



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

11/08/2024

1.2 | Decision

The Deviation Request is Not Approved.

CME shall note that the FARs raised during the preliminary review for CME/VVB shall be addressed during validation stage by the VVB and CME, in case the requirements are not covered. The VPA-DDs shall cover the gaps/issues raised for CME and the Validation report shall cover the issues raised for VVBs. In case of compliance with the requirements already fulfilled, the same shall be mentioned in the respective documents. This shall be applicable for all the VPAs that are undergoing design review.

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

We have a PoA and a number of projects under this PoA. We seek to renew the crediting period for some of these projects, and we seek to include a few new projects into our program.

A stakeholder consultation process has been carried out in Nigeria, Kenya, Malawi and Madagascar. A stakeholder consultation reports has been prepared for each of these 4 stakeholder consultation processes.

As part of the preliminary review for VPA inclusion, SustainCERT has raised FARs related to a few issues related to the stakeholder consultation reports.

We request a deviation request for some technical issues related to these stakeholder consultation reports.

Deviation Reference Number	DEV_773	
Date of decision	11/08/2024	
Precedent (YES/NO)	NO	
Precedent details	NA	
Date of submission	01/07/2024	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID - GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID - GS11574
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID - GS11687
		ID - GS11691
ID - GS11692		
ID - GS11693		
ID - GS11713		
ID - GS11714		
ID - GS11717		
	ID - GS11718	
	ID - GS12812	
	ID - GS12811	
	ID - GS12810	
	ID - GS12799	
Project/PoA/VPA title	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PoA GS11574 - PoA for the Reduction of emission non-renewable fuel from cooking at household level. • GS11687 - CPA- ML-002-Malawi. • GS11691 - CPA-KE-010-Kenya Samsung Mombasa Project. • GS11692 - CDM-KE-011 Kenya EcoEye Mombasa Project. • GS11693 - CPA-KE-012-Kenya Samsung Project. • GS11713 - CPA- NI-003-NIGERIA. • GS11714 - CPA-MA-28-Madagascar Ethanol Stove Program. • GS11717 - CPA-MA-25-Madagascar Ethanol Stove Program. • GS11718 - CPA-MA-024-Madagascar. • GS12812 - CPA-KE-13-Kenya • GS12811 - Madagascar Ethanol Stove 4 Project • GS12810 - Project 2 Malawi • GS12799 - Madagascar Water Project 	

Date of listing	<p>The following dates are the "Registration /design certification dates in accordance with the SustainCERT platform.</p> <p>ID – GS11687 – 09/01/2023 ID – GS11691 – 04/08/2023 ID – GS11692 – 21/07/2023 ID – GS11693 – 10/01/2023 ID – GS11713 – 04/08/2023 ID – GS11714 – 04/08/2023 ID – GS11717 – 27/10/2023 ID – GS11718 – 04/08/2023 ID - GS12812 - 06/06/2024 (Listed) ID - GS12811 - 06/06/2024 (Listed) ID - GS12810 - 06/06/2024 (Listed) ID - GS12799 - 23/05/2024 (Listed)</p>
GS Standard version applicable	Not applicable.
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)	Not applicable.
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Host country(ies) Nigeria Malawi Kenya Madagascar
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	
Status of the project/PoA/VPA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Listed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified design <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified project
Title/subject of deviation	SCR

Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 5.7.3 (d) of Programme of Activity requirements and procedures. • Section 4.1.35 of Principles and Requirement. • Section B.1.3 of the stakeholder consultation report. • Section C.1.3 of stakeholder consultation report. 				
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	<table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Start date</td> <td style="width: 50%;">End date</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Not applicable.</td> </tr> </table>	Start date	End date	Not applicable.	
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	Organization: Green Development AS				
Validation and Verification body (VVB opinion shall be included, where required by the applicable rules/requirements or request is submitted by the VVB).	Project participant: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes; VVB name: Not applicable. VVB Staff name(s): Not applicable.				
Any previous deviations approved for the same project activity/PoA/VPA(s)?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Covid_DEV 273				

3 | Deviation detail

3.1 | Description of the deviation:

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

During preliminary review of VPA inclusions, FARs has been raised. We request that Gold Standard issue deviation approvals for the issues related to the Forward Action Request that has been issued as part of the preliminary review processes related to the stakeholder consultation process and stakeholder consultation reports.

- a) SustainCERT has pointed out in a FAR that the validity of the grouped stakeholder consultation shall be for two years. This is in accordance with Section 5.7.3(d) of the Programme of Activity Requirements and procedures. This is understood and accepted, and CME does not seek deviation from this.

In some of the stakeholder consultation reports it is however stated, under “Grouped Consultation Information”, and “Validity of Period”, stated “28/05/2021 until end of crediting period for applicable projects”. We understand that this is not in accordance with the above-mentioned Gold Standard Guidelines.

Deviation Request. The statement of “28/05/2021 until end of crediting period for applicable projects” is approved for the Stakeholder consultation process, with the understanding that the regular VPAs shall be submitted for inclusion within two year from the grouped physical meeting.

b) It is understood that the gold standard has a number of requirements on how the stakeholder consultation should be carried out. CME incorrectly believed that this to be the minimum requirement, not a specification on how the stakeholder consultation were to be done.

As part of the stakeholder consultation, we did interview of households to get their feedback and potential objection to the projects. We did such interviews as part of baseline survey and/or monitoring surveys. It is understood that this was not required as part of the Gold Standard stakeholder consultation process. It should be noted that these rounds of interviews with households was not an alternative to any stakeholder consultation requirements by Gold Standard but done in addition to the consultation requirements by Gold Standard.

SustainCERT has raised a FAR about the stakeholder consultation process which was done in addition to the processes required by Gold Standard. SustainCERT has requested us to clarify how this complies with section 3 of Stakeholder consultation and engagement requirements, version 2.1.

Furthermore, SustainCERT has further required explanation on how comments received during the survey consultation were taken into account in the design and implementation of the project.

Deviation Request. We request that a deviation is approved to allow for stakeholder consultation process to include more processes than what is required by Gold

Standard as long as such additional processes is not an alternative to the Gold Standard Requirements.

Furthermore, we request deviation from the need to provide further explanation on how comments received during the survey consultation was taken into account in the design and implementation of the project when no relevant negative feedback was received, and no feedback was received that could impact the design of the project.

c) SustainCERT has requested that Section B.1.3 of the monitoring report shall include evidence of physical invites. The Stakeholder consultation report include a copy of the email submitted to invite stakeholder to attend stakeholder consultation meeting. As this is understood not to be sufficient, we request a deviation from further requirements in addition to copy of the email invitation. Alternatively that Gold Standard in their deviation ruling confirm that they have received the invitations to attend the stakeholder consultation meeting and that this email included (CC) a number of other stakeholder that was also invited to attend the stakeholder consultation meeting.

d) SustainCERT has required that further pictures of all the participants of the stakeholder consultation meeting. SustainCERT raised a far about this.

We request a deviation from this requirement in addition to the pictures of the stakeholder consultation meeting and the pictures of the stakeholder that has already been included in the stakeholder consultation reports.

e) SustainCERT has raised a FAR regarding compliance with Section 4.1.35 of the Principles and Requirements V.1.2, which specify that the stakeholder consultation reports should be submitted to Gold Standard within 3 months of the event.

The stakeholder consultation reports has been uploaded to the SustainCERT platform within 3 months of the physical stakeholder consultation meeting in each country.

The stakeholder consultation reports has now also been submitted directly to Gold Standard (but more than 3 months after the physical stakeholder meetings)

We request a deviation from this requirements that the stakeholder meeting report should be submitted to Gold Standard within 3 months of the event.

For further clarification, please see the enclosed stakeholder consultation reports.

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

Not applicable.

3.2 | Assessment of the deviation:

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

The deviation request complies with all the requirements as listed in section 3 "REQUIRMENTS" in "Deviation Approval requirements and procedures. Version 1.2

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):

The deviation will have no impact on project design, safeguard principles assessments, SDG assessment, emission reduction, monitoring frequency, data quality, political risk or any other relevant aspects of the project.

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

Not applicable.

3.4 | Documents:

Copy of Stakeholder consultation reports for project in Nigeria and the stakeholder consultation report for the grouped projects in Kenya, Malawi and Madagascar.

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