

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-301
Date of decision	15/04/2026
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 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., 23/08/2023.

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	☐ Yes ☐ No
Does this decision set a precedent for future projects with similar circumstances? ²	☐ Yes ☐ No
Precedent details (if applicable to other activities)	

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 :	Manish Dabkara
Email ID ⁴ :	manish@enkingint.org
Organisation: ⁵ :	EKI Energy Services Limited
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	GS12057	GS XXXX GS XXXX	GS XXXX GS XXXX
Host country(ies)	India		
Project Title	4 MW Hydro Power Project by AEMCPL		
Registry link	https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/4043		
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 dd/mm/yyyy	☒ Certified design 29/10/2024	☐ Certified project dd/mm/yyyy
			☐ Other <i>If other, specify here</i> 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	☒ 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 <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.			☐ 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 <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	SITE VISIT AND REMOTE AUDIT REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES
	Version	2.0
	Paragraph	Para 3.1.1

6.2 | Description of the deviation

Title	PP is seeking a deviation to allow the issuance of a monitoring period from 23/08/2023 to 31/08/2025.	
	☒ Temporary	☐ Permanent

Confirm the nature of changes related to deviation	(e.g. not expected to occur beyond one monitoring period)	(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	23/08/2023												
	End date	31/08/2025												
Summarise the changes	As per Para 3.1.1 of SITE VISIT AND REMOTE AUDIT REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES, v.2.0. At minimum, the VVB shall conduct physical site visit within two years of project start date. Below are the key milestones of the project applicable in this context. <table border="1" data-bbox="475 667 1430 1010"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="475 667 555 757">Sl. No.</th> <th data-bbox="555 667 1107 757">Event</th> <th data-bbox="1107 667 1430 757">Date</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="475 757 555 860">1</td> <td data-bbox="555 757 1107 860">Project implementation (Commissioning)</td> <td data-bbox="1107 757 1430 860">23-August-2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="475 860 555 958">2</td> <td data-bbox="555 860 1107 958">Design Certification (Design review Completion)</td> <td data-bbox="1107 860 1430 958">29- October-2024</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="475 958 555 1010">3</td> <td data-bbox="555 958 1107 1010">Site visit for Performance Certification</td> <td data-bbox="1107 958 1430 1010">13-November-2025</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> Considering the above chronology of project events, the site visit for the first verification of the project should have been completed by 23 August 2025, i.e., within two years from 23 August 2023 (being the later of project implementation or design certification). However, the site visit for the first verification was completed on 13 November 2025, which is after 23 August 2025. 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 23-August-2025. However, as it could be seen from the above chronology of the project, the design certification review was itself concluded on 29-October-2024. The project developer was thus available and completed the site visit for the first verification on 13 November 2025 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		Sl. No.	Event	Date	1	Project implementation (Commissioning)	23-August-2023	2	Design Certification (Design review Completion)	29- October-2024	3	Site visit for Performance Certification	13-November-2025
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	certification to complete within two years from date of design certification. In this context, the project developer requests approval for the issuance of a monitoring period from 23 August 2023 to 31 August 2025, as the timeline applicable for completing the performance certification (which includes the VVB site visit) in accordance with Clauses 5.1.1(e) and 5.1.29 of the Principles and Requirements, Version 2.1, has been met by the project.						
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. So, PP is seeking deviation for an exemption regarding paragraph 3.1.1 of Site Visit and Remote Audit Requirements and Procedures.						
Proposed resolution	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 23-August-2023. 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.						
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>) <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Annual emission reduction/removal before applying deviation</th><th>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> </tbody> </table> ☐ any other matrix, please specify...	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

Is a VVB opinion on the deviation request required?	Yes ☐ No ☒ <i>If answer is yes, fill the information in section 6.4 below.</i>
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VVB opinion shall be included, where required by the requirements under [Deviations Request Requirements and Procedures](#) or request is submitted by the VVB.

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: - 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