Gold Standard for the Global Goals

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-471
Date of decision	24/07/2026
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 request is approved. The project developer shall submit deviation request in issuance track and the VVB must conduct separate validation and submit the Design Change validation report following the Design Change Request Requirements and Procedures, ensuring that:

- The submission of an issuance track design change request with updated PDD (track-change and clean versions), ER sheet and supporting documents reflecting the actual project configuration (62 MW installed, of which only the design-certified 55 MW configuration is credited);
- Separate validation of the design change by the VVB and submission of the Design Change validation report in accordance with the Design Change Requirements and Procedures, covering inter alia the impacts on additionality and the original local stakeholder consultation;
- The project developer continues exclusion of the additional turbine's electricity generation from net electricity supplied to the grid, using turbine-level SCADA data supported by the official transmission loss factor

The final decision of the issuance will be based on the conclusion of the design change review.

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

The project developer must conduct Design Change following the Design Change Requirements and Procedures.

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

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

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] :	Mehmet Aydoğdu
Email ID[4] :	mehmet.aydogdu@life-climate.com
Organisation:[5]:	Life İklim ve Enerji Ltd. Şti.
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	*955*	*GS XXXX* *GS XXXX*	*GS XXXX* *GS XXXX*
Türkiye			
Akres Wind Power Project			
https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/1275			
Scale	☐ Microscale (GS) ☐ Small scale ☒ Large scale ☐ Other, if applicable please specify below *Insert text here*		

[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 *If other, specify here*
	dd/mm/yyyy	*dd/mm/yyyy*	*Monitoring Period: 25/07/2024-31/12/2024*	*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 ☐ 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	N/A		
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	☒ Yes ☐ No		
	Summary of the findings *During the ongoing verification/issuance review, Gold Standard review comments noted that the current*		

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

performance review etc.) that are relevant to this deviation request?	*reporting is effectively based on the modified project configuration (62 MW) rather than the originally registered design (55 MW), and that this may constitute a design change requiring formal consideration. The project developer submitted a clarification request; in its response, the Gold Standard secretariat confirmed that pursuant to sections 8.1.1.c.ii and 8.1.1.c.iv of the Design Change Requirements and Procedures the issuance track is not applicable, since the 7 MW addition (13% of original capacity) may impact not only the monitoring plan but also additionality and the original stakeholder consultation. However, as verification had already started, the secretariat advised the project developer to submit a deviation request for the issuance track, and confirmed that the VVB must conduct a separate validation and submit a Design Change validation report. [Reference: Clarification response, section 1.2, dated 13/05/2026, CLRQ-338]*

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	Design Change Requirements and Procedures (GS4GG)
	Version	2.0
	Paragraph	Para 8.1.1

6.2 | Description of the deviation

Title	Use of issuance track design change for 7 MW capacity addition at Akres Wind Power Project	
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	01/11/2022
	End date	31/12/2024
	☐ NA	
Summarise the changes	The registered Akres Wind Power Project consists of 22 wind turbines with a total installed capacity of 55 MW. On 24/07/2024, one additional turbine with an installed capacity of 7 MW was commissioned within the same project site, increasing the total installed capacity to 62 MW. This additional component was not included in the registered design and no design change request was submitted within one year of its commissioning. The project developer does not claim any emission	

	reductions associated with the additional 7 MW capacity: emission reductions are calculated solely on the originally design-certified 55 MW configuration, and the electricity generation attributable to the additional turbine is excluded from total plant generation using SCADA data, supported by the application of the official transmission loss factor. In its response to the project developer's clarification request, the Gold Standard secretariat confirmed that under sections 8.1.1.c.ii and 8.1.1.c.iv of the Design Change Requirements and Procedures the issuance track is not applicable to this modification, but advised that, as verification had already started, the project developer shall submit a deviation request for the issuance track. Accordingly, a deviation from sections 8.1.1.c.ii and 8.1.1.c.iv of the Design Change Requirements and Procedures is hereby requested, to allow the design change to be processed under the issuance track with an updated PDD/ER sheet and a separate Design Change validation to be conducted by the VVB.
Reason for deviation	(i) Verification of the current monitoring period had already commenced when the design change issue was identified; processing the change under the certification track would disproportionately delay the ongoing verification and issuance cycle. (ii) The Gold Standard secretariat, in its response to the project's clarification request, explicitly advised the submission of a deviation request for the issuance track. (iii) Environmental integrity is fully preserved: no emission reductions are claimed for the additional 7 MW turbine, and its generation is excluded from net electricity supplied to the grid using SCADA data and the official transmission loss factor, ensuring a conservative and verifiable approach; GSVERs cannot be overestimated as a result of the deviation. (iv) The omission to submit a design change request within one year of commissioning was an administrative oversight; the additional turbine does not alter the technology type, baseline scenario or the crediting basis of the registered 55 MW configuration.
Proposed resolution	The design change shall be processed under the issuance track as follows: (a) submission of an issuance track design change request with updated PDD and ER sheet (track-change and clean versions) reflecting the actual project configuration (62 MW installed, of which only the design-certified 55 MW configuration is credited); (b) separate validation of the design change by the VVB and submission of the Design Change validation report in accordance with the Design Change Requirements and Procedures, covering inter alia the impacts on additionality and the original local stakeholder consultation; (c) continued exclusion of the additional turbine's electricity generation from net electricity supplied to the grid, using turbine-level SCADA data supported by the official transmission loss factor. This approach ensures accuracy, completeness and conservativeness: emission reductions remain calculated solely on the originally design-certified 55 MW configuration, so certified GSVERs are not overestimated as a result of the deviation.
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… ☐ NA
Summary of the impact	Project design: the physical configuration has changed from 22 turbines / 55 MW to 23 turbines / 62 MW; the updated PDD/ER sheet submitted under the issuance track design change will reflect the actual configuration. The annual emission reduction volume claimed is unchanged, as emission reductions remain based solely on the certified 55 MW configuration. Additionality: no emission reductions are claimed for the additional 7 MW unit; the additionality demonstration of the registered 55 MW project is not affected. The impact of the additional unit on the registered additionality assessment will be documented in the updated PDD and assessed by the VVB during the separate Design Change validation. Local stakeholder consultation: the additional turbine is located within the same project site; its implications for the original stakeholder consultation will be assessed and documented as part of the Design Change validation. No impact on safeguarding principles, SDG assessment or regulatory compliance is expected; all permits and licenses for the additional turbine are in place.

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:	LGAI Technological Center S.A.
	Auditor name(s):	Amit Rai
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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. Clarification request and Gold Standard secretariat response [CLRQ-338, 13/05/2026]

Document 2. Commissioning / acceptance documentation for the additional 7 MW turbine (commissioned 24/07/2024)

Document 3. SCADA generation data and ER calculation sheet demonstrating exclusion of the additional turbine;

Document 4. Updated PDD (track-change and clean), ER sheet and SDG Impact Tool [PDD Date: 07/07/2026, version 12, ER Sheet: 07/07/2016, version 4 and SDG Impact Tool: 07/07/2016, version 5];

Document 5. Generation license of the additional turbine (Date: 26/06/2025)

Document 6. Feasibility Report for additional 7 MW

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