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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-345
Date of decision	25/02/2026
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 has been approved for the delayed submission of the annual report for the 01/04/2022 to 31/12/2024 verification period. The project developer must submit the separate annual reports for year 2022, 2023 and 2024 to the Assurance Platform as soon as possible. The report for 2025 will be due by 31/12/2026.

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

The project developer shall establish and implement a process/procedure to ensure that Annual Reports are submitted annually, no later than the end of the year.

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

The verifying VVB shall verify compliance with this requirement, as stipulated in the applicable version of Principles & Requirements.

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 :	Mr Jayaraman
Email ID ⁴ :	E-mail V.Jayaraman@vedanta.co.in
Organisation: ⁵ :	Hindustan Zinc 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	GS6855 GSXXXX	GS XXXX GS XXXX	GS XXXX GS XXXX
Host country(ies)	India		
Project Title	27.3 MW Wind energy farm at Mokla Rajasthan by HZL		
Registry link	https://assurance-platform.goldstandard.org/project-documents/GS6855		
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Listed	<input type="checkbox"/> Certified design	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified project <input type="checkbox"/> 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	<i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>	<i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>	<i>29/03/2019</i>	<i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>
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		<i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>	
	From another standard to GS4GG		<i>31/03/2023</i>	
	Name of another standard	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
			<input type="checkbox"/> No
Reference number	DEV_180		
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
	<p>Design certification date of the subject project activity on 30/08/2019.</p> <p>The crediting period of the project activity considered 30/08/2017 to 29/08/2022 (renewable twice) in line with clause no. 10.2.3 of GHG EMISSIONS REDUCTION & SEQUESTRATION PRODUCT REQUIREMENTS V 2.0 and same period was appearing in the project page at GS site.</p> <p>Project Proponent had plan to complete the renewal process before end of the crediting period date as per renewal of CP requirement given in clause no. 5.1.45 of PRINCIPLES & REQUIREMENTS V 1.2.</p> <p>As per clause no 10.6.1 of GHG EMISSIONS REDUCTION & SEQUESTRATION PRODUCT REQUIREMENTS V 2.0 which states that " CDM Project seeking labelling of issued CERs (GSCERs) shall mirror the CDM crediting period renewal cycle for Certification Renewals (e.g. 7 years)."</p> <p>However, PP was not aware about this requirement and no notification mail received from Gold Standard</p>		

	<p>to comply it. This has been noticed during the discussion with VVB in ongoing verification of the project activity.</p> <p>A clarification mail has sought immediately to Gold Standard on May 18th, 2021 on the subject. In response, GS has updated the crediting period of the project activity in line with CDM and suggested to contract VVB for revalidation and renewal CP of the project activity.</p> <p>PP is working towards the suggestion and VVB appointment is under process currently.</p>
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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 D – para 5.1.39

6.2 | Description of the deviation

Title	Deviation – Late submission of Annual Reports	
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	01/04/2022
	End date	30/06/2025
Summarise the changes	<p>This request relates to the late submission and upload of monitoring / annual reports for the following monitoring periods:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 01/04/2022 to 30/06/2025 (inclusive of both dates) <p>Originally, the monitoring data for these periods was compiled and internally completed within the required timelines. However, due to administrative transition, consolidation of historical documentation, and delays in coordination with the VVB and internal teams, the consolidated monitoring reports could not be formally submitted and uploaded to the Gold Standard registry within the originally prescribed deadlines.</p> <p>As part of this update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> annual reports have now been finalized and uploaded to the Gold Standard registry with a report date of 03/02/2026. These submissions represent the actual completion date of technical finalization and formal submission of the reports. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Going forward, the project will submit annual reports as separate verification cycles and ensure timely submission in accordance with Gold Standard requirements. <p>No changes are proposed to the project design, baseline, monitoring methodology, emission reduction calculations, or project boundary. The change is procedural in nature only and relates solely to the timing of report submission.</p> <p>The environmental integrity, data quality, and continuous operation of the project remain fully unaffected.</p>		
Reason for deviation	<p>The delay was purely procedural and administrative in nature and was not related to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The quality of monitoring data The accuracy or integrity of the reported information The performance or operation of the project activity <p>The project activity has remained continuously operational and compliant with Gold Standard requirements during the entire period.</p>		
Proposed resolution	<p>The Project Participant proposes the following resolution to address the delayed submission of monitoring / annual reports:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The already finalized and uploaded monitoring reports dated 03/02/2026 for the period: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 01/04/2022 to 30/06/2025 <p>The Project Participant commits that all future monitoring periods will be verified and submitted as separate annual verification cycles and uploaded to the Gold Standard registry strictly in line with applicable timelines and requirements.</p> <p>The Project Participant respectfully requests Gold Standard to approve this deviation and allow the project to continue the certification and issuance process without prejudice, as the environmental integrity, data accuracy, and continuous operation of the project remain fully intact.</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" data-bbox="464 1944 1452 2056"> <tr> <td style="background-color: #00A0C0; color: white;">Annual emission reduction/removal before applying deviation</td> <td style="background-color: #00A0C0; color: white;">Annual emission reduction/removal after applying deviation</td> </tr> </table>	Annual emission reduction/removal before applying deviation	Annual emission reduction/removal after applying deviation
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	<input type="checkbox"/> any other matrix, please specify...	
Summary of the impact	<p>The project participant confirms that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The delay does not impact environmental integrity of the project • The delay does not affect the continuity of the project activity • The delay does not affect the correctness, completeness, or transparency of the monitoring data <p>All emission reductions / impacts claimed are based on real, monitored, and verifiable data.</p>	
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 checked="" 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