**Gold Standard for the Global Goals**

**Verification Appraisal Report**

**Sept 2020 - version 1.2**

**KEY PROJECT INFORMATION**

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| GS ID (s) |  |
| Title of Project |  |
| Version number of the VAR |  |

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| Completion Date of version |  |
| Microscale Project Type  | [ ]  Standalone | [ ]  Microprogramme |

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| Title of MicroProgramme (mark N/A if project type is Standalone) |  |

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| SDG Impacts (as per MR): | 1 – 2 – 3 –n. |
| List document titles and versions supplied for Objective Observer review |  |

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| Objective Observer |  |
| Date of Site Visit (dd/mm/yyyy) |  |
| Signature(final version only) |  |

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| **SECTION A. BRIEF PROJECT DESCRIPTION** |

\*Project Developer to supply a brief description of the project, the technology (ies) used and the current status of the project, providing information on the implementation and actual operation of the project including relevant dates (e.g. construction, commissioning, start of operation). This is section B.1/Description of implemented project from the GS4GG MR - delete this paragraph when complete\*

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| **SECTION B. OBJECTIVE OBSERVER’S OPINION**  |

*>> Justify your opinion (half page max.) as to whether the project goes beyond Business as Usual and contributes to Climate Security & Sustainable Development (Gold Standard principles 1 and 5) and its reported impacts should therefore be certified.*

*Use the table to summarise risks you observed in key sections in this report aligned to Gold Standard Principles 2, 3 and 4. If deemed significant, these risks will be assessed in more detail in the parallel certification process.*

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| **Gold Standard Principles** | **Summary of observed risks for further review**  |
| 2: Safeguarding Principles (section D) |  |
| 3: Stakeholder Inclusivity (section F) |  |
| 4: Demonstration of real outcomes (section E) |  |

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| **SECTION C. DETAILS ABOUT THE SITE-VISIT** |

**C.1. Individual or team**

 *Name the Objective Observer(s) that went on site. Provide brief information about their background and relevant skills. Confirm no perceived or potential conflict of interest exists between the Objective Observer(s) and the project (s).*

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 *Add rows to provide a complete list of the people interviewed during the site visit, including information on the organisation they represent. Please use ‘beneficiary’ for role where the interview is with project users.*

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| **Name** | **Role** | **Organisation** | **Topics Covered** |
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 *Describe the means used to interview individuals during site visit; e.g. one to one meetings, focus groups, telephonic conversations, etc.*

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| **SECTION D. EVALUATION OF THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROJECT** |

*>> Assess whether safeguarding principles assessment below matches your observations and general understanding of the project.*

*Identify any risks that have not been adequately addressed - or any other negative impacts that have occurred.*

*(where present) Assess whether measures to mitigate risks to safeguarding principles have been implemented as stated*

\*Project developer to copy across the Safeguarding Principles Assessment from the Project Design Document, including any mitigations proposed – delete this paragraph when complete\*

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| **SECTION E. STATUS OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS OUTCOMES** |

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*>> Assess if the SDG impacts reported below have been achieved by the project and if it is in operation as stated. You should pay attention to variables that can be observed whilst on site (e.g. Technology Usage Rates, wood fuel consumption, survey data) in your assessment.*

\*Using headings for each SDG, Project developer to summarise the SDG Impacts and copy across the monitoring parameters from the Monitoring Report (Section D.2 in version 1.1). Parameters related to technology usage must be clearly and separately shown - delete this paragraph when complete.\*

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| **SECTION F. STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF CONTINUOUS INPUT / GRIEVANCE MECHANISM & FEEDBACK RECEIVED** |

*>> Assess whether the approved/selected methods of Continuous Input/Grievance Expression are have been implemented on site. Report on any Inputs you observe and if an adequate response has been provided. provide opinion if any mitigation measures should be put in place to address the comments raised.*

\**copy across the approved Continuous Input / Grievance Mechanism methods and all feedback received\**

**APPENDIX – REVIEW PROTOCOL**

This section records the clarifications and questions listed by section that were posed to the Objective Observer during the finalization of this report. Any changes in this report should be done using tracked changes in word for transparency and the final version saved as clean.

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| 1. **Section X**
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| Response by Objective Observer – 1st round  |
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| Response by SustainCERT – 2nd round |
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Revision History

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| Version | Date | Remarks |
| 1.2 | Sept 2020 | Improved guidance for developers on what sections to be part completedImproved guidance for Objective observers on feedback requiredInclusion of risks summary tableRemoval of signed, dated COI declaration Inclusion of review protocol showing the review of the report. |
| 1.1 | 15th January 2019 | Updated to include a section to indicate version numbers of documents reviewed |
| 1 | 10 July 2017 | Initial adoption |