



TEMPLATE

# DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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## A. To be completed by Gold Standard

### 1| Decision

**1.1 | Date – 03/03/2022**

**1.2 | Decision**

The applied deviation is **APPROVED**.

The PD must ensure that the request for design certification renewal is submitted by 30/06/2022.

The VVB must access all the evidence related to this deviation and include a clear validation statement in the validation report.

**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	COVID_DEV 240	
Date of decision	03/03/2022	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	-	
Date of submission	09/02/2022	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GS2404
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GS3668
Project/PoA/VPA title	GS2404 INTERNATIONAL WATER PURIFICATION PROGRAMME - CPA 3 CHLORINE DISPENSERS IN UGANDA	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Uganda	
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	<a href="https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/652">https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/652</a>	
Status of the project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Listed <input type="checkbox"/> Certified design <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified project	
Title/subject of deviation	Extension of submission timeline of validation report for design renewal	

<p>Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology and version number</p>	<p>COVID 19: INTERIM MEASURES Version. 5 – 21.12.2021</p> <p>5.1.1 Where project submission timelines are affected by COVID -19, the project developer may seek an extension by submitting a request to Gold Standard.</p> <p>- Submission of design review no later than the last date of current certification cycle</p> <p>101_V1.2_Principles &amp; Requirements</p> <p>5.1.45 To maintain Gold Standard Certified Project status beyond five years, a Project must undergo Design Certification Renewal. This process shall begin (defined by the submission of a Renewal opinion by a VVB for Design Review to Gold Standard) no later than the last date of current certification cycle. Note that review of the Design Certification Renewal may complete after the last date of current crediting period. In this case, the renewal date shall be the first day after the end date of the current certification cycle.</p> <p>5.1.46 Delay in the completion of re-validation beyond the last date of current certification cycle shall result in a reduction of any issuance of Certified Products and/or Impact Statements available during following certification cycle (for example, a delay of 1 year beyond the first cycle shall mean that no Certified Impact Statements shall be issued for the period of delay).</p>				
<p>Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Start date</td> <td>End date</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Not applicable</td> </tr> </table>	Start date	End date	Not applicable	
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<p>Submitted by</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Contact person name: Chetan Aggarwal</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Email ID: c.aggarwal@southpole.com standards@southpole.com</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Organisation: Pure Water Ltd. Swiss Carbon Assets Ltd.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Project participant: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table>	Contact person name: Chetan Aggarwal	Email ID: c.aggarwal@southpole.com standards@southpole.com	Organisation: Pure Water Ltd. Swiss Carbon Assets Ltd.	Project participant: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
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<p>Validation and Verification body (VVB opinion shall be included, where required by the applicable</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes; VVB name:</p>				

rules/requirements or request is submitted by the VVB).	Auditor name:
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### 3| Deviation detail

#### 3.1 | Description of the deviation:

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

The VPA is already registered with GS and its 1st crediting period will expire on 14/04/2022. However, owing to the ongoing COVID-19 situation and various restrictions accompanying it resulted in delay of the Renewal of Crediting Period process. The deviation is requested for submission of validation report of design renewal up to 30/06/2022 while referencing the following rules and requirements of Gold Standard:

- GS COVID 19: Interim measures v5 – section 5.1.1 Where project submission timelines are affected by COVID -19, the project developer may seek an extension by submitting a request to Gold Standard. The relevant submission stage is:
  - Submission of design review no later than the last date of current certification cycle
- 101\_V1.2\_Principles & Requirements
  - 5.1.45 To maintain Gold Standard Certified Project status beyond five years, a Project must undergo Design Certification Renewal. This process shall begin (defined by the submission of a Renewal opinion by a VVB for Design Review to Gold Standard) no later than the last date of current certification cycle. Note that review of the Design Certification Renewal may complete after the last date of current crediting period. In this case, the renewal date shall be the first day after the end date of the current certification cycle.
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Rationale of Deviation:

### 1. COVID Restrictions within Uganda

Due to the COVID – 19 pandemic situations since early 2020 until now, Uganda has implemented many internal restrictions<sup>1</sup>, such as national lockdown, curfew, gathering ban, businesses not allowed to reopen, public and private transport prohibition, limitation for number of people per car, and so on. According to those mandatory restrictions and the frequent changes of requirements without warning, it has been impossible for carrying out the project validation (e.g., site visit, surveys, materials and stakeholder feedback collection, interviews for remote validation, etc.).

### 2. COVID Travel Restrictions

The international travel restrictions implemented by each country have also been making it hard for traveling to Uganda, for example, international flights to Uganda suspension, land boarders' closure, mandatory quarantine, strict COVID - 19 tests and vaccination requirements, etc. All make it difficult for auditors to conduct site visit to Uganda.

Since December 2021, some possibilities have been observed to make plans for remote validation (e.g., surveys, data collection, stakeholder feedback collection, interviews for remote validation, etc.). Therefore, the project participants apply for deviation under these special circumstances and extend the submission timeline of the design renewal validation report to be on 30/06/2022.

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

Not applicable

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<sup>1</sup> <https://travelbans.org/africa/uganda/>

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

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

The proposed deviation (to extend the submission timeline of the re-validation report of the VPA to 30/06/2022) complies with the requirements of COVID 19: INTERIM MEASURES Version. 5, which allows the deviation requests to be submitted till 30/06/2022. Supporting documents indicating the COVID situation and the restrictions in Uganda have been linked in this document. With the constantly changing COVID restrictions in Uganda it was impossible to initiate the crediting period renewal process (e.g., validation survey or stakeholder feedback collection, etc.).

Since this is a request to extend the deadline of design renewal validation report submission, there won't be any compromise with accuracy, completeness and conservativeness of the project. The monitoring plan would be clearly settled down to ensure the accuracy, completeness and conservativeness of the monitoring of the parameters.

#### 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):

As mentioned above, this is a deviation request to extend the deadline of the re-validation report submission to 30/06/2022. It has no impact on project design, safeguarding principles assessment, SDG assessment, emission reductions, monitoring frequency, data quality, potential risk, or any other relevant aspect of the project activity.

After the deviation, the project design will not change, safeguarding principles and SDG assessments remain the same; emissions reductions are still calculated based on data collected through the monitoring activities as per the monitoring plan;

monitoring frequency for each parameter remain the same as required by monitoring plan; data quality is guaranteed by cross-check procedures stipulated in monitoring plan; and there is no other potential risk.

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

Not applicable

### 3.4 | Documents:

No other documents except for this deviation request form.

Reference links are summarized in the table below:

Footnote	Quoted rationale	Link
Footnote 1	Uganda international and internal travel restrictions since May 2020 until now	<a href="https://travelbans.org/africa/uganda/">https://travelbans.org/africa/uganda/</a>