

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	DEVREQ-319
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 not approved. The CP renewal revalidation with VVB opinion was submitted to GS on 18/06/2024, therefore the project developer could not claim the VERs prior to this date. The project developer/VVB must follow the FAR#2, FAR#3 and FAR#4 related to the claimable monitoring period.

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 validating VVB shall, through appropriate means at disposal, evaluate that the project's compliance with the above-mentioned conditions and provide VVB opinion in the validation 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)	
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 :	Pankaj Kumar
Email ID ⁴ :	pankajsinghal@goeltmt.com
Organisation: ⁵ :	IA Hydro Energy Private 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	GS7154 GSXXXX	GS XXXX GS XXXX	GS XXXX GS XXXX
Host country(ies)	India		
Project Title	Chanju I Hydro Electric Project		
Registry link	https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/1425		
Scale	☐ Microscale (GS) ☐ Small scale ☒ Large scale ☐ Other, if applicable please specify below <i>Insert text here</i>		
Certification Status and corresponding	☐ Listed	☐ Certified design	☒ Certified project ☐ Other <i>If other, specify here</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

date of latest status	dd/mm/yyyy	dd/mm/yyyy	27/02/2023	dd/mm/yyyy
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 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	DEV_563		
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 FAR#4 As per Principles and Requirement 5.1.46, no ERs will be issued during the delay period for crediting period renewal. (the PD can claim realized ERs starting from 24 July 2024 in the 2nd crediting period)		

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	CORE DOCUMENT- PRINCIPLES AND REQUIREMENTS
	Version	Version number 2.1
	Paragraph	Section E – para 5.1.46

6.2 | Description of the deviation

Title	Request for Allowing Issuance Prior to Approval Date of Renewed Crediting Period	
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	26/07/2022
	End date	31/03/2025
Summarise the changes	The renewal of the crediting period for Project GS 7154 was approved by Gold Standard on 24 July 2024. However, the project has continued to operate in accordance with the approved methodology, monitoring plan, and eligibility requirements without any changes since the end of the previous crediting period. In this context, the Project Proponent seeks permission to claim issuance for the period from 26 July 2022 to 31 March 2025 (inclusive of both days), even though the renewal approval was granted at a later date.	
Reason for deviation	The delay in approval of the renewed crediting period was procedural/administrative and not due to any non-compliance by the Project Proponent. Denial of issuance for this period would result in an unintended loss of legitimate emission reductions, which is not aligned with the objectives of GS4GG. The renewal of the project's crediting period was formally approved on 24 July 2024. However, the project continued uninterrupted operation in full compliance with the approved Gold Standard methodology, monitoring plan, and eligibility requirements from 26 July 2022 onwards. The delay between the start of the renewed crediting period and the approval date was administrative in nature and did not involve any changes to project design, technology, boundary, ownership, or monitoring approach. Consequently, emission reductions generated during this period could not be claimed under standard issuance timelines, resulting in the need for this deviation request	
Proposed resolution	Gold Standard is kindly requested to approve this deviation and allow issuance of GSVERs for the period from 26 July 2022 to 31 March 2025 (inclusive of both days), despite the renewal approval date of 24 July 2024. All emission reductions for the requested period will be fully supported by verified monitoring reports, and future crediting period renewals will be submitted in a timely manner to prevent recurrence.	

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" data-bbox="469 589 1437 745"> <tr> <th data-bbox="469 589 948 701">Annual emission reduction/removal before applying deviation</th> <th data-bbox="948 589 1437 701">Annual emission reduction/removal after applying deviation</th> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="469 701 948 745">XYZ tCO_{2e}</td> <td data-bbox="948 701 1437 745">XYZ tCO_{2e}</td> </tr> </table> ☐ any other matrix, please specify...	Annual emission reduction/removal before applying deviation	Annual emission reduction/removal after applying deviation	XYZ tCO _{2e}	XYZ tCO _{2e}
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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? <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.*)

Document 1.

Document 2.

Document n.

6.6 | Chronological timeline of project certification and review history

Key Milestone Dates

Milestone	Date
Initial submission to Gold Standard	19/01/2019
Initial Listing Date	31/01/2019
Transition to GS4GG Date	26/09/2022
First Verification Site Visit	24/02/2021
Current Verification Site Visit	10/05/2024
Crediting Period (1st)	26/07/2017 – 25/07/2022
Verification submission for monitoring period	25/07/2025
Renewal of Crediting Period approval	24/07/2024
Crediting Period (2nd)	26/07/2022 -25/07/2027

DOCUMENT HISTORY

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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