

FORM

FORM - DEVIATION REQUEST SUBMISSION

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RELATED DOCUMENTS

– [Deviations Approval Requirements and Procedures](#)

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1| General Guidelines

1.1 | Applicability

- 1.1.1 | This form is to be completed for projects (project activities/PoAs/VPAs) seeking deviation or is/are at a risk of deviating from any [applicable requirements](#), GS4GG-specific requirements listed in the applicable [Methodologies](#) or any other deviations occurring in any of the various aspects of the project.
- 1.1.2 | Refer to the latest version of [Deviation Request Requirements and Procedures](#) for detailed information on the procedures and requirements.
- 1.1.3 | This form can be used in the following instances i.e.,
 - a. Deviation from GS4GG requirements and/or applicable methodologies prior to submission for certification with GS4GG.
 - b. Temporary changes to a certified project - which include changes from the registered monitoring plan, the applied methodologies or other standard documents - that are expected **not** to occur beyond a given monitoring period.
- 1.1.4 | For any permanent changes to a design certified project, the requirements set in [Design Change Approval Requirements and Procedures](#) shall be followed.

2| Submission of deviation form

- 2.1.1 | This form shall be submitted in Microsoft Word (.doc) format to Gold Standard at deviations@goldstandard.org
- 2.1.2 | Forms with incomplete/inaccurate information shall not be considered for review and shall be returned to the applicant.

3| Implementation of deviation decision

- 3.1.1 | The decision prescribed in this form shall be considered by the entity applying for deviation for further course of action.

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4| Decision summary

To be completed by Gold Standard

4.1 | General information

DEVIATION REFERENCE NUMBER	DEVREQ-177
Date of decision	21/07/2025
Decision	☐ Approved [No precondition to apply the deviation decision] ☐ Conditionally approved [Decision is subject to compliance with the precondition defined below] ☒ Not approved [reason for rejection is provided in decision summary]

4.2 | Decision

4.2.1 | Decision Summary

The deviation request is not approved. The VVB and project developer must follow the rule update: <https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/ru-2021-applicability-of-minimum-site-visit-requirements-by-vvb/> that the VVB shall not verify the monitoring period falling before three years of the site visit date.

4.2.2 | Directions for the project developer/CME, if applicable

The project developer shall note that the decision is based on the information provided in the deviation request form and only against the applicable standard requirement quoted in the form below by the project developer.

The project developer shall comply with all other applicable standard requirements until unless specifically mentioned in the deviation decision. The project developer shall document the deviation request, its implications, and GS' decision in the appropriate section of the project document.

4.2.3 | Directions for the Validation and Verification Body (VVB), if applicable

VVB shall not verify the monitoring period falling before three years of the site visit date.

4.2.4 | Directions for the Gold Standard, if applicable

The review team shall check the information reported by the project developer and the VVB for appropriateness, accuracy and consistency.

4.3 | Applicability to other activities

Is this decision applicable to other projects under similar circumstances? ¹	☐ Yes ☒ No
Does this decision set a precedent for future projects with similar circumstances? ²	☐ Yes ☒ No
Precedent details (if applicable to other activities)	
NA	

¹ If this is marked yes, this means that any other project (PoA/VPA/PA) in similar situation may apply the decision of this deviation to their project as well. The project developer/VVB may quote this deviation decision in the relevant certification documents. This is relevant to only the projects which have already entered the certification cycle with GS4GG.

² If this is marked yes, it means the decision is valid to all the future projects which will enter the certification cycle with the similar situation. This is relevant to all the projects which are not yet design certified with GS4GG or have not submitted their documents for preliminary review yet.

5| Deviation Request Details

To be completed by the entity requesting deviation - (Project Developer/Coordinating and Managing Entity and/or VVB)

5.1 | Submitted by

- ☒ Project developer
☐ CME
☐ VVB
☐ Other (specify...)

5.2 | Details of the entity and its representative submitting the form

Item	Information
Name ³ :	Shashikant Verma
Email ID ⁴ :	Power@interocean.in
Organisation: ⁵ :	Interocean Shipping (I) Pvt. Ltd.
Are you an authorized project participant as per the cover letter submitted for this activity?	☒ Yes ☐ No

5.3 | Background information

Type	☒ Project activity	☐ PoA GSXXXX	☐ VPA
GS ID	GS4875 GSXXXX	GS XXXX GS XXXX	GS XXXX GS XXXX
Host country(ies)	India		
Project Title	9.5MW wind energy based power generation by Interocean Group		
Registry link	https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/858		
Scale	☐ Microscale (GS) ☒ Small scale ☐ Large scale ☐ Other, if applicable please specify below <i>Insert text here</i>		
Certification Status and corresponding date of latest status	☐ Listed <i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>	☒ Certified design 31/01/2018	☒ Certified project <i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>
			☐ Other <i>If other, specify here</i> <i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>

³ Name of the individual representing the entity requesting the deviation

⁴ Email ID for further correspondence related to the deviation request

⁵ The name of the entity requesting the deviation

Applied version of Standard	☒ GS4GG			
	☐ Previous version of Gold Standard	Version no.		
	☐ 1.0	☐ 1.1	☐ 1.2	☒ 2.2
Transition date, if applicable	From previous GS version to GS4GG		dd/mm/yyyy	
	From another standard to GS4GG		21/07/2021	
	Name of another standard	☒ CDM ☐ Other Name of the Standard – Insert text here		
Applicable activity requirement	☒ Renewable Energy Activity Requirements			
	☐ Community Services Activity Requirements			
	☐ Land-use and Forests Activity Requirements			
	☐ Other			
	<i>Insert name here</i>			

5.4 | Project deviation history

Is there any deviation request(s) for the same project activity/PoA/VPA(s) that was submitted to GS previously? If yes, below information.			☐ Yes ☒ No
Reference number	Insert Text here		
Status of the deviation	☐ Approved	☐ Rejected	☐ Under review
Were there any findings (CL, CAR, FAR) raised during any certification step (preliminary review, design and/or performance review etc.) that are relevant to this deviation request?	☒ Yes ☐ No		
	Summary of the findings		
	CL on section 4.3.2 from GS performance review comments Rd3 The Project Developer and VVB shall clarify, how is the minimum frequency of physical site visit requirement against para 3.1.2 'Once within every three years after the first physical site visit date' GS4GG Site Visit and Remote Audit Requirements and Procedures, Version 2.0 complied with? As observed, VVB has conducted physical site visit on 24-12-2024 for the current performance certification noting last physical site visit was conducted on 16-07-2016. Furthermore, remote audits were confirmed for both the latest design certification renewal for 2 nd crediting period and first performance certification.		

6 | Deviation detail

To be completed by the entity requesting deviation (Project Developer/Coordinating and Managing Entity and/or VVB)

6.1 | Standard document reference

Standard document reference	Title	GS4GG Site Visit and Remote Audit Requirements and Procedures
	Version	V2.0
	Paragraph	Para 3.1.2

6.2 | Description of the deviation

Title	Extension from site visit frequency from 3 years to 4 years	
Confirm the nature of changes related to deviation	☒ Temporary (e.g. not expected to occur beyond one monitoring period)	☐ Permanent (e.g. deviation from requirements prior to submission for certification)
	Insert Text here (if required) to support the selection	
Relevant monitoring period, if applicable	Start date	20/02/2021
	End date	07/05/2024
Summarise the changes	As per para 3.1.2 of the "GS4GG Site Visit and Remote Audit Requirements and Procedures" version-2.0, the VVB shall conduct physical site visit once within every 3 years after the first physical site visit date. The first periodic verification from 20/02/2019 to 19/02/2021 was completed using exemption for site visit by VVB due to COVID impact in host country, hence as per PP the same cannot be considered as missed physical visit, as it was approved by GS under COVID 19: INTERIM MEASURES. Furthermore, given the market conditions the PP decided to do the complete verification period for remaining under first renewal crediting period. The VVB agreement for RCP and verification is signed dated 03 April 2024 and initially RCP was processed and onwards the verification process is completed with an onsite visit to project site. Given the remaining period 20-Feb-2021 to 07-May-2024 is about 3 years PP has decided to cover total period in one MP, which is reasonable.	
Reason for deviation	At the time of VVB agreement it was realized that only around 3 months monitoring verification remaining from CP1 has to be done in a separate monitoring period in case agreement executed in Jan 2024 and immediate site visit done by the VVB and is going to be costly and given market trend may not be financially viable for PP considering number of credit generation	
Proposed resolution	We would request an exemption related to 3 years frequency for physical site visit as an exception. The requested deviation will not have any impact on the accuracy and	

	completeness of the data monitored and all the other elements of the monitoring plan. The deviation does not impact the accuracy of monitoring data, emission reduction calculation, applicability of methodology and additionality of the project activity.						
Is there any potential temporary or permanent impact of deviation on other aspects of the project?	Select the relevant area: ☐ Project design ☐ Local stakeholder consultation ☐ Safeguarding principles ☐ SDG assessment ☐ Regulatory compliance ☐ Additionality ☐ Applicability of methodology ☐ Annual emission reduction volume <i>(if yes, fill the table below)</i> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Annual emission reduction/removal before applying deviation</th><th>Annual emission reduction/removal after applying deviation</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>XYZ tCO₂e</td><td>XYZ tCO₂e</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table> ☐ any other matrix, please specify...	Annual emission reduction/removal before applying deviation	Annual emission reduction/removal after applying deviation	XYZ tCO ₂ e	XYZ tCO ₂ e		
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Summary of the impact	The deviation has no impact on above mentioned aspect.						
Insert text here							

6.3 | VVB information

Is a VVB opinion on the deviation request required? <i>VVB opinion shall be included, where required by the requirements under Deviations Request Requirements and Procedures or request is submitted by the VVB.</i>	Yes ☒ No ☐ <i>If answer is yes, fill the information in section 6.4 below.</i>
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6.4 | VVB's assessment

The below information is to be completed by VVB, if applicable.	
VVB's assessment of deviation request	Deviation Request for exempting the requirement laid down in para 3.1.2 'GS4GG Site Visit and Remote Audit Requirements and Procedures', Version 2.0.
VVB's assessment of impact of deviation request	VVB would like to elaborate that para 3.1.2 'Once within every three years after the first physical site visit date' GS4GG Site Visit and Remote Audit Requirements and Procedures,' Version 2.0 not used during the first verification as the same was done under the governing

	document COVID 19: INTERIM MEASURES, which allowed the PP and then VVB to exempt the mandatory onsite audit. The current GS verification, which is 2nd monitoring period and after the COVID-19 scenario, VVB had undertaken the onsite audit. Therefore, it is reasonable to conclude that the para 3.1.2 of the governing document 'GS4GG Site Visit and Remote Audit Requirements and Procedures', Version 2.0 or version 01 (applicable to first verification) was superseded by the then applicable COVID 19: INTERIM MEASURES laid down by the Gold Standard. Moreover, this project has continuous energy monitoring meters therefore delay in site visit has not impacted the materiality of the claimed ERs.	
VVB recommendation	Deviation may be granted as project has the continuous energy monitoring meters therefore delay in site visit has not impacted the materiality of the claimed ERs. Also, the project's monitoring period is up to the end of the first crediting period so PP's decision of undertaking the entire period under 2 nd verification seems reasonable.	
VVB details	VVB name:	4K Earth Science Pvt. Ltd.
	Auditor name(s):	Swati S Acharya
	Email (s):	swati@4kearthscience.com

6.5 | Documents:

6.5.1 | List of documents provided (*note that once a decision has been made by Gold Standard, this deviation form will be made public on the Gold Standard website. Kindly refrain from including any confidential information in the form.*)

Document 1.

Document 2.

Document n.

DOCUMENT HISTORY

VERSION NUMBER	RELEASE DATE	DESCRIPTION
6.0	12.11.2024	Editorial and structural changes to the template
5.0	11.04.2022	Additional information added: - 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
4.0	14.01.2021	Editorial changes
3.0	16.07.2020	Editorial changes
2.0	03.05.2018	Editorial changes
1.0	01.07.2017	Initial adoption