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 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.

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4| Decision summary

To be completed by Gold Standard

4.1 | General information

DEVIATION REFERENCE NUMBER	DEVRQ-476
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 has been approved for the delayed submission of the annual report for the 2024 verification period. The project developer must submit the annual report 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] :	Mr. Vijayanand V
Email ID[4] :	vijay.anand@herofutureenergies.com
Organisation:[5]:	Clean Solar Power (Bhadla) Pvt. Ltd.
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	*GS7726* *GSXXXX*	*GS XXXX* *GS XXXX*	*GS XXXX* *GS XXXX*
Host country(ies)	India		
Project Title	300 MW Solar PV Plant at Bhadla, Rajasthan		
Registry link	https://assurance-platform.goldstandard.org/project-documents/GS7726		
Scale	☐ Microscale (GS) ☐ Small scale ☒ Large scale ☐ Other, if applicable please specify below *Insert text here*		

Certification Status and corresponding	☐ Listed	☐ Certified design	☒ Certified project	☐ Other *If other, specify 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

date of latest status	*dd/mm/yyyy*	*dd/mm/yyyy*	*21/09/2019*	*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	
	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			
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		
	The finding has been raised during the PRR R1 round by GS Provided Annual Report for year 2024 dated 08/12/2025 has been submitted on 02/02/2026, as per AP. Please justify the delay on submission of annual report during next calendar year. Please note that performance certification for year 2024 during CP1 MP4 conducted during 2026, as well. VVB shall provide assessment under FVR for the same.		

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

	Title	CORE DOCUMENT- PRINCIPLES AND REQUIREMENTS

Standard document reference	Version	Version number 2.1
	Paragraph	Section D – para 5.1.39

6.2 | Description of the deviation

Title	Deviation – Late submission of Annual Reports		
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	10/12/2024	
	End date	31/12/2025	
Summarise the changes	This request relates to the separate vintage wise 2024 upload of annual reports for the following periods: • 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024 (inclusive of both dates) As part of this update: • Vintage wise annual reports have now been finalized and uploaded report to the Gold Standard registry with a report date of 08/12/2025. • These submissions represent the actual completion date of technical finalization and formal submission of the annual report. • Going forward, the project developer will submit vintage wise annual reports as separate vintage wise and ensure timely submission in accordance with Gold Standard requirements. No changes are proposed to the project design, baseline, monitoring methodology, emission reduction calculations, or project boundary. The change is procedural in nature only and relates solely to the timing of report submission. The environmental integrity, data quality, and continuous operation of the project remain fully unaffected.		
Reason for deviation	The PD has submitted the 2024 Annual Reports and sought a deviation request, which has been uploaded for GS review and approval. It is also confirmed that the project activity has remained continuously operational and compliant with Gold Standard requirements throughout the entire monitoring period.		
Proposed resolution	PD now prepared and submitted the Annual Reports for the respective vintages and uploaded them on the Gold Standard Assurance Platform (GS-AP). A deviation request has also been submitted to seek approval for the delayed submission of these reports. The PD confirms that the project activity has remained continuously operational and in compliance with Gold Standard requirements during		

	the entire period, and the delayed submission does not impact the project's monitoring data, emission reductions, or overall project performance.
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	The delayed submission of vintage-wise Annual Reports for 2024 does not have any impact on the project implementation, monitoring data, emission reduction calculations, or the overall performance of the project activity. The project has remained continuously operational and compliant with Gold Standard requirements throughout the monitoring period. The current deviation request only addresses the administrative requirement of submitting vintage-wise Annual Reports separately. Therefore, this delay has no impact on the credibility, accuracy, or integrity of the reported emission reductions.
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