

**Email to Project Developer from Owen Hewlett, CTO at Gold Standard
Sent on: 17 May 2019**

Dear Fariz & Turgay,

Firstly to introduce myself – I am the Chief Technical Officer at Gold Standard. On the 30th April 2019, Gold Standard received a formal stakeholder grievance concerning your project, GS2542. As per the Gold Standard Grievance process ([here](#)), a copy of the formal submission, in both English and Turkish has been uploaded to the Gold Standard Grievance pages, [here](#).

The first step in the published Gold Standard Grievance process is for Gold Standard to conduct an Initial Review; this has also been conducted and uploaded. The content of this review does not draw conclusions as to the veracity or accuracy of the allegations, it focuses only on whether the allegations could represent a non-conformity if proven true.

The conclusion of the report is that, if proven true, the allegations would be treated as non-conformities and action may be taken by Gold Standard and/or required to be taken by the project accordingly. We appreciate that you will wish to respond to the allegations and would therefore note that your input and evidences will be considered through a fair and unbiased investigation process. We would also reiterate that the findings to date do not presume the allegations to be accurate or otherwise; this will be determined through the course of the investigation.

The report confirms that the next steps are to:

- Publish details of the grievance and Initial Review findings to the Gold Standard website (complete as per the above link)
- Place a flag on the project's page on the Gold Standard Registry as follows (will be added shortly):
 - o Gold Standard is currently investigating a grievance associated with this project [with weblink]
- Notify the Project Representative (this email) and complainant (separately, completed) of the outcome of the Initial Review

Should you be contacted by a third party for comment, or wish to direct third party queries to Gold Standard please use the email address: grievance@goldstandard.org. Gold Standard also requires that you do not contact the complainant regarding this matter.

The investigation team will be in contact with you in the next week to arrange to discuss your inputs; we look forward to your cooperation and transparency.

Regards,
Owen Hewlett

Chief Technical Officer
Gold Standard