

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 help@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 Secretariat

4.1 | General information

DEVIATION REFERENCE NUMBER	DEVRQ-447
Date of decision	26/06/2026
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 request is not approved. The project developer must follow the GS requirement "Applicability of Minimum Site Visit Requirements by VVB" for Non-Force Majeure. The VVB shall not verify the monitoring period falling three years before the site visit date.

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

N/A

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

N/A

4.2.4 | Directions for the Gold Standard, if applicable

N/A

4.3 | Applicability to other activities

Is this decision applicable to other projects under similar circumstances? ¹	☐ Yes ☒ No
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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.

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

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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 :	Ankit Suman
Email ID ⁴ :	ankit.suman@climera.co , rk.nimonkar@climera.co
Organisation: ⁵	Climera Carbon 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	GS6756 GSXXXX	GS XXXX GS XXXX	GS XXXX GS XXXX
Host country(ies)	India		
Project Title	30 MW Wind Energy Project by Giriraj Enterprises		
Registry link	https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/1737		
Scale	☐ Microscale (GS) ☐ Small scale ☒ Large scale ☐ Other, if applicable please specify below <i>Insert text 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

Certification Status and corresponding date of latest status	☐ Listed	☐ Certified design ⁶	☒ Certified project ⁷	☐ Other <i>If other, specify here</i>
	dd/mm/yyyy	dd/mm/yyyy	15/10/2020	dd/mm/yyyy
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		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			
	☐ Agriculture Activity Requirements			
	☐ Blue Carbon and Freshwater Wetlands Activity Requirements			
	☐ Engineered removals 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 Design certification date

⁷ Date of first issuance approval by Gold Standard

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 (including methodology) relevant to deviation request e.g., Renewable Energy Activity Requirement
	Version	Version number e.g., V1.4
	Paragraph	Paragraph number if available e.g., para 2.1.3

6.2 | Description of the deviation

Title	PP seeking deviation for there should be no loss in GSVERs due to delay in 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)
Relevant monitoring period, if applicable	Start date	01/04/2022
	End date	24/06/2023
	☐ NA	
Summarise the changes	GS4GG Site-Visit-and-Remote-Audit-Requirements	
Reason for deviation	As per the Gold Standard Site Visit and Remote Audit Guidelines, the required frequency of site visits is once within every three years from the date of the previous physical site visit. For Project , in the current monitoring period 01/04/ 2022 to 24/06/ 2023 (both dates inclusive). We respectfully submit this deviation request regarding the site visit interval requirement. The previous physical site visit for the project was conducted on 06 June 2022, while the subsequent site visit was carried out on 06 October 2025. Accordingly, the interval between the two site visits is approximately 3 years and 4 months, exceeding the prescribed three-year requirement by only about four months. We would like to highlight that the deviation is minimal in nature and does not impact the project's monitoring, data integrity, implementation status, or compliance with the applicable Gold Standard requirements. The project activity remained operational during the period, and all monitoring records and supporting evidence have been maintained and made available for verification.	

	In view of the above, we kindly request acceptance of this minor deviation and approval to proceed with the verification process.				
Proposed resolution	The project developer demonstrates a profound commitment to addressing their ongoing financial requirements, primarily reliant on carbon revenue during the current crediting period. Their dedication is evident through the absence of any delays on their part and their meticulous adherence to the GS Program's guidelines. In light of this, the project owner earnestly seeks the approval of the Gold Standard organization to grant permission for the issuance of Verified Emission Reductions (VERs) for the entire monitoring period, extending from 01/04/2022 to 24/06/2023. This request is an integral part of the comprehensive validation and verification process, highlighting their dedication to upholding the highest environmental and sustainability standards. We kindly request Gold Standard to allow and approve issuance for this verification cycle despite the minor gap, considering that: The deviation is limited to a short period of 4 months. The project has otherwise maintained compliance with GS guidelines. Future site visits will be strictly scheduled within the prescribed intervals to avoid recurrence. We assure you that corrective measures are being implemented to ensure full adherence to Gold Standard requirements going forward. We therefore request your approval of this deviation so that issuance may proceed without penalty for this gap period.				
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> </tbody> </table> ☐ any other matrix, please specify... ☒ NA	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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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. The above deviation will not cause any impact upon the data quality or attract any potential risk on GS related to any issuance or any other material impact affecting the quality of the project and thus no any potential risk is attributed to GS Project activity in particular. The deviation requested adheres to the Principles and Requirements set forth by GS4GG and complies with: -				

Environmental Integrity- The GSCER's generated from the project activity are not over estimated as a result of deviation and conservativeness are ensured.

Contribution to Sustainable Development Goals- SDG contributions that the project is designed to achieve are in line with GS4GG requirements and the above deviation does not have any potential impact upon the certified SDG's claimed during the current crediting period.

Safeguarding Principles and requirements- The deviation does not create any impact upon the safeguarding principles and requirements set forth by GS4GG

Compliance with Host Country Regulations- The project does not create any conflict with Host Country regulations and all the host country regulations are followed. Thus deviation do not have any impact on quality of project and all Principles and Requirements set forth by GS4GG are followed by project activity.

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
6.1	15.05.2026	Editorial and structural changes to the template
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