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TEMPLATE

# DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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## **A. To be completed by Gold Standard**

### **1 | Decision**

#### **1.1 | Date – dd/mm/yyyy**

16/07/2024

#### **1.2 | Decision**

The Deviation Request is Approved.

The delay in submission of Local Stakeholder Consultation Report could be accepted since there were discussions with the Micro-Finance Institution/Non-Banking Finance Company to consider inputs for the project activity.

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

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**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_769	
Date of decision	16/07/2024	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	NA	
Date of submission	Dd/mm/yyyy	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GSXXXX
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GS12771
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GS12772
Project/PoA/VPA title	PoA Sustainable Energy Generation through Biodigester systems. GS12771 VPA1 Sustainable Energy Generation through Biodigester systems in India.	
Date of listing	21/05/2024	
GS Standard version applicable	GS4GG Principles & Requirements version V1.2 (Section 4.1.35)	
Date of transition to GS4GG (if applicable)	Not applicable	
Date of transition to Gold Standard from another standard (e.g. CDM) (if applicable)	Not Applicable	
Date of design certification/inclusion (if applicable)	Awaited	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Host country(ies) -	
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	<a href="https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/4517">https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/4517</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	Deviation request for delay in the submission of the Local Stakeholder Consultation Report	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	Principles and requirement, version 1.2, section 4.1.35 states that "The Stakeholder consultation report shall be submitted to Gold Standard within three months of the event (though this date may be after the Project Start Date)."	

Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date NA	End date
Submitted by	Contact person name: Etti Khanna	
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	Organisation: ERDA Illumine Low Carbon solution Pvt. Ltd.	
	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):

As per clause 4.1.35 of the GS4GG principles and requirements for the Program of Activity, "The Stakeholder consultation report shall be submitted to Gold Standard within three months of the event (though this date may be after the Project Start Date)".

As a part of the project design assessment and development, PP conducted the Local Stakeholder Consultations (LSC) in Nagpur (Maharashtra), Sandeshkhali (24 parganas, West Bengal) and Patharpratima (Sundarban, West Bengal) on 24/12/2023, 26/12/2023 and 28/12/2023 respectively to obtain valuable feedback to understand the stakeholder needs. As per clause 4.1.35 of the GS4GG principles and requirements for the Program of Activity, PP was required to submit the LSCR to the Gold Standard by 24/03/2024. However, due to reasons elaborated below the GSID was created on 29/03/2024 and the LSCR was submitted on 11/04/2024. There was an 18-day delay in the submission.

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

NA

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

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

As stated above, PP was required to submit LSCR to the Gold Standard by 24/03/2024. However, due to reasons elaborated below the GSID was created on 29/03/2024 and the LSCR was submitted on 11/04/2024. There was an 18-day delay in the submission. We wish to present herein the reasons for the delay. During Local stakeholder consultations, PP was keen to gauge the farmers' ability to fund a part of the total project costs considering they are the beneficiaries of the project to be implemented. However no concrete positive feedback was received for the same. Thereafter, PP engaged in discussion with Micro-Finance Institution/Non-Banking Finance Company, to understand if the micro-financing models can be devised for part of the project cost, considering a major part of the fund contribution would come from Carbon Finance. PP on receipt of positive feedback from them, considered proceeding with LSCR Submission.

Considering the above, it may be worthwhile to note that this delay of 18 days in submission was attributed to detailed evaluation related to fund sourcing, and defining PP's action points towards overcoming the investment barriers that are faced by the farmers, who belong to the low-income group.

We would hereby request approval of the deviation, considering this extension is essential for the successful execution of the project and will ultimately lead to better outcomes for all stakeholders involved.

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

Not Applicable.

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

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

It may please be noted that the Project start date is yet to be finalized. Considering that the LSC happened before Project start date and the LSCR submission happened before Project start date, there is no impact of the deviations on project design, safeguarding principles assessment, SDG assessment, emissions reductions,

monitoring frequency, data quality, potential risk or any other relevant aspect of the project. Since the deviation pertains only to an extension required for the submission of the SCR, and the project has positive outcomes due to the highest standards of planning and execution involving stakeholders' opinions. The deviation does not impact the quality of the project.

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

NA

**3.4 | Documents:**

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