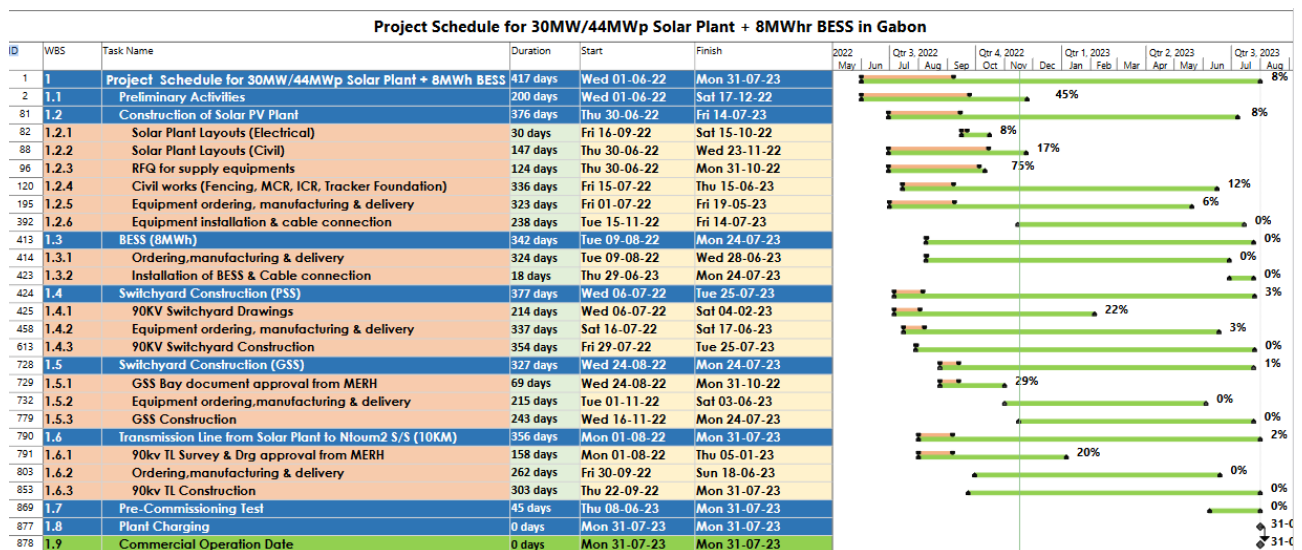
#### 3.1 | Description of the deviation:

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

The requested deviation is related to the date of dispatch of the standard LSC report. The consultation was carried out in 2022, but the report was sent in 2024. This does not comply with the three-month rule between the date of the LCS and the sending of the report, as stipulated in paragraph 4.1.35 of Principles and Requirements V1.2.

There are several reasons for this delay:

- Delays and postponements of the official project launch date: Initially, as mentioned in the last line of the Gantt chart below, the plant was scheduled to be launched on 31.07.2023. However, this date has been postponed and the plant is still under construction. The launch date is now scheduled for late 2024. This postponement of the launch date was caused by a review of the plant's final capacity.



2. Modification of final installed capacity: As the plant is designed to be developed in several phases, another (larger) installed capacity was initially planned. However, since 2022, several changes have been made to the project design, and the final installed capacity has been revised downwards (2\*30MWp instead of 4\*30MWp).
  
3. Project initially planned for GCC registration: Before launching the project's registration under the Gold Standard, it was planned that the project would be registered under the GCC standard. Firstly, because the *REVISIONS TO THE RENEWABLE ENERGY ACTIVITY REQUIREMENTS* only came out on February 22, 2024, enabling renewable energy projects with battery storage (BESS) in higher-middle income countries to register under the Gold Standard. In addition, parallel experiences with the GCC standard affected project owners' intentions and preferences towards a Gold Standard submission instead.

For all these reasons, the deadline for the LSC report could not be met.

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

n/a

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### **3.2 | Assessment of the deviation:**

3.2.1 | Deviation assessment (to be completed by Project developer):

As requested by the standard via a FAR in the Preliminary Review, a deviation request is made, explaining why paragraph 1.4.53 of the standard's requirements is not applied. In addition, as a Stakeholders' Feedback Round is planned for project registration, a recent and updated report will be delivered to the registry, in addition to the LSC report, with any eventual comment to be duly taken into consideration by Project developers/implementers.

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

n/a

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### **3.3 | Impact of the deviation:**

3.3.1 | Impact assessment (to be completed by Project developer):

The delay in sending the LSC report is not likely to have any impact on project design, 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 ):

n/a

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**3.4 | Documents:**

n/a

Version number	Release date	Description
5	11.04.2022	Additional information added: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- date of listing, design certification, transition</li> <li>- standard version</li> <li>- specific reference to a requirement deviated from</li> <li>- any previous deviations/design changes approved</li> </ul> Guidance on VVB opinion
4	14.01.2021	
3	16.07.2020	
2	03.05.2018	
1	01.07.2017	Initial adoption