FORM

FORM - DEVIATION REQUEST SUBMISSION

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– 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-466
Date of decision	16/07/2026
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 2024 verification period of 30 VPAs under PoA GS11450. The CME 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 CME 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 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] :	Parikshit Mehta
Email ID[4] :	parikshit.mehta@microenergycredits.com
Organisation:[5]:	MicroEnergy Credits
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	*GSXXXX* *GSXXXX*	*GS XXXX* *GS XXXX*	*GS 11474* *GS 11475* *GS 11476* *GS 11504* *GS 11505* *GS 11477* *GS 11478* *GS 11479* *GS 11480* *GS 11481* *GS 11482* *GS 11483* *GS 11484* *GS 11485* *GS 11486* *GS 11451* *GS 11503* *GS 11501* *GS 11500* *GS 11499* *GS 11498* *GS 11496* *GS 11491* *GS 11490* *GS 11489* *GS 11894* *GS 11895*

[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

		GS 11896 *GS 11897* *GS 11898*
Host country(ies)	India	
Project Title	1. GS11450 - MicroEnergy Credits – Microfinance for Clean Energy Product Lines – India – CPA 02 - GS11474 2. GS11450 - MicroEnergy Credits – Microfinance for Clean Energy Product Lines – India - CPA 03 - GS11475 3. GS11450 - MicroEnergy Credits – Microfinance for Clean Energy Product Lines – India - CPA 04 - GS11476 4. GS11450 - MicroEnergy Credits – Microfinance for Clean Energy Product Lines – India - CPA 05 - GS11504 5. GS11450 - MicroEnergy Credits – Microfinance for Clean Energy Product Lines – India - CPA 06 - GS11505 6. GS11450 - MicroEnergy Credits – Microfinance for Clean Energy Product Lines – India - CPA 07 - GS11477 7. GS11450 - MicroEnergy Credits – Microfinance for Clean Energy Product Lines – India - CPA 08 - GS11478 8. GS11450 - MicroEnergy Credits – Microfinance for Clean Energy Product Lines – India - CPA 09 - GS11479 9. GS11450 - MicroEnergy Credits – Microfinance for Clean Energy Product Lines – India – CPA 10 - GS11480 10. GS11450 - MicroEnergy Credits – Microfinance for Clean Energy Product Lines – India – CPA 11 - GS11481 11. GS11450 - MicroEnergy Credits – Microfinance for Clean Energy Product Lines – India - CPA 12 - GS11482 12. GS11450 - MicroEnergy Credits – Microfinance for Clean Energy Product Lines – India – CPA 13 - GS11483 13. GS11450 - MicroEnergy Credits – Microfinance for Clean Energy Product Lines – India – CPA 14 - GS11484 14. GS11450 - MicroEnergy Credits – Microfinance for Clean Energy Product Lines – India – CPA 15 - GS11485 15. GS11450 - MicroEnergy Credits – Microfinance for Clean Energy Product Lines – India – CPA 18 - GS11486 16. GS11450 - MicroEnergy Credits – Microfinance for Clean Energy Product Lines – India – CPA 17 - GS11451 17. GS11450 - MicroEnergy Credits – Microfinance for Clean Energy Product Lines – India – CPA 19 - Clear Sky Partners - GS11503 18. GS11450 - MicroEnergy Credits – Microfinance for Clean Energy Product Lines – India – CPA 21 - Clear Sky Partners – GS11501 19. GS11450 - MicroEnergy Credits – Microfinance for Clean Energy Product Lines – India – CPA 22 - Clear Sky Partners – GS11500 20. GS11450 - MicroEnergy Credits – Microfinance for Clean Energy Product Lines – India – CPA 23 - Clear Sky Partners – GS11499 21. GS11450 - MicroEnergy Credits – Microfinance for Clean Energy Product Lines – India – CPA 24 - Clear Sky Partners – GS11498 22. GS11450 - MicroEnergy Credits – Microfinance for Clean Energy Product Lines – India – CPA 26 - Clear Sky Partners – GS11496 23. GS11450 - MicroEnergy Credits – Microfinance for Clean Energy Product Lines – India – CPA 31 - GS11491 24. GS11450 - MicroEnergy Credits – Microfinance for Clean Energy Product Lines – India - CPA 33 - GS11490 25. GS11450 - MicroEnergy Credits – Microfinance for Clean Energy Product Lines – India - CPA 34 - GS11489	

	26. GS11450 - MicroEnergy Credits – Microfinance for Clean Energy Product Lines – India - CPA 35 - GS11894 27. GS11450 - MicroEnergy Credits – Microfinance for Clean Energy Product Lines – India - CPA 36 - GS11895 28. GS11450 - MicroEnergy Credits – Microfinance for Clean Energy Product Lines – India - CPA 37 - GS11896 29. GS11450 - MicroEnergy Credits – Microfinance for Clean Energy Product Lines – India - CPA 38 - GS11897 30. GS11450 - MicroEnergy Credits – Microfinance for Clean Energy Product Lines – India - CPA 39 - GS11898
Registry link	1. https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/3547 2. https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/3555 3. https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/3556 4. https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/3571 5. https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/3581 6. https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/3557 7. https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/3558 8. https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/3559 9. https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/3560 10. https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/3561 11. https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/3562 12. https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/3563 13. https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/3564 14. https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/3565 15. https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/3566 16. https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/3503 17. https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/3572 18. https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/3574 19. https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/3575 20. https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/3576 21. https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/3577 22. https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/3579 23. https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/3568 24. https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/3567 25. https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/3554 26. https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/4037 27. https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/4038 28. https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/4039 29. https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/4040 30. https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/4041
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[6]	☒ Certified project[7]	☐ Other *If other, specify here*
	dd/mm/yyyy	*dd/mm/yyyy*	*GS 11474 - 24/08/2023* *GS 11475 - 24/08/2023*	*dd/mm/yyyy*

[6] Design certification date
[7] Date of first issuance approval by Gold Standard

		GS 11476 - 02/05/2023 *GS 11504 - 20/02/2024* *GS 11505 - 03/05/2023* *GS 11477 - 03/05/2023* *GS 11478 - 03/05/2023* *GS 11479 - 27/07/2023* *GS 11480 - 27/07/2023* *GS 11481 - 03/05/2023* *GS 11482 - 26/03/2023* *GS 11483 - 17/04/2023* *GS 11484 - 15/02/2024* *GS 11485 - 16/07/2023* *GS 11486 - 17/04/2023* *GS 11451 - 17/04/2023* *GS 11503 - 23/05/2023* *GS 11501 - 23/05/2023* *GS 11500 - 24/08/2023* *GS 11499 - 24/08/2023* *GS 11498 - 23/05/2023* *GS 11496 - 23/05/2023* *GS 11491 - 24/08/2023* *GS 11490 - 24/08/2023* *GS 11489 - 24/08/2023* *GS 11894 - 06/06/2025* *GS 11895 - 06/06/2025* *GS 11896 - 06/06/2025* *GS 11897 - 22/05/2025* *GS 11898 - 22/05/2025*	

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	*04/01/2022*			
	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 ☐ Agriculture Activity Requirements ☐ ☐ Blue Carbon and Freshwater Wetlands Activity Requirements ☐ Engineered removals 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	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** Corrective Action Request (CAR) raised during completeness check for failing to submit the annual report for the monitoring period 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024 by the end of the next calendar year, as per GS4GG Principles and Requirements, Version 1.2: 5.1.39.

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 and Requirements
	Version	V1.2
	Paragraph	para 5.1.39 and 5.1.40

6.2 | Description of the deviation

Title	Delayed upload of 2024 Annual Reports for VPAs under PoA GS 11450	
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	01/01/2024
	End date	31/12/2024
	☐ NA	
Summarise the changes	MicroEnergy Credits (CME) is seeking a deviation to allow the late upload of the Annual Reports for the 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024 monitoring period for 30 VPAs under PoA GS11450 mentioned in section 5.3. The deviation requested is strictly an administrative extension of the submission timeline. The actual on-the-ground monitoring, data collection, and report preparation were completed successfully and continuously for all respective VPAs, but the final platform upload requirement was inadvertently missed.	
Reason for deviation	The delay was entirely an administrative oversight caused by internal staff reshuffling. Significant time, effort, and financial resources were continuously invested throughout 2024 to ensure continuous, accurate monitoring of the project activities. The internal annual reports were prepared, and the technical team operated under the assumption that the responsible staff member had finalized the compliance uploads.	

	Due to personnel transitions, this final step was missed. We identified this missing upload during our current issuance preparations. We currently hold active buyer commitments to deliver these credits and are seeking this deviation to formally upload the finalized reports.
Proposed resolution	CME requests Gold Standard to formally approve this deviation, allowing us to upload the finalized 2024 Annual Reports for the 30 VPAs to the Assurance Platform alongside this approved deviation document. This resolution ensures compliance with GS4GG reporting requirements without compromising the continuous monitoring data already collected. Accuracy, completeness, and conservativeness remain perfectly intact as the on-the-ground project monitoring was never disrupted.
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: *XYZ* tCO_2e Annual emission reduction/ removal after applying deviation: *XYZ* tCO_2e ☐ any other matrix, please specify… ☒ NA
Summary of the impact	There is no impact on the project design, safeguarding principles, SDG assessment, data quality, monitoring frequency, or emission reduction calculations, potential risk or any other aspects of the project due to this deviation. The delay was strictly administrative, and there is no negative impact or overestimation of emission reductions from the project.

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.*)

N/A

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