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TEMPLATE

DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1 | Decision

1.1 | Date – 17/10/2022

1.2 | Decision

The applied deviation is approved. As permitted by para 3.1.1 of COVID19: Interim Measures, the PD has conservatively applied the 95/10 confidence/precision for all parameters in contrast to 90/10 for annual parameters in methodology.

The PD shall:

- a. Apply further conservative assumptions or discount factors to address the gap in monitoring to the extent and wherever required, to ensure that GHG emission reductions/SDG impacts will not be overestimated
- b. Document the deviation request, its implications, and GS' decision in the appropriate section of the GS Monitoring Report (for the relevant MP).

The verifying VVB shall, through appropriate means at its disposal, evaluate the Project's compliance with the above condition and provide its opinion in the Verification Report.

The validity of deviation: The emission reduction calculation using the mentioned approach can be done for Monitoring period from 14/05/2020 to 13/05/2021.

1.3 | Is this decision applicable to other project activities under similar circumstances?

N/A

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	COVID_DEV 297	
Date of decision	17/10/2022	
Precedent (YES/NO)	NO	
Precedent details	N/A	
Date of submission	27-07-2022	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GSXXXX
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PoA	GS10818
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VPA	GS10821, GS10825, GS11218, GS11309, GS11310, GS11311, GS11312, GS11313
Project/PoA/VPA title	<p>PoA Title: “Dissemination of Improved Cookstoves in India by Greenway”</p> <p>VPA Titles:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GS10818 - Dissemination of Improved Cookstoves in Karnataka by Greenway - VPA001 2. GS10818 - Dissemination of Improved Cookstoves in Karnataka by Greenway - VPA002 3. GS10818 - Dissemination of Improved Cookstoves in Karnataka by Greenway - VPA003 4. GS10818 - Dissemination of Improved Cookstoves in Karnataka by Greenway - VPA004 5. GS10818 - Dissemination of Improved Cookstoves in Karnataka by Greenway - VPA005 6. GS10818 - Dissemination of Improved Cookstoves in Karnataka by Greenway - VPA006 7. GS10818 - Dissemination of Improved Cookstoves in Karnataka by Greenway - VPA007 8. GS10818 - Dissemination of Improved Cookstoves in Karnataka by Greenway - VPA008 	
Date of listing	VPA#002-008 (08/09/2021)	
GS Standard version applicable	GS4GG	
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)	16/09/2021 (POA & VPA#001)	

Location of project/PoA/VPA	Host country(ies): India State Karnataka
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?q=GS10818&page=1
Status of the project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Listed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified design (PoA & VPA#001) <input type="checkbox"/> Certified project
Title/subject of deviation	Deviation Requested for Annual Monitoring as Per the COVID 19: INTERIM MEASURES
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	Requirement of Annual Monitoring cited in AMS IIG, version 12 and PoA DD.
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date 14/05/2020 End date 13/05/2021
Submitted by	Contact person name:
	Email ID: Mr. Ankit Mathur
	Organisation: Greenway Grameen Infra Private Limited
	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:

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 methodology AMS IIG and registered PoA DD states the annual monitoring of WBT and few other parameters for the verification exercise. CME is now clubbing the Performance Review/Verification of 15 VPAs under the PoA. The annual monitoring for VPA#001-008 was falling in the mid of deadly wave of COVID-19 in India i.e. mid of year 2021, CME could not undertake the annual monitoring at that juncture due to several travel restrictions imposed by government as well as health risk for surveyors. For VPA#009-015, the annual monitoring frequency is complied as the situation is eased now and physical survey was carried out together for VPA#001-015. CME is seeking for a deviation for not undertaking the annual surveys of VPA#001-008 in line with the prevailing COVID-19 measures provided by GS at that juncture.

CME has now applied the 95/10 confidence/precession for all parameters conservatively in contrast to 90/10 for annual parameters in methodology.

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 deviation applied for the VPAs is in line with the COVID 19: INTERIM MEASURES applicable at that juncture. The 95/10 confidence precession is applied by CME instead of 90/10 for making the sample size and results conservative during the physical survey after easing the COVID-19 scenario. Moreover, the parameters monitored (e.g., WBT for SDG#13 and parameters for other SDGs) will give the more conservative results in biennial sampling in contrast to annual sampling as efficiency of ICS decreases with time. Therefore, CME is requesting for the deviation as it would not lower the accuracy of emission reductions/SDGs and moreover it is in line with the applicable rule 'COVID 19: INTERIM MEASURES, version 04'.

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.*

N/A

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):

There is no impact on the SDG calculated as 95/10 confidence precession is applied by CME instead of 90/10 for making the sample size and results conservative during the physical survey after easing the COVID-19 scenario. Moreover, the parameters monitored (e.g., WBT for SDG#13 and parameters for other SDGs) will give the more conservative results in biennial sampling in contrast to annual sampling as efficiency of ICS decreases with time. Therefore, CME is requesting for the deviation as it would not lower the accuracy of emission reductions/SDGs.

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