

TEMPLATE

PROJECT ANNUAL REPORT FORM

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SUMMARY

Gold Standard Design Certified Projects are required to submit annual reports to share progress, key updates and confirm that the project is active. This template provides a standardized form to complete annual reporting. The annual reports are required for each monitoring year for which verification is not completed by the end of the following calendar year (section 5.1. (d), Annual Reporting, Gold Standard for the Global Goals [Principles and Requirements](#)). The Project Developer shall upload annual reports on the SustainCERT App.

1| SCOPE AND APPLICABILITY:

- 1.1.1 | The annual report form is applicable to all Gold Standard standalone projects and voluntary project activities (VPAs) of all scales. In case of a Programme of Activities, the Coordinating/Managing Entity may submit one combined annual report for multiple VPAs.
- 1.1.2 | **A/R Projects Only** - If the project is certified according to the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), the Certification Status replaces the completion of this template. Please provide the FSC Audit Report and provide a reference to this supporting document in section 5| of this template. In addition, please provide evidence on how the project demonstrates conformity to Gold Standard [Safeguarding Principle](#) 3.8.1 on Water (FSC Certification is not deemed as evidence that this Principle is met). For further guidance refer to

the section “FSC Dual Certification” in the [Land Use and Forests Activity Requirements](#).

2| ENTRY INTO FORCE

2.1.1 | The annual report form:

- a. is available for use by all projects from its release date.
- b. shall be used for annual reports submitted after 15/11/2022.

3| TIMING FOR ANNUAL REPORT SUBMISSION

3.1.1 | As per section 5.1 of the Principles and Requirements, annual reports:

- a. are due until end of next calendar year for which the verification is not completed.
- b. Are still required by the end of the calendar year if a verification is in progress but not complete.

For example:

Examples - Project Status	Annual report submission
No monitoring report submitted yet, project start date in 2019	by end of 2020
Last monitoring period end: 01 January 2019	by end of 2020
Last monitoring period end: 01 December 2019	by end of 2020
Verification report submitted for monitoring period 01 June 2018 to 31 May 2019	for 01 June 2019 to 31 December 2020 by end of 2020
Last monitoring period end: 01 December 2019, last annual report covering 01 December 2019 to 01 December 2020	by end of 2021

3.1.2 | The Project Developer shall upload the annual report(s) on the SustainCERT App to complete the submission. Note that the annual report shall be made public upon submission.

1| PROJECT(S) INFORMATION

Please identify the project activity, Programme of Activity, and/or Voluntary Project Activity/ies (henceforth called 'project') and the reporting period to which this annual report applies.

1.1 Title of Project/ VPA(s) If you are submitting an annual report for a project or number of VPAs, please include the name of the all VPAs as well.	Santander and Las Tapias Renewable Energy Project
1.2 GS ID(s)	GS1074
1.3 GS Registry project link(s)	platform.sustain-cert.com/public-project/57
1.4 Date of completion of the report	20/12/2023
1.5 Which monitoring period is the annual report being submitted for?	01/01/2023 – 31/12/2023
1.6 Is a verification in progress for this monitoring period? Annual reports are still required by the end of the calendar year if a verification is in progress but not complete. Refer to Principles and Requirements 5.1.39 and 5.1.42	☐ Yes ☒ No
2 ANNUAL REPORT <i>Please use this section to provide a brief summary of the progress of the project(s) during the reporting period and a summary of the monitoring information obtained.</i>	
1.7 Has the project been actively implemented/operated during the monitoring period (Q1.5) this report refers to?	☒ Yes ☐ No

1.8 Please list the recent activities, events and actions related to the project that summarize the project's progress during the monitoring period this report refers to. This may include milestones in implementation, calibration of equipment, carrying out of surveys or monitoring activities, Host Country approvals, etc. Refer to: Principles and Requirements 5.1.42.(a)	The project activity involves replacing coal fuel with renewable biomass such as sawdust, wood waste and pulp and paper sludge for the production process of the Santander and Las Tapias 3 ceramics industries, located in Colombia. It also involves the installation of efficient kilns to replace the old kilns that existed before the project began. During 2023, the project was in the process of verifying the 3rd and 4th monitoring reports, for the period between January 1, 2019, and March 31, 2019, and April 1, 2020 and December 31, 2021, respectively. During this period, through an exchange of information with the person responsible for monitoring the carbon project, engineer Jesús Palacios, he reported that a suggestion box was implemented at the beginning of 2023, with the aim of maintaining an open and official channel to receive suggestions and criticisms from employees. In May, Ladrillera Santander also held a meeting with other factories in the region to discuss the maintenance and renovation of roads in common use in the region. It is important to note that during the period without formal checks, the project continued its normal biomass refueling activity. It has been verified and is being evidenced through the verification process that the project has still proved effective and is improving its performance in line with the project description, gradually achieving higher rates of renewable biomass use.
1.9 Have there been any changes to the continuous input/grievance mechanism during the monitoring period this report refers to?	☒ Yes ☐ No <i>If yes, please ensure that all stakeholders are informed of the new way to provide continuous inputs or file grievances.</i> Stakeholders were informed about the installation of the suggestion box as an official mechanism for complaints and suggestions within the company. This action is not a change, but an improvement to the communication channel, and is part of the continuous improvement that the carbon project sets out to achieve.
1.10 Has there been any input/feedback or grievance provided by stakeholders after the validation stage and during the monitoring period this report refers to? Refer to Principles and Requirements 5.1.42.(c)	☐ Yes ☒ No <i>If yes, please fill out the table below.</i>

Stakeholder Engagement Report					
Date	Comment	Action point from Project Owner	Response From Project Owner	Responsible person for the issue	Issue resolved?
In this monitoring period, there were no conflicts or comments raised or received.					
1.11 Have there been any incidents or events that may impact the Outcomes/Impacts delivered to date (in terms of loss) or the ongoing Performance of the Project.		☐ Yes ☒ No <i>If yes, please elaborate:</i>			
Refer to Principles and Requirements 5.1.4.2.(d)					
1.12 Have any legal contests/disputes arisen related to the project?		☐ Yes ☒ No <i>If yes, please elaborate:</i>			
Refer to Principles and Requirements 5.1.4.2.(e)					

1.13 Have there been any updates to the Key Project Information, Project Design Document, Monitoring & Reporting Plan?	☐ Yes ☒ No <i>If yes, please refer to the section Further communication with Gold Standard below</i>
Refer to Principles and Requirements 5.1.4.2.(f)	

1.14 | Please provide a summary of the monitoring information collected during the year.

Please only provide information on those indicators monitored during the reporting period. Indicators monitored once per monitoring period are not necessary to be included here.

Refer to [Principles and Requirements 5.1.42.\(g\)](#)

During the current monitoring, the Santander Ceramic Industry has had no significant changes to its physical structure. It is still operating a Hoffmann kiln and a chamber kiln. In addition, Ladrillera Santander has been using the same types of biomass described in the first monitoring period: wood waste, sawdust and pulp and paper sludge.

The Santander Ceramics Industry has been decreasing its coal consumption compared to the baseline scenario. Since 2016, the proportion of biomass use has exceeded the proportion of coal, both in terms of energy and mass. This was only possible due to the carbon project, which encouraged the ceramics industry to invest in clean technologies to increase the use of renewable biomass.

In a specific report on the Colombian situation, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development points out that, after a 6.8% drop in GDP in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, an unprecedented mark in the country's history, for the years 2021 to 2023 the expectation is for growth of 9.5%, 5.5% and 3.1%, respectively. *

In line with the country's economic recovery, the Santander plant is gradually increasing its use of renewable biomass. The parameters monitored are in the process of being verified and are already being analyzed by VVB based on the data collected during the on-site verification visit. The visit took place in November 2022, following the audit conducted for the project's two monitoring periods: the third monitoring period (January 1, 2019 and March 31, 2020) for the first credit period, and the fourth monitoring period (April 1, 2020 and December 31, 2021) for the second credit period.

With the end of 2023 and the compilation of this year's consumption data, the expectation is to show and prove that there continues to be an increase in the use of sustainable biomass. This increase will be verified in the next monitoring, which we intend to carry out in 2024, after we have finished verifying the current MRs.

*UOL ECONOMIA. OCDE destaca recuperação econômica da Colômbia da crise causada pela pandemia. 2022. Available at: < <https://economia.uol.com.br/noticias/efe/2022/02/10/ocde-destaca-recuperacao-economica-da-colombia-da-crise-causada-pela-pandemia.htm>>. Last visit: November 24th, 2023.

1.15 (For LUF projects) Have there been any updates to the 'Project Participants and Secured Titles?' Please ensure that at all times the project is in compliance with section 2 (b) of the Land Use and Forests Activity Requirements. Refer to Principles and Requirements 5.1.4.2.(h)	☐ Yes ☒ No
3 SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION/EVIDENCE	
1.16 Please list any supporting documentation or evidence provided along with this annual report Refer to Principles and Requirements 5.1.4.2.(f)	No evidence was provided along with this annual report.
4 DECLARATION OF CORRECT PROJECT INFORMATION ☒ I, the undersigned, attest to the accuracy of the information provided in this Annual Report ☒ I, the undersigned, understand that annual reporting does not represent certification nor any decision-making or agreement to any design change by gold standard. Annual reporting is intended as an opportunity to share progress and track key updates and confirms to Gold Standard that the project remains active. With formal review of conformity to requirements; any changes in approach shall be undertaken at performance certification only.	
Project Developer/Representative Entity	Sustainable Carbon – Projetos Ambientais LTDA.
Signatory names The signatory shall be an individual with legal signing authority within the Project Developer's organization Refer to Principles and Requirements 5.1.43	Stefano Merlin – CEO Sustainable Carbon – Projetos Ambientais LTDA.
Signature The Project Developer shall attest to the accuracy of the information provided by its signature on the Annual Report Refer to Principles and Requirements 5.1.43	

DOCUMENT HISTORY

Version	Date	Description
1.0	01/07/2017	Initial Adoption
1.1	01/03/2018	Editorial changes
2.0	16/08/2022	- Introduced a checklist format with guidance and references. - Added clarification on timelines and conditions for submission of annual reports and other communication to Gold Standard. - Changed title to differentiate from other annual report templates.