

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-209
Date of decision	05/09/2025
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 request is conditionally approved.

The deviation is granted only to permit the late completion of the first performance certification. However, the project will be eligible to claim VERs only for a maximum of two years from the date of the VVB site visit.

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

PD must ensure improved planning and coordination for future certification cycles to avoid recurrence.

Credits will only be issued for a two year period counted from the VVB site visit date; any monitoring period beyond this limit is not eligible for issuance.

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

VVB shall confirm that verification evidence (monitoring reports, emission reductions calculated) is not compromised due to the delayed completion.

The VVB shall confirm that monitoring data and evidence are consistent with this two-year limit and that no additional period is included in the verification.

4.2.4 | Directions for the Gold Standard, if applicable

NA

4.3 | Applicability to other activities

Is this decision applicable to other projects under similar circumstances? ¹	☐ Yes ☒ No
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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.

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

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 :	Narendra Kumar
Email ID ⁴ :	narendra@kosherclimate.com
Organisation: ⁵	Kosher Climate India Private 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	GS7750	GS XXXX GS XXXX	GS XXXX GS XXXX
Host country(ies)	India		
Project Title	96.8 MW Wind Power Project in Amreli, Gujarat		
Registry link	https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/2595		

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

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>10/12/2021</i>	☐ Certified project <i>dd/mm/yyyy</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		<i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>											
	From another standard to GS4GG		<i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>											
	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 <i>Summary of the CL, CAR, FAR not more than 200 words. Include reference to document, page number</i>

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	Principles and requirements
	Version	V2.1
	Paragraph	para 5.1.1(e)

6.2 | Description of the deviation

Title	<i>Deviation for performance certification completed after 2 years from design review</i>	
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)
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Relevant monitoring period, if applicable	Start date	15/12/2020
	End date	30/06/2022
Summarise the changes	<i>As per para 5.1.1 of principles and requirements of version 2.1, The number of Performance Certifications in a five-year certification cycle is not limited although it must take place at least once, no later than two years after Project implementation or Design Certification, whichever is later.</i> <i>The design certification date of the project was 10/12/2021 and the date of commissioning of the 1st WTG is on 15/12/2020. As per the para 5.1.29, the first performance certification of the project shall be completed by 10/12/2023. However, due to the circumstances mentioned in the below section, we are unable to complete the first verification of the project by 10/12/2023.</i>	
Reason for deviation	The Performance Certification process for the first monitoring period started in August 2022 which is within two years from design certification date. The verification contract with VVB and the DVR email receipt is attached for reference. However, the completion of performance certification process was delayed due to the following reasons: 1. Delay in document collection: Internal organizational changes led to revised management roles, which in turn caused delays in collecting the required documents during the verification process. 2. Change in consultant contract: The renegotiation of the consultant contract, driven by management changes, further delayed the completion of the verification. 3. Transition from SustainCERT to GS Assurance platform: The transition from SustainCERT to the GS Assurance platform caused additional delays. While the performance review payment had been made under SustainCERT, the fee was not transferred to the GS platform. Email correspondence with GS requesting clarification on this matter is attached for reference.	

	4. Post registration change: There was a post registration change involved during the verification that also contributed to additional delays It shall be note that the performance review was booked in October 2022, and payment was also completed during that month. The corresponding invoice and payment receipt are attached for your reference.						
Proposed resolution	Not applicable as the deviation does not the accuracy, completeness and conservativeness of emission reduction						
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> ☒ Not applicable as the deviation does not affect any of the above	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	Describe the impact of the deviation on each relevant aspect of the project as selected above. Please substantiate the impact assessment with relevant and verifiable data/information.						
Not applicable							

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 deviation.

VVB's assessment of impact of deviation request		
VVB recommendation		
VVB details	VVB name:	
	Auditor name(s):	
	Email (s):	

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. Verification contract signed on 12th August 2022

Document 2. Email from VVB for DVR dated 2nd December 2022

Document 3: Performance review invoice from SustainCERT dated 19th October 2022 & Payment receipt

Document 4. Email communication with GS for clarification on the fee paid under SustainCERT

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