



DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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Version **4.0**

A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1 | Decision

1.1 | Date – 11/11/2021

1.2 | Decision

The deviation request is **not approved** since no valid reasons were provided to justify granting of an extension. The project developer must comply with paras 2.1.4 and 3.1.12 of the [Transition Requirements](#).

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_203	
Date of decision	11/11/2021	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	N/A	
Date of submission	04/11/2021	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID - GS 5009
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID - GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID - GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	Soke (Akis) Wind Power Plant	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Turkey	
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	https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/876	
Status of the project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Listed <input type="checkbox"/> Certified design <input type="checkbox"/> Certified project	
Title/subject of deviation	Additional Time Request	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology and version number	ACM0002: Grid-connected electricity generation from renewable sources- Version 20.0	
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date 10.12.2020	End date 09.12.2025
Submitted by	Contact person name: Aslı Sezer Özgelik	
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	Organisation: Ekobil Environmental Services and Consultancy Ltd.	
	Project participant: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Validation and Verification body (VVB opinion shall be included, where required by the applicable rules/requirements or request is submitted by the VVB).	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> If yes; 4K Earth Science Private Limited VVB name: Auditor name:	

3 | Deviation detail

3.1 | Description of the deviation:

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

The Soke (Akis) Wind Power Plant (will be referred to as Soke (Akis) WPP from this point forward) is a wind farm that is constructed by "Akis Enerji Yatirim Üretim ve Tic. A.S." The project is located in the vicinity of Söke town of Aydın Province, Turkey. The wind farm is converting wind energy into electricity by means of 23 wind turbines with a total generation capacity of 103.5 MW.

The project was listed but stopped being implemented until recently because of the financial hardship of the previous owners. Later, Ulusoy Elektrik Enerji Yatırımları A.Ş, purchased the Soke(Akis) Wind Power Plant Project, which was developed under the title of Akis Enerji. This company requested to open a separate account for Akis Enerji Yatirim Uretim ve Ticaret A.S, under the Gold Standard. Although we requested to open an account with the necessary documents on 22/09/2021, we did not receive any news about this issue until 20/10/2021. Since the project owner has changed and the process of transferring the project to the new owner's account continues, we are requesting an extension from the deadline of the following rule:

Paragraph 3.1.12 of the Transition Requirements Version 2.0 states that:

Projects/PoAs that are under listing or validation process at the time of launch of GS4GG (01/07/2017) shall follow, as applicable, the requirements, procedures and timeframes listed below to achieve Design Certification under previous versions of the Standard:

- a) Such Projects/PoAs must have engaged a VVB and shall submit the request for registration/design review before 23/11/2021. Such projects/PoAs shall transition to GS4GG at the time of first verification after 23/11/2021, and

For reasons beyond our control, and because the DOE's workload will prevent it from completing this project by the deadline, we are requesting additional time.

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

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3.2 | Assessment of the deviation:

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

The project proponent will comply the requirement of the GS4GG principles:

As stated in the requirements, in order to achieve Certification with Gold Standard, all Projects shall contribute to the Vision and Mission of Gold Standard, applied specifically through the following Eligibility Principles and Requirements.

Additionality: This deviation does not effect the additionality of the project since the changes does not affect the output capacity due to an increased installed capacity or an increase number of units etc.

Project Scale:The deviation does not effect the capacity of the project.

Applicability of Methodology:The project is implemented as described in the registered project documentation.

Stakeholder Feedback:The project developer will discuss if there is a need to conduct a stakeholder consultation on changes however the change does not effect the implementation of the project.

Sustainable Development Assessment: The following SDGs impacts would be demonstrated in the revised GS documents; SDG 7, SDG 8 and SDG 13. The identification and justification under each SDG will be provided and validated by the appointed VVB.

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

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3.3 | Impact of the deviation:

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

The deviation request complies with the requirements, accuracy, completeness and conservativeness and follows the GS4GG Principles and requirements.

The above requested deviation will not cause any impact upon the development of the project. 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 deviation does not have any potential impact. The following SDGs impacts would be demonstrated in the revised GS documents; SDG 7, SDG 8 and SDG 13. The identification and justification under each SDG will be provided and validated by the appointed VVB. The project has contributed to sustainable development goals by utilizing local renewable resources for electricity production and lowering CO2 emissions by promoting clean energy production instead of fossil fuel fired power plants and creating job opportunities for local people.
- Safeguarding Principles and Requirements- The project activity is in line with the GS4GG 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):

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3.4 | Documents:

N/A