

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-413
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 deviation request is not approved.

The project developer cannot claim any credits that happened more than 2 years before the VVB's physical site visit.

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 verifying VVB shall, through appropriate means at disposal, evaluate the project's compliance with the above-mentioned conditions and provide VVB opinion in the verification report.

4.2.4 | Directions for the Gold Standard, if applicable

The review team shall check the information reported by the CME 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 :	Ahmet Hamdi Zembil
Email ID ⁴ :	ahmet.zembil@stclimate.com
Organisation: ⁵ :	ST Climate DMCC
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	GS610 GSXXXX	GS XXXX GS XXXX	GS XXXX GS XXXX
Host country(ies)	Türkiye		
Project Title	Turguttepe 24 MW Wind Power Project, Türkiye		
Registry link	https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/1067		
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 <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	17/04/2026	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	DEVREQ-217
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	1. GS principle and requirement 2. Applicability of minimum site visit requirements by VVB
	Version	1. V2.1 2. V2.0
	Paragraph	1. Paragraph 5.1.1(e) 2. Paragraph 2.2.2 & paragraph 2.2.3

6.2 | Description of the deviation

Title	Request to allow issuance for the period prior to verification site visit in accordance with GS requirements	
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	12/01/2023
	End date	31/05/2024
Summarise the changes	The deviation request is submitted to address the absence of a verification site visit within the required timeline following RCP, as per Gold Standard requirements. According to GS rules, a verification site visit must be conducted within two years after the completion of revalidation. In cases where the site visit is not conducted within this timeframe, issuance is limited to a period starting two years prior to the actual site visit date. In this case, although the project has continuously pursued certification under Gold Standard, the verification site visit was not conducted within the required timeframe. Therefore, this deviation request seeks approval to allow issuance of emission reductions for the affected monitoring period, considering the circumstances beyond the control of the project owner.	
Reason for deviation	The deviation occurred due to the failure of the previous consultant to proceed with the verification process, despite reminders from the project owner. The previous consultant did not provide any justification for the delay and did not initiate the verification activities, including the required site visit. Although a verification body agreement was signed on 08/11/2021, and the RCP was successfully completed and approved by Gold Standard, the verification phase was not initiated by the previous consultant. This situation was entirely beyond the control of the project owner. Due to the lack of progress and absence of justification, the project owner terminated the agreement with the previous consultant on 26/02/2026 and subsequently engaged a new consultant to proceed with the certification process. The delay in conducting the verification site visit was therefore not due to any negligence or inaction by the project owner, but rather due to the failure of the previous consultant to fulfill their obligations.	
Proposed resolution	The project owner respectfully requests an exception to the standard application of the two-year limitation for issuance prior to the verification site visit.	

	Considering that the delay was caused entirely by the previous consultant's failure to fulfill contractual obligations—despite continuous follow-ups by the project owner—and that the project owner has demonstrated continuous intent to proceed with certification (as evidenced by the signed VVB agreement, completed and GS-approved RCP process, and subsequent re-engagement with a new consultant), it is proposed that emission reductions generated during the full monitoring period be considered eligible for issuance. The project has remained fully operational and compliant with all applicable monitoring and reporting requirements throughout the period. Therefore, the emission reductions are real, measurable, and verifiable. Limiting issuance due to circumstances beyond the control of the project owner would result in unjust penalization and would not reflect the actual environmental performance of the project. A summary of key milestones demonstrating the continuous commitment of the project owner is provided below. <table border="1" data-bbox="472 1003 1439 1386"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>Milestone</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>08/11/2021</td> <td>Verification Body Agreement signed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>09/09/2024</td> <td>RCP process completed and approved by Gold Standard</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2021–2025</td> <td>Follow-ups made by Project Owner to previous consultant (email evidence provided)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>26/02/2026</td> <td>Termination of agreement with previous consultant</td> </tr> <tr> <td>27/02/2026</td> <td>Agreement signed with new consultant</td> </tr> <tr> <td>03/03/2026</td> <td>Request to GS to transfer the project to new consultant's GS account</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> All supporting documents, including contractual agreements and documented communication records, are provided as evidence.	Date	Milestone	08/11/2021	Verification Body Agreement signed	09/09/2024	RCP process completed and approved by Gold Standard	2021–2025	Follow-ups made by Project Owner to previous consultant (email evidence provided)	26/02/2026	Termination of agreement with previous consultant	27/02/2026	Agreement signed with new consultant	03/03/2026	Request to GS to transfer the project to new consultant's GS account
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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" data-bbox="472 1904 1439 2058"> <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>XYZ tCO₂e</td> <td>XYZ tCO₂e</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	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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	☐ any other matrix, please specify...
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.
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. Follow up E-mail Sample

Document 2. Design Review Approval Form

Document 3. Termination Agreement with Previous Consultant

Document 4. VVB Agreement

Document 5. Agreement with New Consultant

Document 6. Request to Project Transfer E-mail

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