



DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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Version **4.0**

A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1| Decision

1.1 | Date – 09/11/2021

1.2 | Decision

The deviation request is partially approved. The Project Developer shall note:

1. The CDM CPAs may transition to GS4GG without conducting a PoA level design consultation, however, the Project Developer must conduct Design Consultation at the time of next design certification renewal of the PoA in line with section 6 of [Programme of Activity Requirements](#).
2. The Project Developer shall document the deviation request, its implications, and GS' decision in the appropriate section of the GS PDD.

FAR for validating VVB (to be considered at renewal of design certification):

The validating VVB shall, through appropriate means at its disposal, evaluate the PoA's compliance with the above two conditions and provide its opinion in the Validation Report. SustainCert shall review both the PD's response and the VVB's assessment/opinion of the same and take appropriate steps.

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_198	
Date of decision	09/11/2021	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	N/A	
Date of submission	29/10/2021	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID - GSXXXX
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID - GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID - GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	MicroEnergy Credits – Microfinance for Clean Energy Product Lines – India (CDM Ref. 9181)	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Host country(ies) INDIA	
Scale of the project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> Microscale <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small scale <input type="checkbox"/> Large scale	
Gold Standard Impact Registry link of the project/PoA/VPA	PoA has not been submitted for preliminary review yet.	
Status of the project/PoA/VPA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Listed <input type="checkbox"/> Certified design <input type="checkbox"/> Certified project	
Title/subject of deviation	Deviation from requirement to carry out design consultation for CDM PoA transitioning to GS	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology and version number	Transition Request Form for PoAs, which requires submission of PoA design consultation report for preliminary review	
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date	End date
	NOT APPLICABLE	
Submitted by	Contact person name: SRISKANDH SUBRAMANIAN	
	Email ID: sriskandh@microenergycredits.com	
	Organisation: MicroEnergy Credits	
	Project participant: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
Validation and Verification body (VVB opinion shall be included, where required by the applicable rules/requirements)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

or request is submitted by the VVB).	If yes; VVB name: Auditor name:
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3| Deviation detail

3.1 | Description of the deviation:

**Guidance* Use the space below to describe the deviation and substantiate the reason for requesting deviation from applicable rules/requirements. Please include all relevant information in support of the request. You are requested to follow the principles for requesting deviations, given in the [Deviation Approval Procedure/ Design Change Requirements](#).*

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

MicroEnergy Credits (MEC) is the CME of registered PoA CDM Ref. no. 9181. There are 39 CPAs already included in the PoA. In total MEC plans to transition 20 CPAs to Gold Standard over time with 10 of these planned to be transitioned immediately. We understand that as per the transition rules, in addition to other documents, we need to submit PoA Design Consultation report for preliminary review. Submitting a design consultation report in context of transition will not add much value as this PoA started implementation around 6 years back and 39 CPAs have already been implemented. As of now, CME does not plan to include new CPAs in PoA. Hence, even if a design consultation is conducted, the feedback received cannot influence the design of the PoA, which has already been implemented. **Hence, we would request GS to consider allowing preliminary review and subsequently design review of the PoA with Gold Standard without PoA design consultation report.**

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

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3.2 | Assessment of the deviation:

**Guidance* Use the space below to describe how the deviation complies with the requirements, and, where applicable, the accuracy, completeness and conservativeness is ensured. Please include all relevant information in support of the request.*

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

The proposed deviation does not compromise with any requirement of the Gold Standard as the PoA will follow all relevant requirements for listing, registration and issuance. As explained above, we are only requesting deviation from design consultation requirements as they are not relevant for this CDM PoAs transitioning to GS.

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

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3.3 | Impact of the deviation:

**Guidance* Use the space below to describe the impact of the deviation on project design, safeguarding principles assessment, SDG assessment, emissions reductions, monitoring frequency, data quality, potential risk or any other relevant aspect of the project. Please substantiate the impact assessment with relevant and verifiable data/information.*

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

As justified in section 3.1.1 above the deviation request does not impact the design of the PoA as it has already been implemented. The safeguarding assessment, SDG assessment, emission reduction calculation etc. will be done in line with Gold Standard requirements.

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

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3.4 | Documents:

**Guidance* List of documents provided (note that once a decision has been made by Gold Standard, this deviation form along with supporting documents will be made public on the Gold Standard website. If any of the supporting documents are confidential, please indicate here to ensure they are omitted.)*

Link to the CDM page of the Registered PoA

https://cdm.unfccc.int/ProgrammeOfActivities/poa_db/B46TH0V2GLIZK1UPWJ3SMNA8QRX7FY/view