

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-386
Date of decision	25/05/2026
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 request for deviation against the minimum site visit requirements for GS7079 is not approved.

The secretariat notes from the provided information that the site visit must have been completed by 1st August 2024. The Secretariat does not consider the reasons provided by the Project Developer to be sufficient justification for waiving the site visit and verification requirement. The secretariat cannot conclude that the project area faced extreme weather conditions in/before July 2024. Thus, the delay pointed out cannot be considered as a delay due to force majeure.

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

The Project Developer must follow the requirements in the Site Visit and Remote Audit Requirements and Procedures.

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

The verifying VVB shall follow the clause 2.2.3 of the [Applicability of minimum site visit requirements by VVB – Gold Standard for the Global Goals](#). In case follow-up site visits are not conducted within three years after the previous site visit, and the delays were due to non – force majeure the VVB shall not verify the monitoring period falling three years before the site visit date. Since the site visit was conducted on 28/03/2025, the VVB shall verify the monitoring period from/after 28/03/2022.

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	☐ Yes ☒ No
Does this decision set a precedent for future projects with similar circumstances? ²	☐ Yes ☒ No
Precedent details (if applicable to other activities)	
N/A	

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 :	Sumeet Singhvi
Email ID ⁴ :	Sumeet@infisolutions.org
Organisation: ⁵ :	Infinite Solutions
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	GS7079	GS XXXX GS XXXX	GS XXXX GS XXXX
Host country(ies)	India		
Project Title	72 MWac Kamuthi Renewable Energy Project		
Registry link	https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/1426		
Scale	☐ Microscale (GS) ☐ Small scale ☒ Large scale ☐ Other, if applicable please specify below <i>Insert text here</i>		
Certification Status and corresponding date of latest status	☐ Listed dd/mm/yyyy	☐ Certified design dd/mm/yyyy	☐ Certified project dd/mm/yyyy
			☒ Other Performance Certificate 27/06/2022

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	☒ GS4GG			
	☐ Previous version of Gold Standard	Version no.		
		☐ 1.0	☐ 1.1	☐ 1.2
Transition date, if applicable	From previous GS version to GS4GG		dd/mm/yyyy	
	From another standard to GS4GG		28/04/2022	
	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 <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.			☐ 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 <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 and Procedures
	Version	V2.0
	Paragraph	Paragraph no 3.1.2

6.2 | Description of the deviation

Title	Requesting verification due to delayed site visit	
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	01/01/2021
	End date	08/11/2023
Summarise the changes	According to the "Applicability of Minimum Site Visit Requirements by VVB," para 2.2.3 (ii), VVB shall not verify the monitoring period falling before three years of the site visit date. Accordingly, the follow-up visit was required to be completed by 01/08/2024. Exceeding the prescribed timeline, the physical site visit was conducted on 28/03/2025, in addition to the previous visit held on 02/08/2021 which falls in the period from 01/01/2021 to 27/03/2022 where VVBs not allowed to verify. Even though, a remote site visit was also conducted by the VVB on 04/10/2023 during design certification renewal and the data requested during virtual site as the site details, metering details, PV Details, Operational Status and Details as well as stake holder details were available in continuity and were found concurrent inline to Gold Standard Requirement and other GOI compliances.	
Reason for deviation	The delay in conducting the required follow-up physical site visit occurred due to extreme and prolonged weather conditions in Tamil Nadu, which qualify as Force Majeure type events. The project area in Ramanthapuram district experienced unusually heavy rainfall, thunderstorms, and cloudburst-like conditions triggered by a highly active northeast monsoon between July and December 2024. As reported by <i>India Today</i> (https://www.indiatoday.in/india/tamil-nadu/story/cloudburst-brings-heavy-rain-to-tamil-nadu-ramanathapuram-red-alert-issued-2636942-2024-11-21), the district witnessed an intense cloudburst event, receiving exceptionally high rainfall within a very short period, prompting a Red Alert. The article highlights large-scale flooding, waterlogging, and disruption of essential infrastructure—conditions that directly impacted site accessibility. Similarly, <i>DT Next</i> (https://www.dtnext.in/news/tamilnadu/heavy-rains-likely-in-these-districts-in-tn-on-16122024-weather-dept-815413) reported continuous heavy rains, thunderstorms, and persistent monsoon activity across southern Tamil Nadu through December 2024, forecasting further rainfall that compounded accessibility issues. Additionally, the <i>Times of India</i> (https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/madurai/heavy-rain-lashes-south-tn-imd-issues-orange-alert-in-three-districts/articleshow/110284822.cms) confirmed widespread downpours across southern districts, with IMD issuing Orange Alerts, further emphasizing the severity and prolonged nature of the weather disruptions. Due to these conditions flooding, waterlogged access roads, thunderstorm warnings, and general safety hazards, the physical site visit had to be repeatedly postponed since July 2024, despite multiple attempts to schedule it. These extreme weather events were entirely beyond the control of the Project Developer and made site access unsafe for both project personnel and auditors. Given the continued heavy rainfall, persistent storm activity, and repeated official weather alerts, the Project Developer respectfully requests approval to claim GS-VERs for the period 01/01/2021 to	

	27/03/2022, recognizing that the delay was caused solely by unavoidable Force Majeure circumstances. All efforts were made to maintain compliance with GS requirements while prioritizing the safety of all stakeholders.						
Proposed resolution	The deviation is requested to allow the project developer (PD) to claim GSVERs for the period from 01/01/2021 to 27/03/2022. The project activity was continuously operational since commissioning and has been generating GS-VERs throughout the period. The project has consistently maintained its operational status under the Gold Standard framework, justifying the request for deviation to recognize the GSVERS generated during this timeframe.						
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>184,249 tCO₂e</td><td>330,318 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	184,249 tCO ₂ e	330,318 tCO ₂ e		
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Summary of the impact	Dismissal of the deviation request would make PD to suffer loss on account of GSVERs generated from the project which would lead to the loss of revenue and may also lead to the risk of dispute amongst the project developer & the management including the new business partner, eventually posing threat to project existence						

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