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 Balexert 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 6

6.1 | Standard document reference 6

6.2 | Description of the deviation 6

6.3 | VVB information 8

6.4 | VVB's assessment 8

6.5 | Documents: 8

4| Decision summary

To be completed by Gold Standard

4.1 | General information

DEVIATION REFERENCE NUMBER	DEVRQ-456
Date of decision	17/07/2026
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 2023 and 2024 verification period. The project developer must submit the separate 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] :	Manish Dabkara
Email ID[4] :	manish@enkingint.org
Organisation:[5]:	EKI Energy Services 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	GS12057	*GS XXXX* *GS XXXX*	*GS XXXX* *GS XXXX*
Host country(ies)	India		
Project Title	4 MW Hydro Power Project by AEMCPL		
Registry link	https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/4043		
Scale	☐ Microscale (GS) ☒ Small scale ☐ Large scale ☐ Other, if applicable please specify below *Insert text here*		

Certification Status and corresponding date of latest status	☐ Listed	☒ Certified design	☐ Certified project	☐ Other *If other, specify here*
	dd/mm/yyyy	*29/10/2024*	*dd/mm/yyyy*	*dd/mm/yyyy*

[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	☐ 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	DEVRQ-301		
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 Project Developer shall seek deviation for delayed submission of Annual report pertaining to monitoring period 23-08-2023 t0 31-12-2023.		

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	GS4GG Principles & Requirements
	Version	2.1
	Paragraph	Para 5.1.39

6.2 | Description of the deviation

Title	PP is seeking a deviation for delayed submission of the Annual Report pertaining to the monitoring period from 23/08/2023 to 31/12/2023.	
	☒ Temporary	☐ Permanent

Confirm the nature of changes related to deviation	(e.g. not expected to occur beyond one monitoring period)	(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	23/08/2023
	End date	31/08/2025
Summarise the changes	PP is seeking a deviation in response to the Corrective Action Request (CAR) raised by Gold Standard (GS) during the Performance Review and requests that GS consider the Annual Report submitted on 03/12/2025 for the monitoring period from 23/08/2023 to 31/12/2023. The PP was unable to submit the Annual Report within the required timeline in 2024 due to delays in the completion of the project's Design Certification (Design Review Completion). Consequently, the PP submitted the Annual Report covering the period from 23/08/2023 to 31/08/2025 to Gold Standard on 03/12/2025 in accordance with the GS4GG Principles & Requirements, Version 2.1. The submitted report has since been reviewed and approved by Gold Standard. In this context, the PP requests Gold Standard's approval for the delayed submission of the Annual Report pertaining to the monitoring period from 23/08/2023 to 31/12/2023 and further requests the closure of the Corrective Action Request (CAR) raised by Gold Standard during the Performance Review.	
Reason for deviation	As described above, the submission of Annual Report for the monitoring period from 23/08/2023 to 31/12/2023 was delayed due to the delay in the project's Design Certification (Design Review Completion). So, PP is seeking a deviation to obtain an exemption from the requirements of paragraph 5.1.39 of the GS4GG Principles & Requirements.	
Proposed resolution	Considering the above justifications, we kindly request Gold Standard’s approval for this deviation. We would like to emphasize that this deviation does not pose any risk to the environmental integrity of the project or the credibility of the issued credits. All monitored parameters have been recorded without interruption, and the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) contributions outlined in the Design Certified PDD continue to be fully achieved.	
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 *(if yes, fill the table below)*	

	Annual emission reduction/removal before applying deviation	Annual emission reduction/ removal after applying deviation
	XYZ tCO_2e	*XYZ* tCO_2e
	☐ 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? *VVB opinion shall be included, where required by the requirements under Deviations Request Requirements and Procedures or request is submitted by the VVB.*	Yes ☐ No ☒ *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	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