

FORM

FORM - DEVIATION REQUEST SUBMISSION

PUBLICATION DATE: 12/11/2024

VERSION: 6.0

NEXT PLANNED UPDATE: 12/11/2026

RELATED DOCUMENTS

– [Deviations Approval Requirements and Procedures](#)

CONTACT DETAILS

The Gold Standard Foundation
International Environment House 2
Chemin de Balxert 7-9
1219 Châtelaine Geneva, Switzerland
Tel +41 22 788 70 80
Email help@goldstandard.org

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.

Table of Content

1 General Guidelines.....	2
1.1 Applicability.....	2
2 Submission of deviation form	2
3 Implementation of deviation decision	2
4 Decision summary	4
4.1 General information.....	4
4.2 Decision.....	4
4.3 Applicability to other activities	4
5 Deviation Request Details.....	5
5.1 Submitted by.....	5
5.2 Details of the entity and its representative submitting the form	5
5.3 Background information	5
5.4 Project deviation history	6
6 Deviation detail	7
6.1 Standard document reference.....	7
6.2 Description of the deviation	7
6.3 VVB information.....	8
6.4 VVB's assessment	9
6.5 Documents:	10

4| Decision summary

To be completed by Gold Standard

4.1 | General information

DEVIATION REFERENCE NUMBER	DEVRQ-433
Date of decision	03/06/2026
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 has been approved for the delayed submission of the annual reports for the 2022 and 2023 verification period. The project developer must submit the annual reports to the Assurance Platform as soon as possible.

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 in the verification report, 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

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 :	Gül Topal
Email ID ⁴ :	Gul.topal@entekelektrik.com.tr
Organisation: ⁵ :	ENTEK ELEKTRİK ÜRETİMİ A.Ş.
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	GS 2763		
Host country(ies)	Turkey		
Project Title	Suloglu Wind Power Plant, Turkey		
Registry link	https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/493		
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	<i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>	<i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>	29/12/2015 (1 st Crediting Period) 02/11/2025 (2 nd Crediting Period)	<i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>
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		<i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>	
	From another standard to GS4GG		<i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>	
	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	DEVRQ-75		
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 During Round 2 of the Performance Review, Gold Standard identified that the submitted annual report (GS2763_Annual_Report_2024.pdf) covered calendar year 2024 and did not constitute the complete annual report for the monitoring period in 2022 (01/04/2022–18/09/2022), which should have been submitted by the end of 2023 in accordance with annual reporting requirements. Gold Standard noted that a previous approved deviation (DEVRQ-75), covering delayed reporting for calendar years 2019–2021, was explicitly temporary and not a permanent approval. Therefore, Gold Standard requested the Project Developer to submit a new deviation request for the delayed submission of the 2022 annual report, with VVB assessment.		

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	Name of standard document relevant to deviation request e.g., Safeguarding Principles and Requirements
	Version	Version number e.g., V2.1
	Paragraph	Paragraph number if available e.g., para 4.2.1

6.2 | Description of the deviation

Title	Deviation for delayed submission of annual annual report for monitoring year 2022 and correction of 2023	
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	01/01/2022
	End date	31/12/2022
Summarise the changes	The Project Developer is requesting a deviation regarding annual reporting compliance for calendar years 2022 and 2023 under Gold Standard annual reporting requirements. During the current performance review, Gold Standard requested the Project Developer to submit a deviation request for calendar year 2022, as the complete annual report for 2022 had not been submitted within the required timeline. Upon review of the project's annual reporting records, it was identified that the document titled "GS2763_Annual_Report_2023.pdf" did not cover calendar year 2023 but instead reflected cumulative reporting up to 31/03/2022. It was further noted that the document titled "GS2763_Annual_Report_2024.docx", submitted on 21/01/2025, included cumulative project information covering the period 01/05/2019–31/12/2024, thereby including project information for calendar years 2022 and 2023. However, as separate annual reporting obligations for calendar years 2022 and 2023 were not fulfilled within the required timelines, this deviation request is submitted to regularize compliance for the relevant years.	
Reason for deviation	As per paragraph 5.1.39 of the Gold Standard for the Global Goals Principles and Requirements, annual reports shall be submitted for each monitoring year by the end of the following calendar year where verification is not completed. If verification is in progress but not completed, an annual report is still required by the end of the calendar year.	

	Although relevant project information for calendar years 2022 and 2023 was subsequently included in cumulative annual reporting documentation, separate annual reporting obligations for these calendar years were not fulfilled within the required timelines. Therefore, the Project Developer seeks approval through this deviation request.						
Proposed resolution	We acknowledge that the annual reports for calendar years 2022 and 2023 should have been submitted to Gold Standard (GS) within the timelines required under the applicable Principles and Requirements. As corrective action, the Project Developer shall prepare and submit separate annual reports covering calendar years 2022 and 2023 to the Gold Standard registry. The Project Developer declares that henceforth, the submission of annual reports shall be made to the registry within the timelines required under applicable Gold Standard requirements.						
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>XYZ tCO₂e</td><td>XYZ 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	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						
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.						

This deviation is administrative and procedural in nature and relates only to delayed annual reporting submissions.

The project remained operational during the relevant reporting periods and the deviation does not affect project implementation, applicability of the approved methodology, monitoring arrangements, emission reduction calculations, additionality, or conservativeness of verified emission reductions.

6.3 | VVB information

Is a VVB opinion on the deviation request required?	Yes ☒ No ☐
---	---

VVB opinion shall be included, where required by the requirements under Deviations Request Requirements and Procedures or request is submitted by the VVB.	If answer is yes, fill the information in section 6.4 below.
--	--

6.4 | VVB's assessment

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

VVB's assessment of deviation request	RE Carbon Ltd. assessed the deviation request submitted by the Project Developer for the delayed submission of the annual reports for calendar years 2022 and 2023. Based on the information and supporting documentation made available, the deviation is considered administrative and procedural in nature. It relates to the non-submission of separate complete annual reports for the relevant 2022 and 2023 reporting years within the timelines required under the applicable Gold Standard requirements. RE Carbon Ltd. confirms that this deviation does not represent a change to the registered project design, applied methodology, monitoring plan, project implementation, or operational status of the project. RE Carbon Ltd. also notes that the previously approved deviation, DEVRQ-75, covered earlier reporting years and was not considered a permanent approval for future delays in annual reporting.
VVB's assessment of impact of deviation request	RE Carbon Ltd. assessed the potential impact of the delayed annual report submissions on the project design, monitoring arrangements, methodology applicability, additionality, safeguarding, SDG assessment, regulatory compliance and emission reduction calculations.

	Based on the documents reviewed, the deviation is limited to delayed annual reporting for calendar years 2022 and 2023. No impact was identified on the physical implementation or operation of the project. The deviation does not affect the applicability of the approved methodology, the registered monitoring arrangements, baseline scenario, additionality, SDG contributions, or the calculation and conservativeness of emission reductions. Therefore, RE Carbon Ltd. confirms that the deviation does not result in overestimation of emission reductions and does not compromise the environmental integrity of the project.	
VVB recommendation	Based on the assessment conducted, RE Carbon Ltd. has no objection to the Project Developer's deviation request for the delayed submission of the annual reports for calendar years 2022 and 2023, subject to Gold Standard's final review and decision. RE Carbon Ltd. recommends that the Project Developer submits separate complete annual reports for calendar years 2022 and 2023 to the Gold Standard registry and ensures that future annual reports are submitted within the applicable Gold Standard timelines.	
VVB details	VVB name:	Re carbon Ltd.
	Auditor name(s):	İrem Taşkıran (Team Leader), Helin Tüzer (Verifier)
	Email (s):	iretaskiran@re-carbon.net heltuzer@re-carbon.net

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. GS2763_Annual_Report_2022

Document 2. GS2763_Annual_Report_2023

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