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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-300
Date of decision	20/01/2026
Decision	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved [No precondition to apply the deviation decision] <input checked="" 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 for the delay up to 45 business days from the completion of project design certification but no later than 30/06/2026 in completion of first verification is approved given that the design certification has been submitted and under review by GS.

In case the condition on verification date above is met, the project developer could claim the VERs for the monitoring period starting from 01/01/2024.

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

The project developer shall demonstrate, through documentation and timelines, that:

- The delay in site visit was solely due to pending completion of design certification; and
- All monitoring activities for 01/01/2024–31/12/2025 were carried out as per applicable GS4GG requirements.

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 Gold Standard’s 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 explicitly assess and confirm the following in the verification report:

- Whether the project developer adhered to the conditions of this deviation.
- Whether the site visit was conducted within the allowed 45-business-day window.

- Whether all evidence required for monitoring and safeguarding remained available, traceable, and reliable despite the delayed visit.
- Whether the delay created any uncertainties in:
 - o application of safeguards
 - o stakeholder concerns
 - o monitoring data integrity
 - o operational status of the project
- Whether any additional sampling, documentation, or cross-checking was required as a result.

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

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 (specify...)

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

Item	Information
Name ³ :	M. Kemal Demirkol
Email ID ⁴ :	kemal.demirkol@gte.com.tr
Organisation: ⁵ :	GTE
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	GS10787			
Host country(ies)	Türkiye			
Project Title	SÜTAŞ BINGOL BIOGAS PLANT			
Registry link	https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/2744			
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Listed	<input type="checkbox"/> Certified design	<input type="checkbox"/> Certified project	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>If other, specify here</i>
	12/02/2023	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 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 type="checkbox"/> Other Name of the Standard – Insert text here			
Applicable activity requirement	<input checked="" 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			
<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 checked="" 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	Principles&Requirements
	Version	V2.1
	Paragraph	5.1.1.b, 5.1.1.e
Standard document reference	Title	Applicability of minimum site visit requirements by VVB
	Version	16/08/2021
	Paragraph	2.2.2, 2.2.4

6.2 | Description of the deviation

Title	<i>Changing of site visit coverage date for the start date of the 1st crediting period 1st monitoring period</i>	
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	01/01/2024
	End date	31/12/2025
Summarise the changes	<p>The design certification process for the GS10787 SÜTAŞ BINGOL BIOGAS PLANT Project, which is the subject of the deviation, has not yet been completed. Currently, the PDD (Project Development Plan) is under review in Gold Standard, with a credit period start date of 01/01/2022. According to Design Change Requirements v.1.2, the credit period can be postponed for up to two years. Since the project's design certification process is still incomplete, the credit period start date will be postponed to 01/01/2024 during the first verification process, in accordance with this rule, and the first monitoring period will cover the dates 01/01/2024-31/12/2025. However, even with a two-year postponement, a site visit for verification must be conducted no later than 31/12/2025 to avoid any loss of credit. But, since the design certification process is not complete, it is not possible to arrange VVB agreements, obtain documents from the project owner, and conduct site visits for verification.</p>	
Reason for deviation	To prevent loss of claimable credits for the project during the first monitoring period of first crediting period.	
Proposed resolution	<p>Due to the situation mentioned above, we request an extension of up to 45 business days to conduct the verification site visit, starting from the moment the project design certification is completed. In other words, we need this deviation because we require time to finalize the VVB agreements, request documents from the project owner, complete the monitoring documents to be submitted to VVB before the site visit and complete the site visit preparations after the design certification process is approved. The credit period start date will remain 01/01/2024, extended by a maximum of 2 years in accordance with the rules, and the monitoring period will cover the dates 01/01/2024-31/12/2025. In this case, the site visit will again cover a two-year period, but it will cover the remaining two years between 01/01/2024 and 31/12/2025, not the two years preceding the site visit.</p>	
Is there any potential temporary or permanent impact of deviation on other aspects of the project?	<p>Select the relevant area:</p> <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>						
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	<input type="checkbox"/> any other matrix, please specify...						
Summary of the impact	There is no impact changes on the mentioned aspects.						
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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 <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <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.)*

None

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