

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-212
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 conditionally approved since the delay did not affect project implementation, monitoring or reported emission reductions.

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

PD shall ensure that all future site visits and verifications are scheduled in strict compliance with the timelines set in the Standard.

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

VVB shall cross verify and mention in the report that ER reporting for the first period was not adversely affected by the delay.

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
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 :	Yalcin Yilmaz
Email ID ⁴ :	yalcin.yilmaz@green-cf.com
Organisation: ⁵ :	Green Consult and Finance 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	GS7624	GS XXXX GS XXXX	GS XXXX GS XXXX
Host country(ies)	Turkey		
Project Title	Canakkale Landfill Gas Power Plant		
Registry link	https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/2313		
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 02/09/2022	☐ 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
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	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 VVB CAR: <i>"Date of design certification is 02/09/2022 in MR. At minimum, the VVB shall conduct physical site visit within two years of project start date" while on-site visit date is 31/10/2024.</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 & Requirements - Site Visit and Remote Audit Requirements
	Version	Respectively: - v2.1 (Principles & Requirements) - v2.0 (Site Visit and Remote Audit Requirements)

	Paragraph	Respectively: 5.1.29 (Principles & Requirements) 3.1 (Site Visit and Remote Audit Requirements)
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6.2 | Description of the deviation

Title	Delay in site visit beyond 2 years from Project Implementation or Design Certification date	
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	01/01/2022
	End date	31/12/2023
Summarise the changes	The GS Principles & Requirements clause 5.1.29 mandates that verification must occur at least once during the five-year certification cycle, with the first verification completed within two years of the project implementation date or design certification, whichever is later. The design certification date is 02/09/2022, and the first site visit by the VVB took place on 31/10/2024, exceeding the 2-year window by approximately 1 month and 29 days.	
Reason for deviation	Although the Design Certification was officially granted on 02/09/2022, the Design Review had been initiated in August 2022 but was only concluded in October 2023, taking more than a year. This means that over half of the 2-year period allowed for the site visit was already consumed during the Design Review. Moreover, due to unforeseen scheduling constraints with the VVB, exacerbated by post-pandemic backlog and travel limitations, the site visit could not be completed within the required 2-year period. However, verification was initiated and conducted in good faith at the earliest opportunity.	
Proposed resolution	We seek approval to deviate from clause 5.1.29 of the Gold Standard Principles & Requirements and clause 3.1 of the Site Visit & Remote Audit Requirements, allowing the site visit to be accepted despite exceeding the two-year threshold. This deviation is temporary, applies only to the 1st monitoring period, and does not affect project integrity. The deviation has no impact on the project design, local stakeholder consultation, safeguarding principles, SDG assessment, regulatory compliance, additionality, applicability of methodology, or the annual emission reduction volume. The project has been implemented in full compliance with its registered design and monitoring plan.	
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>						
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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.						

The deviation has **no impact** on the project design, local stakeholder consultation, safeguarding principles, SDG assessment, regulatory compliance, additionality, applicability of methodology, or the annual emission reduction volume.

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.)

No documents are attached to this form. However, all relevant supporting documentation (e.g., Monitoring Report, site visit record, VVB correspondence) can be provided upon request.

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