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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-371
Date of decision	25/03/2026
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 request for deviation for 1 month extension of the submission of Design Review request to Gold Standard is approved.

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

The project developer shall note that approval is provided only for delayed submission. The project shall comply with all other GS4GG requirements.

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

NA

4.2.4 | Directions for the Gold Standard, if applicable

NA

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 :	Narendra Kumar Ramaraj
Email ID ⁴ :	narendra@kosherclimate.com
Organisation: ⁵ :	Kosher Climate India Private 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project activity	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA GSXXXX	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	
GS ID	GS12637	GS XXXX	GS XXXX	
Host country(ies)	India			
Project Title	ATBL BIO-CNG PROJECT IN BARSANA			
Registry link	https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/4468			
Scale	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Microscale (GS) <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Listed	<input type="checkbox"/> Certified design	<input type="checkbox"/> Certified project	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>If other, specify here</i>
	14/03/2024	dd/mm/yyyy	dd/mm/yyyy	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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GS4GG			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Previous version of Gold Standard	Version no. 2.1		
	<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 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 type="checkbox"/> Yes
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Reference number	Insert Text here	
Status of the deviation	<input 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 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	PRINCIPLES & REQUIREMENTS
	Version	2.1
	Paragraph	5.1.1

6.2 | Description of the deviation

Title	<i>Extension of validation deadline</i>	
Confirm the nature of changes related to deviation	<input type="checkbox"/> Temporary (e.g. not expected to occur beyond one monitoring period)	<input checked="" 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	Dd/mm/yyyy
	End date	Dd/mm/yyyy
Summarise the changes	<p>As per para 5.1.1 of PRINCIPLES & REQUIREMENTS, 2.1, "Projects may then seek Gold Standard Certified Design status by successfully completing Validation (within two years of the date of Listing) and a subsequent Design Review.</p> <p>As the project is listed on 14/03/2024, the project is expected to be complete validation by 14/03/2026. However, due to delays in validation process, we are unable to meet the mentioned deadline.</p> <p>In regards to this, we request an extension of 1 month time to the validation deadline.</p>	
Reason for deviation	<p>There have been delays in validation process due to site/documents availability, and certain changes in project information that were identified during technical review process.</p> <p>The project was submitted as a project activity involving methane recovery in animal manure management systems with manure as a single substrate. However, it has been identified that the anaerobic digestion involves other substrates as well.</p> <p>This would require the project developer to use the AMS III A.O. methodology and align documents instead of AMS III D, which was earlier used for listing purposes.</p>	
Proposed resolution	<p>Considering the requirement for change of methodology and the validation deadline, the Project Developer requests an extension of additional 1 month to complete and finalize the required changes.</p> <p>This does not affect compliance of the projects with all GS4GG requirements except section 5.1.1 of GS4GG Principles and requirement, v2.1 for which the deviation is sought. Also, there is no impact in accuracy, completeness and conservativeness.</p> <p>A VVB opinion has also been included for the request.</p>	
Is there any potential temporary or permanent impact of deviation on other aspects of the project?	<p>Select the relevant area:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Project design</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Local stakeholder consultation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Safeguarding principles</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> SDG assessment</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Regulatory compliance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Additionality</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Applicability of methodology</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Annual emission reduction volume (<i>if yes, fill the table below</i>)</p>	

	<table border="1"> <tr> <th style="background-color: #00A6C9; color: white;">Annual emission reduction/removal before applying deviation</th> <th style="background-color: #00A6C9; color: white;">Annual emission reduction/removal after applying deviation</th> </tr> <tr> <td>XYZ tCO_{2e}</td> <td>XYZ tCO_{2e}</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"> <input type="checkbox"/> any other matrix, please specify... </td> </tr> </table>	Annual emission reduction/removal before applying deviation	Annual emission reduction/removal after applying deviation	XYZ tCO _{2e}	XYZ tCO _{2e}	<input type="checkbox"/> any other matrix, please specify...	
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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.						
No impact							

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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> <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	The deviation request relates to an extension of the validation completion deadline by one month beyond the two-year period from the project listing date, as specified under Section 5.1.1 of the Gold Standard for the Global Goals Principles & Requirements (Version 2.1). During validation of the project activity, it was identified that the project involves co-digestion of multiple substrates, whereas the project was initially listed considering manure as the primary substrate under AMS-III.D. Therefore, the Project Developer has proposed to revise the applied methodology to AMS-III.AO to correctly reflect the project design and feedstock composition. Consequently, updates are required to the Project Design Document (PDD), emission reduction calculations, and monitoring framework, which necessitate additional time to complete the validation process.
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VVB's assessment of impact of deviation request	<p>The change in methodology from AMS-III.D to AMS-III.AO reflects the actual operational configuration of the project and ensures that the methodology applied is technically appropriate and consistent with the project feedstock composition.</p> <p>The validation team confirms that the requested extension of one month is required to allow adequate time for the Project Developer to revise the project documentation and for the validation team to complete the assessment accordingly.</p> <p>The proposed deviation does not affect the environmental integrity, conservativeness, or accuracy of the emission reduction calculations, nor does it impact the additionality demonstration, safeguarding principles, or regulatory compliance of the project activity.</p> <p>Therefore, the validation team considers that the requested deviation does not result in any adverse impact on the credibility or integrity of the project activity under the Gold Standard requirements.</p>						
VVB recommendation	<p>Based on the assessment performed, the validation team considers the deviation request reasonable and justified. Therefore, the VVB recommends approval of the requested one-month extension to the validation deadline to allow completion of the methodology revision and validation process.</p>						
VVB details	<table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="368 1532 699 1585">VVB name:</td> <td data-bbox="703 1532 1445 1585">4K Earth Science Private Limited</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="368 1592 699 1646">Auditor name(s):</td> <td data-bbox="703 1592 1445 1646">Ma Paa Puratchikkanal</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="368 1653 699 1695">Email (s):</td> <td data-bbox="703 1653 1445 1695">kanal@4kearthscience.com</td> </tr> </table>	VVB name:	4K Earth Science Private Limited	Auditor name(s):	Ma Paa Puratchikkanal	Email (s):	kanal@4kearthscience.com
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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