

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-211
Date of decision	12/09/2025
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 approved in light of Dev_579, acknowledging that the timing of municipal approval and operational review contributed to the delay.

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

PD shall submit the Design Certification Renewal as soon as possible, not exceeding 6 months from the deviation decision date, ensuring full compliance with applicable Gold Standard requirements.

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

VVB shall document the deviation in the validation report

4.2.4 | Directions for the Gold Standard, if applicable

This decision is case specific, based on the unique timing and certification delays already addressed in Dev_579. It does not establish a general precedent for renewal delays.

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

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.

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 :	Joao Farinho
Email ID ⁴ :	joao.farinho@climetrek.com
Organisation: ⁵ :	ClimeTrek 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	GS6193 GSXXXX	GS XXXX GS XXXX	GS XXXX GS XXXX
Host country(ies)	Turkey		
Project Title	SAKARYA LANDFILL GAS POWER PLANT		
Registry link	https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/1764		
Scale	☐ Microscale (GS) ☐ Small scale ☒ Large scale ☐ Other, if applicable please specify below <i>Insert text here</i>		
Certification Status and corresponding	☐ Listed	☐ Certified design	☒ Certified project ☐ Other <i>If other, specify here</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

date of latest status	dd/mm/yyyy	dd/mm/yyyy	15/11/2024	dd/mm/yyyy
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		dd/mm/yyyy	
	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 Insert name here			

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_579		
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 Summary of the CL, CAR, FAR not more than 200 words. Include reference to document, page number		

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	Gold Standard Principle and Requirements
	Version	V2.1
	Paragraph	5.1.45

6.2 | Description of the deviation

Title	Delay in Design Certification Renewal
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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	01/07/2024
	End date	30/06/2029
Summarise the changes	According to clause 5 of Gold Standard's Principles and Requirements document, "Project Cycle", as per subclause 5.1.45 "To maintain Gold Standard Certified Project status beyond five years, a Project must undergo Design Certification Renewal. This process shall begin (defined by the submission of a Renewal opinion by a VVB for Design Review to Gold Standard) no later than the last date of current certification cycle". The project's first Crediting Period ended on 30 June 2024, by which time the Design Certification Renewal should ordinarily have been initiated. However, the project experienced multiple delays, as outlined in deviation request Dev_579. In line with that approval, the project's first Performance Review was only concluded on 15 November 2024, at which point the project achieved Certified status. Consequently, because the project was not certified until November 2024, it was unable to submit the Design Certification Renewal by the original deadline of 30 June 2024.	
Reason for deviation	As the Design Certification Renewal was not submitted by the 30 June 2024, and as pointed on subclause 5.1.46 of the Principles and Requirements document, "Delay in the completion of re-validation beyond the last date of current certification cycle shall result in a reduction of any issuance of Certified Products and/or Impact Statements available during following certification cycle (for example, a delay of 1 year beyond the first cycle shall mean that no Certified Impact Statements shall be issued for the period of delay)". To avoid any reduction in the issuance of Certified Products, and on behalf of the Project Owner, Sakarya Entegre Katı Atık Yönetimi Anonim Şirketi, I respectfully request the granting of an exception. The reason the Design Certification Renewal was not submitted by the original deadline of 30 June 2024 lies outside the Project Owner's responsibility, as previously demonstrated and acknowledged in deviation request Dev_579.	
Proposed resolution	On behalf of the Project Owner, Sakarya Entegre Katı Atık Yönetimi Anonim Şirketi, I respectfully request that Gold Standard permit the submission of the Design Certification Renewal at this stage, without applying the 15-month reduction in the issuance of Certified Products (from 30 June 2024 to the present). This request is based on the justifications and supporting evidence provided in this document.	
Is there any potential temporary or permanent impact of deviation on other	Select the relevant area: ☐ Project design ☐ Local stakeholder consultation ☐ Safeguarding principles	

aspects of the project?	☐ SDG assessment ☐ Regulatory compliance ☐ Additionality ☐ Applicability of methodology ☐ Annual emission reduction volume <i>(if yes, fill the table below)</i>						
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	☐ any other matrix, please specify...						
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.						
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 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. deviation request Dev_579

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