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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	DEVQR-292
Date of decision	08/01/2026
Decision	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Not approved [reason for rejection is provided in decision summary]

4.2 | Decision

4.2.1 | Decision Summary

The deviation request is approved. The VVB could verify, and the project developer could claim emission reduction from the start date of the approved crediting period, i.e., 14/03/2022.

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 until unless specifically mentioned in the deviation decision. The project developer shall document the deviation request, its implications, and GS' 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 shall, through appropriate means at disposal, evaluate that the project's compliance with the above-mentioned conditions and provide VVB opinion in the verification report.

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	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Does this decision set a precedent for future projects with similar circumstances? ²	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Precedent details (if applicable to other activities)	
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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.

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.

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 (Consultant)

5.2 | Details of the entity and its representative submitting the form

Item	Information
Name ³ :	Anantrao Patil
Email ID ⁴ :	Anantrao.patil@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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project activity	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA GSXXXX	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	
GS ID	GS 7761			
Host country(ies)	India			
Project Title	250 MW Solar Power Project by Clean Solar Power (Jodhpur) Pvt. Ltd.			
Registry link	https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/2606			
Scale	<input type="checkbox"/> Microscale (GS) <input 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 date of latest status	<input type="checkbox"/> Listed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified design	<input type="checkbox"/> Certified project	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>If other, specify here</i>
	05/12/2025	dd/mm/yyyy	dd/mm/yyyy	dd/mm/yyyy

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	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> Other Name of the Standard – Insert text here		
Applicable activity requirement	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewable Energy Activity Requirements <input type="checkbox"/> Community Services Activity Requirements <input type="checkbox"/> Land-use and Forests Activity Requirements <input type="checkbox"/> 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.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
		<input type="checkbox"/> No
Reference number	DEV_717	
Status of the deviation	<input checked="" 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 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	1. Site Visit and Remote Audit Requirements and Procedures 2. Core Document- Principles and Requirements
	Version	1. v2.0 2. v2.1
	Paragraph	1. The clause no.3.1.1 2. The clause no. 5.1.1.e. and 5.1.29

6.2 | Description of the deviation

Title	Request to allow issuance of monitoring period from 14/03/2022 to 31/03/2024.																
Confirm the nature of changes related to deviation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Temporary (e.g. not expected to occur beyond one monitoring period)	<input 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	14/03/2022															
	End date	31/03/2024															
Summarise the changes	<p>As per clause no. 5.1.1.e. of Core Document- Principles and Requirements, v.2.1,</p> <p>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. In case of Design Certification Renewal, it must take place no later than two years after Design Certification Renewal.</p> <p>As per clause no. 5.1.29 of the Core Document- Principles and Requirements, v.2.1,</p> <p>Verification must occur at least once during the five-year Certification cycle with the first Verification completed within two years of project Implementation Date or Design Certification, whichever is later. The Project implementation date is defined as the date at which physical activity first becomes operational, for example, the commencement of energy generation or start of distribution of household technology.</p> <p>Below is the key milestones of the project applicable in this context.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="472 1579 1428 2065"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="472 1579 555 1675">S.I No.</th> <th data-bbox="555 1579 1106 1675">Event</th> <th data-bbox="1106 1579 1428 1675">Date</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="472 1675 555 1776">1</td> <td data-bbox="555 1675 1106 1776">Project implementation (commissioning)</td> <td data-bbox="1106 1675 1428 1776">14-March-2022</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="472 1776 555 1825">2</td> <td data-bbox="555 1776 1106 1825">Date of design certification</td> <td data-bbox="1106 1776 1428 1825">11-July-2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="472 1825 555 2022">3</td> <td data-bbox="555 1825 1106 2022">Design Certification (Design review Approval- The date when the approval for the design certification received from the registry)</td> <td data-bbox="1106 1825 1428 2022">18-December-2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="472 2022 555 2065">4</td> <td data-bbox="555 2022 1106 2065">Site visit for performance Certification</td> <td data-bbox="1106 2022 1428 2065">09-October-2024</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		S.I No.	Event	Date	1	Project implementation (commissioning)	14-March-2022	2	Date of design certification	11-July-2023	3	Design Certification (Design review Approval- The date when the approval for the design certification received from the registry)	18-December-2023	4	Site visit for performance Certification	09-October-2024
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5	Performance Certification (Receipt of final docs from VVB post conclusion of verification)	19-May-2025
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Considering the above chronology of the events of the project, the 1st performance certification of the project should have been completed before 17-December-2025 i.e. within two years from 18-December-2023 (being the later of Project implementation or Design Certification). Since, the 1st verification of the project was completed on 19-May-2025 which is before 17-December-2025, the project should be considered to have met the necessary timeline to complete the performance review of the project.

We understand, as per the clause no. 3.1.1 of Site Visit and Remote Audit Requirements and Procedures, v2.0, At minimum, the VVB shall conduct physical site visit within two years of project start date. This means, the VVB site visit should have been conducted before 13-March-2024. However, as it could be seen from the above chronology of the project, the design certification review was itself concluded on 18-December-2023. Thus, the VVB site visit during 14-March-2022 till 18-December-2023 could have not been possible as this period pertains to the period when the design certification was not approved by the registry. The project developer was thus available with the duration from 19-December-2023 to 13-March-2024 for VVB site visit which is very short considering there are numerous administrative and logistic procedures e.g. contract execution, and logistic arrangement etc. are involved.

Moreover, as evident, the clause no.3.1.1 of Site Visit and Remote Audit Requirements and Procedures, v2.0 which requires VVB site visit to be completed within two years of the project start date contradicts the requirement of clause no. 5.1.1.e. and 5.1.29 of Core Document-Principles and Requirements, v.2.1 which allows performance certification to complete within two years from date of design certification.

In this context the project developer requests to kindly accept the project case as the timeline applicable to complete the performance certification (which also includes the VVB site visit) as per clause no. 5.1.1.e. and 5.1.29 of Core Document- Principles and Requirements, v.2.1 is met by the project. **And allow to claim monitoring period from 14-March-2022.**

Reason for deviation	As described above the, VVB site visit for the performance certification was delayed due to delay in Design Certification (Design review Completion) of the project.								
Proposed resolution	<p>Considering the above justifications, we kindly request Gold Standard's approval for a deviation to allow to claim the monitoring period of the project from 14-March-2022.</p> <p>We would like to emphasize that this deviation does not pose any risk to the environmental integrity of the project or the credibility of the issued credits. All monitored parameters have been recorded without interruption, and the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) contributions outlined in the Design Certified PDD continue to be fully achieved.</p>								
Is there any potential temporary or permanent impact of deviation on other aspects of the project?	<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;"> <thead> <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> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>XYZ tCO₂e</td> <td>XYZ tCO₂e</td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </tbody> </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 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.								

Insert text here

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 type="checkbox"/> <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.	
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.

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: <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