



TEMPLATE

# DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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## **A. To be completed by Gold Standard**

### **1| Decision**

**1.1 | Date** – 10/02/2021

#### **1.2 | Decision**

The deviation request is approved whereby the project is allowed issuance of emissions reduction (and other SDG impacts) for the complete monitoring period, i.e., 03/08/2017 to 30/09/2019.

**1.3 | Is this decision applicable to other project activities under similar circumstances?**

No

**B. To be completed by the Project Developer/Coordinating and Managing Entity and/or VVB requesting deviation** (Submit deviation request form in Microsoft Word format)

**2| Background information**

Deviation Reference Number	DEV_166	
Date of decision	10/02/2021	
Precedent (YES/NO)	NO	
Precedent details	N/A	
Date of submission	18/01/2021	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GS5830
Project/PoA/VPA title	Renewable Power Project by Emami Power Limited	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	India	
Scale of the project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> Microscale <input type="checkbox"/> Small scale <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large scale	
Gold Standard Impact Registry link of the project/PoA/VPA	<a href="https://impact.sustain-cert.com/public_projects/1507">https://impact.sustain-cert.com/public_projects/1507</a>	
Status of the project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Listed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified design <input type="checkbox"/> Certified project	
Title/subject of deviation	Deviation Request for GS 5830 against clause no 5.1.50	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology and version number	Deviation is requested from clause no 5.1.50 of GS4GG Principles and Requirements V 1.2 which states that " Transitioning projects, maintaining their existing crediting cycle shall undergo Performance Certification no later than the first two years after project implementation or design certification, whichever is later, and once every three years after that, unless the Verifier provides a convincing case for less frequent visits as part of the Verification Report"	
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date 03/08/2017	End date 30/09/2019
Submitted by	Contact person name: Bhaskar Dutta	
	Email ID: bhaskar@enkingint.org	
	Organisation: EKI Energy Services Limited	
	Project participant: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Validation and Verification body (VVB opinion shall be included, where required by the	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	

<p>applicable rules/requirements or request is submitted by the VVB).</p>	<p>If yes;                  VVB name: Earthood Services Pvt. Ltd.                   Auditor name: Mr. Ravikant Soni</p>
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### 3| Deviation detail

#### 3.1 | Description of the deviation:

3.1.1 | Deviation detail (to be completed by Project developer):

Deviation is requested from clause no 5.1.50 of GS4GG Principles and Requirements V 1.2 which states that " Transitioning projects, maintaining their existing crediting cycle shall undergo Performance Certification no later than the first two years after project implementation or design certification, whichever is later, and once every three years after that, unless the Verifier provides a convincing case for less frequent visits as part of the Verification Report"

Deviation is thus requested to approve the Verification site visit which covered the period 03/08/2017 to 30/09/2019 and was conducted in 2 years 5 months of start date of monitoring period with proposed monitoring period as 03/08/2017 to 30/09/2019.

3.1.2 | VVB opinion (to be completed by VVB, if applicable):

Same as above

#### 3.2 | Assessment of the deviation:

The deviation doesn't attracts any kind of risk upon environmental integrity and all the SDG contributions are achieved in line with the registered PDD.

3.2.1 | Deviation assessment (to be completed by Project developer):

The subject project activity owned by Emami Power Ltd. is undergoing first Performance Review. The project attained Design Certified Status on 08/11/2017 and thereafter the PP signed the contract with VVB on 26/09/2019 for verification of the project under CDM and GS as well for same monitoring period (03/08/2017 to 30/09/2019). Hence It can be confirmed that GS verification of the project was started within the 2 years after completion of transition and design certification as well.

The project activity is also undergoing CDM verification, hence site visit was arranged on 31/01/2020, for both the scope (GS and CDM), that is also within 2 years of transition of project from GS 2.2 to GS4GG.

Since the verification of the project activity was not completed, hence In line with the guidelines as outlined under section (d) of GS4GG"Principle and requirements" V1.2, the PP has submitted the annual report to GS on 03/03/2020, stating the current status of project activity.

Since the project owner was serious towards the Performance Review and the above mentioned clause has no rationale in terms of project implementation as well as meeting the safeguarding principles leading to SDG contributions of the project, the project owner is requesting Gold Standard to allow the Issuance of complete monitoring period in order to mirror the CDM Issuance cycle as the monitoring period is same in CDM and GS and the project is able to label the CER's issued from CDM for the complete monitoring period.

3.2.2 | VVB opinion (to be completed by VVB, if applicable):

**The deviation sought for the project activity does have any impact on monitoring plan and project design and in line with the scope as outlined under section 1 clause 1.1.1(a) of the "DEVIATION APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES" v 1.1, hence accepted.**

### **3.3 | Impact of the deviation:**

3.3.1 | Impact assessment (to be completed by Project developer):

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 inline with GS4GG requirements and the above deviation does not have any potential impact upon the certified SDG's claimed during the current monitoring 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.

3.3.2 | VVB opinion (to be completed by VVB, if applicable):

**The VVB is of the opinion that the above deviation is against the requirements as mentioned under section 5.1.50 of “GS4GG Principles and Requirements” v 1.2 doesn’t have any materialistic impact upon the following:**

- Environmental integrity,**
- Contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**
- Safeguarding principles and requirements**
- Compliance with host country regulations**

**Therefore, the deviation against the requirement for completion of on-site visit within 2 years of design certification date is justified.**

**3.4 | Documents:**

Not Applicable, if required the project owner can submit any kind of supporting sought by GS