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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-280
Date of decision	27/01/2026
Decision	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved [No precondition to apply the deviation decision] <input type="checkbox"/> Conditionally approved [Decision is subject to compliance with the precondition defined below] <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not approved [reason for rejection is provided in decision summary]

4.2 | Decision

4.2.1 | Decision Summary

The deviation request against the request for transition without deregistration is not approved.

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

The Project Developer/CME is required to mandatorily deregister their projects/PoAs/CPAs from other registries and provide evidence to confirm deregistration to VVB before project submission for design review.

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

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4.2.4 | Directions for the Gold Standard, if applicable

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4.3 | Applicability to other activities

Is this decision applicable to other projects under similar circumstances? ¹	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Does this decision set a precedent for future projects with similar circumstances? ²	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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)

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 :	Rajib Pramanik
Email ID ⁴ :	Rajib.pramanik@enkingint.org
Organisation: ⁵ :	EKI Energy Services Limited
Are you an authorized project participant as per the cover letter submitted for this activity?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

5.3 | Background information

Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Project activity	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA GSXXXX	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA
GS ID	GSXXXX GSXXXX	GS XXXX GS XXXX	GS XXXX GS XXXX
Host country(ies)			
Project Title			
Registry link			
Scale	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Microscale (GS) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small scale <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large scale <input type="checkbox"/> Other, if applicable please specify below <i>Insert text here</i>		
Certification Status and corresponding	<input type="checkbox"/> Listed	<input type="checkbox"/> Certified design	<input type="checkbox"/> Certified project <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other

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				Registered in VERRA registry
	dd/mm/yyyy	dd/mm/yyyy	dd/mm/yyyy	dd/mm/yyyy
Applied version of Standard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GS4GG			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Previous version of Gold Standard	Version no.		
	<input type="checkbox"/> 1.0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1.1	<input type="checkbox"/> 1.2	<input type="checkbox"/> 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	<input type="checkbox"/> CDM		
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other VERRA		
Applicable activity requirement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Renewable Energy Activity Requirements			
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Services Activity Requirements			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Land-use and Forests Activity Requirements			
	<input type="checkbox"/> 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.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Reference number	Insert Text here
Status of the deviation	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Rejected <input type="checkbox"/> 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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	OPTIONAL REQUIREMENT – GHG Emissions Reduction & Sequestration Product Requirements
	Version	V2.1
	Paragraph	para 2.2.3 of Annex B

6.2 | Description of the deviation

Title	Project Transition from VERRA to Gold Standard Without Prior Deregistration	
Confirm the nature of changes related to deviation	<input type="checkbox"/> Temporary (e.g. not expected to occur beyond one monitoring period)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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	Dd/mm/yyyy
	End date	Dd/mm/yyyy
Summarise the changes	<p>To modify the current transition requirement so that projects moving from other registries (like VERRA) do not need to deregister before design review. Instead, developers would be allowed to retain registration under the origin registry until the issuance stage under GS4GG, with a safeguard that they submit a formal declaration in the monitoring report confirming that no credits will be double-issued for the same vintage. This change would align the process with the flexibility already permitted for CDM transitions, while reducing operational and financial risks for project developers.</p>	
Reason for deviation	<p>The reason for this deviation request is that the current requirement to deregister projects from other registries, such as VERRA, prior to submission for design review under GS4GG exposes project developers to significant and irreversible risks. Deregistration eliminates the option to revert to the origin registry if the project is not accepted by Gold Standard, potentially leaving developers with stranded projects and financial losses. This creates hesitation among clients and undermines confidence in pursuing transitions. Allowing projects to remain registered with the origin registry until the issuance stage would mitigate these risks, while a formal declaration by the developer ensures that no double issuance occurs, thereby safeguarding environmental integrity and maintaining alignment with practices already permitted for CDM transitions.</p>	
Proposed resolution	<p>The proposed resolution is to permit projects transitioning from other registries, such as VERRA, to remain registered under the origin registry until the issuance stage under Gold Standard for the Global Goals (GS4GG), rather than requiring deregistration before design review as currently mandated in the Transition Procedure to Transition Projects from Other Standards to Gold Standard for the Global Goals, v0.1 and reiterated in paragraph 2.2.3 of Annex B of the OPTIONAL REQUIREMENT – GHG Emissions Reduction & Sequestration Product Requirements v2.1. To safeguard environmental integrity and prevent double issuance, project developers would provide a formal written declaration in their monitoring report confirming that no GSVERs and VCUs will be issued for the same vintage under both standards. This approach mirrors the flexibility already permitted for CDM-to-GS4GG transitions under Annex B, thereby reducing operational and financial risks for developers while maintaining compliance with Gold Standard principles.</p>	

<p>Is there any potential temporary or permanent impact of deviation on other aspects of the project?</p>	<p>Select the relevant area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Project design <input type="checkbox"/> Local stakeholder consultation <input type="checkbox"/> Safeguarding principles <input type="checkbox"/> SDG assessment <input type="checkbox"/> Regulatory compliance <input type="checkbox"/> Additionality <input type="checkbox"/> Applicability of methodology <input type="checkbox"/> Annual emission reduction volume <i>(if yes, fill the table below)</i> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr style="background-color: #00a6c9; color: white;"> <th style="width: 50%;">Annual emission reduction/removal before applying deviation</th> <th style="width: 50%;">Annual emission reduction/removal after applying deviation</th> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">XYZ tCO_{2e}</td> <td style="text-align: center;">XYZ tCO_{2e}</td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </table> <p><input type="checkbox"/> any other matrix, please specify...</p>	Annual emission reduction/removal before applying deviation	Annual emission reduction/removal after applying deviation	XYZ tCO _{2e}	XYZ tCO _{2e}		
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<p>Summary of the impact</p>	<p>The deviation won't have any temporary or permanent impact on other aspects of the project.</p>						
<p>Insert text here</p>							

6.3 | VVB information

<p>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></p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>If answer is yes, fill the information in section 6.4 below.</i></p>
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6.4 | VVB's assessment

The below information is to be completed by VVB, if applicable.							
<p>VVB's assessment of deviation request</p>	<p>Please confirm the nature of deviation.</p>						
<p>VVB's assessment of impact of deviation request</p>							
<p>VVB recommendation</p>							
<p>VVB details</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">VVB name:</td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td>Auditor name(s):</td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td>Email (s):</td> <td> </td> </tr> </table>	VVB name:		Auditor name(s):		Email (s):	
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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 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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