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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-365 |
| Date of decision | 18/03/2026 |
| 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 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

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| 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) | |

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 : | 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 | GS6856 GSXXXX | GS XXXX GS XXXX | GS XXXX GS XXXX | |
| Host country(ies) | India | | | |
| Project Title | 9 MW WIND ENERGY FARM AT JODHPUR RAJASTHAN BY HZL | | | |
| Registry link | https://assurance-platform.goldstandard.org/project-documents/GS6856 | | | |
| Scale | <input type="checkbox"/> Microscale (GS) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small scale <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Listed | <input type="checkbox"/> Certified design | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified project | <input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>If other, specify here</i> |
| | <i>dd/mm/yyyy</i> | <i>dd/mm/yyyy</i> | 29/03/2019 | <i>dd/mm/yyyy</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

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| 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 | | 31/03/2023 | |
| 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

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| 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_181 | | |
| 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | |
| | The finding has been raised during the performance review round 1 The VVB shall provide clarification as the annual report for vintages 2022, 2023 and 2024 are not submitted to GS. PD should seek deviation. | | |

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

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| 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

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| Title | Deviation – Late submission of Annual Reports |
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| <p>Confirm the nature of changes related to deviation</p> | <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) |
| <p>Insert Text here (if required) to support the selection</p> | | |
| <p>Relevant monitoring period, if applicable</p> | <p>Start date</p> | <p>01/04/2022</p> |
| <p>End date</p> | | <p>30/06/2025</p> |
| <p>Summarise the changes</p> | <p>This request relates to the separate vintage wise (2022,2023,2024 & 2025) upload of 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>As part of this update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vintage wise annual reports have now been finalized and uploaded vintages wise report to the Gold Standard registry with a report date of 10/03/2026. • These submissions represent the actual completion date of technical finalization and formal submission of the vintage wise annual reports. • Going forward, the project developer will submit vintage wise annual reports as separate vintage wise 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> | |
| <p>Reason for deviation</p> | <p>Earlier, the PD had submitted a combined Annual Report covering the current monitoring period (i.e., 01/04/2022 to 30/06/2025), which has already been approved by GS. However, during the Performance Review Round (PRR), GS noted that the vintage-wise Annual Reports had not been submitted separately.</p> <p>Accordingly, the PD has now submitted the vintage-wise (for 2022,2023,2024 and 2025) Annual Reports and sought a deviation request, which has been uploaded for GS review and approval.</p> <p>It is also confirmed that the project activity has remained continuously operational and compliant with Gold Standard requirements throughout the entire monitoring period.</p> | |
| <p>Proposed resolution</p> | <p>The Project Developer (PD) previously submitted a combined Annual Report covering the monitoring period 01/04/2022 to 30/06/2025, which was approved by Gold Standard. However, during the Performance Review Round (PRR), it was noted that separate vintage-wise Annual Reports (for 2022, 2023, and 2024) had not been submitted.</p> | |

| | <p>To address this, the PD has now prepared and submitted the vintage-wise Annual Reports for the respective vintages and uploaded them on the Gold Standard Assurance Platform (GS-AP). A deviation request has also been submitted to seek approval for the delayed submission of these reports.</p> <p>The PD confirms that the project activity has remained continuously operational and in compliance with Gold Standard requirements during the entire period, and the delayed submission does not impact the project’s monitoring data, emission reductions, or overall project performance.</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="464 1003 1452 1160"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="464 1003 954 1122">Annual emission reduction/removal before applying deviation</th> <th data-bbox="954 1003 1452 1122">Annual emission reduction/removal after applying deviation</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="464 1122 954 1160">XYZ tCO₂e</td> <td data-bbox="954 1122 1452 1160">XYZ tCO₂e</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="464 1160 954 1198"></td> <td data-bbox="954 1160 1452 1198"></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 | | |
| 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>The delayed submission of vintage-wise Annual Reports for 2022, 2023, and 2024 does not have any impact on the project implementation, monitoring data, emission reduction calculations, or the overall performance of the project activity. The project has remained continuously operational and compliant with Gold Standard requirements throughout the monitoring period.</p> <p>The Annual Report was initially submitted in a combined format for the period 01/04/2022 to 30/06/2025, which was already approved by Gold Standard. The current deviation request only addresses the administrative requirement of submitting vintage-wise Annual Reports separately. Therefore, this delay has no impact on the credibility, accuracy, or integrity of the reported emission reductions.</p> | | | | | | |

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6.3 | VVB information

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| <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</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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| <i>Procedures</i> or request is submitted by the VVB. | |
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6.4 | VVB’s assessment

The below information is to be completed by VVB, if applicable.

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| 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 |