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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	DEVRQ-354
Date of decision	10/03/2026
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 for verifying the credit from period 19/09/2022–24/03/2023 under the CP2 is approved given that the renewal of CP2 was only finished in July 2024, the CP1 MP3 was finished in April 2025, the design change was finished in November 2025 and the site visit of the current verification is within 3 years from the monitoring period start date.

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	<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 (specify...)

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

Item	Information
Name ³ :	Gül Topal
Email ID ⁴ :	Gul.Topal@entekelektrik.com.tr
Organisation: ⁵ :	Entek Elektrik Üretimi A.Ş.
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	GS2763	GS XXXX GS XXXX	GS XXXX GS XXXX
Host country(ies)	Türkiye		
Project Title	Suloglu Wind Power Plant, Turkey		
Registry link	https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/493		
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>	18/11/2025	<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>dd/mm/yyyy</i>	
	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Reference number	1 – COVID_DEV 351 2 – DEVRQ-75
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
	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
	Version	V2.0
	Paragraph	3.1.1 & 3.1.2

6.2 | Description of the deviation

Title	Deviation Request for Issuance of Emission Reductions for the Period 19/09/2022–24/03/2023 Against to the Delayed Site Visit	
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	19/09/2022
	End date	05/02/2025
Summarise the changes	<p>This deviation request is submitted to request to claim GS-VERs from the emission reductions for the period 19/09/2022–24/03/2023, which could not be verified due to the delayed site visit.</p> <p>Although the site visit required under the Gold Standard rules was conducted later than the prescribed deadline, the Project Proponent confirms that regular monitoring activities were carried out, corrective actions have been implemented, and no environmental, social, or safety risks occurred during the relevant period.</p>	
Reason for deviation	<p>The deviation occurred because the emission reductions for the period 19/09/2022–24/03/2023, corresponding to the beginning of the 2nd crediting period, could not be verified by the VVB due to the delayed completion of the required site visit in accordance with Gold Standard Site Visit and Remote Audit Requirements (v2.0) paragraphs 3.1.1 & 3.1.2.</p> <p>This situation resulted from process-related constraints and an incorrect understanding of how the verification, Renewal of Crediting Period (RCP), and site visit requirements could be sequenced prior to the appointment of the current consultant.</p> <p>At the time of the site visit deadline (18/09/2024), the 3rd verification of the 1st crediting period covering 01/05/2019–31/03/2022 had not yet been completed. Considering the Section 5 Project Cycle / (e) Design Certification Renewal section of "The Gold Standard Principle & Requirements Core Document" we could not understand that making a site visit prior to the first date of the 2nd crediting period was required. Additionally, assumed that a new site visit for the 2nd crediting period could not be conducted before the ongoing verification process. Afterwards, in 2023, as the capacity increase with solar hybrid was added to Entek's agenda, we thought it would be better to finalize the Design Change process before starting work on the second certification period in order to manage the project with up-to-date information.</p> <p>Similarly, we also assumed that the RCP had to be fully completed before conducting the first site visit of the 2nd crediting period. As a result, the site visit was postponed until the revalidation process progressed. It was further understood that, due to delays and process-related issues</p>	

	<p>affecting other stages of the project cycle, the RCP process, despite it met the applicable deadline, could be completed on 30/03/2025.</p> <p>These assumptions were formed during a period in which no consultant had yet been appointed for the last monitoring period of the 1st crediting period and the first monitoring period of the 2nd crediting period. During this time, delays and process mismanagement by the former consultant were observed, leading the Project Proponent to terminate the engagement and contract a new consultant.</p> <p>While the Design Change process was ongoing, it was decided to initiate the RCP process in parallel. Following the appointment of the new consultant which is on 26/02/2025, it was clarified that the above assumptions were incorrect and that the site visit could be conducted independently of the completion of the prior verification and RCP process. Accordingly, the site visit was carried out on 25/03/2025, at the earliest availability agreed with the auditor. (The consultancy agreement is provided as supporting evidence.)</p> <p>In addition, the requirements set out under Sections 3.1.1 and 3.1.2 of the <i>Site Visit and Remote Audit Requirements</i> document were misunderstood. The requirement to conduct a site visit within two years was interpreted as referring solely to the initial project start date and not as a requirement applicable again following Design Certification Renewal/RCP. Furthermore, we understood that subsequent site visits were required three years after the previous site visit requirement was met. The third verification site visit was performed on 06/04/2022 and fully complied with the relevant requirement. This understanding, combined with the ongoing process-related delays, contributed to the postponement of the site visit.</p> <p>Additionally, a site visit was carried out on 09/12/2024 under the design change framework. Throughout the affected period, regular monitoring activities were implemented, and the delay did not result in any environmental, social, or safety risks. The project remained fully operational and compliant with the applicable monitoring requirements.</p>
<p>Proposed resolution</p>	<p>The deviation arose from a combination of factors, including an incorrect understanding of the applicable site visit requirements in relation to the Renewal of the Crediting Period (RCP), as well as delays in the verification and RCP processes caused by the former consultant. During this period, it was understood that the first site visit of the 2nd crediting period could not be conducted until the completion of the ongoing verification and RCP processes.</p> <p>Throughout the affected period, the project continued to operate in line with Gold Standard requirements. Monitoring and data collection activities were implemented by a site visit under the design change framework which was completed on 09/12/2024. The delayed site visit under the 2nd crediting period did not result in any environmental,</p>

	<p>social, or safety risks, nor did it lead to adverse impacts on project performance.</p> <p>Once these process-related misunderstandings were identified, corrective actions were promptly taken. These included the appointment of a new consultant, clarification of the applicable Gold Standard requirements, and completion of the required site visit for the 2nd crediting period at the earliest available opportunity agreed with the auditor.</p> <p>Considering that the integrity of the emission reductions has not been compromised, we respectfully request GS's understanding and approval for considering the emission reductions for the period of 19/09/2022–24/03/2023 as eligible for verification and issuance. We hope that detailed information given in this form will be accepted as evidence of our rigorous project management.</p>				
<p>Is there any potential temporary or permanent impact of deviation on other aspects of the project?</p>	<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="472 1182 1441 1346"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="472 1182 951 1301">Annual emission reduction/removal before applying deviation</th> <th data-bbox="951 1182 1441 1301">Annual emission reduction/removal after applying deviation</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="472 1301 951 1346">XYZ tCO₂e</td> <td data-bbox="951 1301 1441 1346">XYZ tCO₂e</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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<p>Summary of the impact</p>	<p>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.</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 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. Agreement between Entek Elektrik Üretimi A.Ş. (PP) and Climate Balanced (Consultant)

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