

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-385
Date of decision	07/04/2026
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 for combining the additional bio CBG into the existing listed project GS23219 is conditionally approved. The PD must conduct the additional stakeholder consultation for the third bio CBG plant.

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)	

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?	☒ Yes ☐ No

5.3 | Background information

Type	☒ Project activity	☐ PoA GSXXXX	☐ VPA
GS ID	GS23219	GS XXXX GS XXXX	GS XXXX GS XXXX
Host country(ies)	India		
Project Title	Production Of Sustainable Biogas Using The Animal Manure Supplied By Small Holder Farmers in Banaskantha, Gujarat		
Registry link	https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/4968		
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

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>If other, specify here</i>
	11/03/2025	dd/mm/yyyy	dd/mm/yyyy	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	Insert Text here		
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 Summary of the CL, CAR, FAR not more than 200 words. Include reference to document, page number		

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	V2.1
	Paragraph	Para 5.1.1

6.2 | Description of the deviation

Title	PRODUCTION OF SUSTAINABLE BIOGAS USING THE ANIMAL MANURE SUPPLIED BY SMALL HOLDER FARMERS IN BANASKANTHA, GUJARAT	
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	Dd/mm/yyyy
	End date	Dd/mm/yyyy
Summarise the changes	The referenced project (GS23219) has been successfully listed on the Gold Standard Registry for activities in the Gujarat district following a successful Preliminary Review. Validation by a Gold Standard-approved Validation/Verification Body (VVB) has not yet commenced. A new project activity within the same district is now planned for submission under Gold Standard certification. This request seeks formal deviation and clarification to facilitate efficient project bundling while upholding integrity.	
Reason for deviation	The referenced project (GS23219) has been successfully listed on the Gold Standard Registry for activities in the Gujarat district following a successful Preliminary Review. Validation by a Gold Standard-approved Validation/Verification Body (VVB) has not yet commenced. A new project activity within the same district is now planned for submission under Gold Standard certification. This request seeks formal deviation and clarification to facilitate efficient project bundling while upholding integrity. The Project Developer hereby submits this formal request for deviation and clarification regarding the listed project activity GS23219, comprising two Compressed Biogas (CBG) projects located within Banaskantha district of Gujarat, India. The project is currently at the listed stage and has not yet commenced the validation process. A third new CBG project activity, with the start date of 07/05/2025, is under development by the same Project Developer (SRDI) within the same Banaskantha district. This new activity shares identical geographical and stakeholder parameters with the existing two projects. Though all the three project activities are designed and planned to start together the construction of the first two plants has been started while the third plant is delayed due to the administrative and regulatory approvals. Considering prevailing voluntary carbon market prices and the constrained financial viability/additionality of individual small-scale CBG projects, bundling the three activities into a single project document is essential. This approach minimizes transactional costs associated with multiple registration, validation, verification, and certification cycles over the project lifetime and crediting period. This approach enables	

	bundling of district-scale activities, enhancing market viability by packaging voluntary carbon credits across validation, verification, and other phases supports financial feasibility amid current market dynamics while ensuring no compromise on accuracy, conservativeness, or compliance with Gold Standard principles.						
Proposed resolution	We are hereby requesting the deviation to permit the inclusion of the new project activity in the existing listed project's (GS23219) preliminary review documentation after a local stakeholder consultation prior to VVB validation commencement. This would involve resubmitting the updated Project Design Document (PDD) for GS23219, incorporating the new activity, for a renewed preliminary review. The submission shall include all 3 Bio-CNG plants under a single GS project design and shall not affect GS eligibility of other two plants which were submitted earlier. Project developers confirms that with the inclusion of new activity there is no materiality of compliance impact on the methodology applicability, baseline or additionality assessment of the project as whole.						
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"> <thead> <tr> <th>Annual emission reduction/removal before applying deviation</th><th>Annual emission reduction/removal after applying deviation</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>13,758 tCO₂e</td><td>20,637 tCO₂e</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table> ☐ any other matrix, please specify...	Annual emission reduction/removal before applying deviation	Annual emission reduction/removal after applying deviation	13,758 tCO ₂ e	20,637 tCO ₂ e		
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Summary of the impact	The deviation shall allow project developer to include all 3 Bio-CNG plants under a single GS project design. As a result of inclusion, the annual emission reductions will be increased.						
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.

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: - 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