

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	DEVRQ-182
Date of decision	03/09/2025
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 Secretariat thanks the project developer for submitting the deviation request. The request is approved considering the first site visit for verification which took place on 24/02/2021. The PD may claim issuance from 25/02/2019 i.e. 2 years from the date of site visit by VVB.

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 unless specifically mentioned in the deviation decision.

The project developer shall document the deviation request, its implications, and GS's decision in the appropriate section of the project document.

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

The verifying VVB (Applus+ Certification) shall, through appropriate means at disposal, evaluate the project's compliance with the extant requirements and provide its opinion in the verification report.

The VVB shall also report on the scope of the verification site visit and confirm that GS specific aspects were verified in the site visit that took place on 24/02/2021.

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	

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 :	Mr. Vipul Sahu
Email ID ⁴ :	Vipul.sahu@enkingint.org
Organisation: ⁵	Eki Energy Services Limited
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	GS 7154	NA	NA
Host country(ies)	India		

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.

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

Project Title	CHANJU I HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT											
Registry link	https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/1425											
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 <i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>	☐ Certified project <i>12/01/2022⁶</i>	☐ Other <i>If other, specify here</i> <i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>								
Applied version of Standard	☒ GS4GG ☐ Previous version of Gold Standard											
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Transition date, if applicable	From previous GS version to GS4GG		NA									
	From another standard to GS4GG		-									
	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	DEV_563		
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: During the current verification review (MP:25/02/2019 to 30/06/2019 (both dates		

⁶ Date of Project Design Certification

	inclusive)) 02 observation are raised related to deviation: <u>PRR R02 included Comment/Request No. 01, under which Point 03 stated:</u> The previous visit by another VVB does not qualify as the site visit date because the submission of the issuance request is conducted by a different VVB, whose site visit occurred later. Furthermore, this should be submitted as a deviation request. <u>FAR # 1:</u> The earlier site visit for validation was carried out on 24/02/2021 and site visit for current verification is carried out on 10/05/2024 which is after 3 years and as per Rule update on Applicability of Minimum Site Visit Requirements by VVB, the VVB shall not verify the monitoring period falling before three years of the site visit date. Additionally, the current deviation is not related to DEV 563.
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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	RENEWABLE ENERGY ACTIVITY REQUIREMENTS ⁷
	Version	1.4
	Paragraph	-

6.2 | Description of the deviation

Title	Deviation Request for Site Visit Date Clarification	
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	25/02/2019
	End date	30/06/2019
Summarise the changes	Same VVB re-engaged – The same VVB (Applus+ Certification) conducted both the initial site visit in 25/02/2021 and the re-site visit on 10/05/2024, ensuring consistency in project assessment.	
Reason for deviation	Chanju-I Hydro Electric Project is a grid connected run-of-river hydropower project located in Himachal Pradesh, India is being	

⁷ <https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/202-ar-renewable-energy-activity-requirements/>

implemented by IA Hydro Energy Private Limited (formerly known as I.A. Energy), a special purpose vehicle formed for implementation of the project by M/s Indo aya central transport Ltd. The project is located in the Northern power region and has been conceived for harnessing the power potential of Chanju Nallah, a tributary of Baira nallah and sub tributary of river Ravi.

The project relates to the installation of three vertical axis Francis turbine generating units of 12 MW each to generate 36 MW of power. The project is fully commissioned on 26/07/2017.

The project, registered with UNFCCC under reference no CDM 10153 (<https://cdm.unfccc.int/Projects/DB/TUEV-SUED1431953233.8/view>), has a crediting period structure in CDM where the 1st crediting period spans from 26/07/2017 to 25/07/2024, followed by the 2nd period from 26/07/2024 to 25/07/2031 and the 3rd from 26/07/2031 to 25/07/2038. The project activity under UNFCCC operates on a seven-year crediting period, renewable twice. The project activity was officially listed in the Gold Standard registry on 31/01/2019. Subsequently, documents were submitted to GS on 10/09/2021. GS conducted its review on 30/11/2021, and the project received Round 1 GS review comments on 13/01/2022. The project developer has been diligent in verifying carbon credits continuously since registration. Currently, the verification (GS CER) for the Monitoring period from 26/07/2017 to 30/06/2019 is in progress.

The project was initially contracted with Applus+ Certification for the Joint validation and verification of project activities under GS4GG requirements. An on-site visit covering both scopes (validation and verification) was conducted on 24/02/2021 to 25/02/2021 and Project developer received the DVR.

Although a joint site visit was completed on the above date and DVR Issued to PD, the project developer opted to proceed only with validation at that stage due to internal decision. Validation activities were subsequently assessed and resulting in the successful issuance of Design Certification on 03/04/2023.

In April 2024, the project developer re-engaged the same VVB (Applus+ Certification) for the verification scope. A new assessment team was formed and the VVB conducted a Re-site visit on 10/05/2024 to assess any deviations or implementation changes since the original inspection on 25/02/2021. Point to be noted, both physical site visits were done by the same VVB (Applus+ Certification) on 25/02/2021 and 10/05/2024. The 2024 visit was carried out to confirm that there have been no changes in the project since 2021.

Both visits were conducted by the same VVB for the same monitoring period, PD would like to request GS Registry to approve the deviation related to the gap between the two physical site visits on 25/02/2021 and 10/05/2024 which is more (by 77 days) than 3 years. Also

	Requesting the Registry to consider 25/02/2021 as the verification site visit date for the monitoring period 25/02/2019 to 30/06/2019 and consider follow-up site visit date as 10/05/2024. Since the first site visit for verification occurred on 25/02/2021, the project developer is eligible to claim retroactive credits for two years from that date, i.e., 24/02/2019, in the ongoing verification. We are currently in the process of preparing our response to the PRR Review Round II for the current ongoing monitoring period. Thus, quick response on the deviation decision will be greatly appreciated and helpful in addressing the review comments effectively.						
Proposed resolution	To consider 25/02/2021 as the verification site visit date for the monitoring period 25/02/2019 to 30/06/2019 and follow-up site visit date as 10/05/2024. Also allow the PD to claim retroactive credits for two years from the physical site visit date 25/02/2021, i.e. from 24/02/2019, in the ongoing verification.						
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 above deviation will not cause any impact upon the data quality or attract any potential risk on GS related to any issuance or any other material impact affecting the quality of the project and thus no any potential risk is attributed to GS Project activity in particular. The deviation requested adheres to the Principles and Requirements set forth by GS4GG and complies with: Environmental Integrity: The GSVER's generated from the project activity are not over estimated as a result of deviation and conservativeness are ensured. Contribution to Sustainable Development Goals: SDG contributions that the project is designed to achieve are in line with GS4GG requirements and the above deviation does not have any potential impact upon the certified SDG's claimed during the entire crediting period of the project activity.						

	Safeguarding Principles and requirements: The deviation does not create any impact upon the safeguarding principles and requirements set forth by GS4GG. Compliance with Host Country Regulations: The project does not create any conflict with Host Country regulations and all the host country regulations are followed. Thus, Kind request to approve deviation.
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	Please confirm the nature of the deviation.	
VVB's assessment of impact of deviation request	NA	
VVB recommendation	NA	
VVB details	VVB name:	NA
	Auditor name(s):	NA
	Email (s):	NA

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