



TEMPLATE

# DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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

### **1| Decision**

**1.1 | Date** – 09/11/2021

#### **1.2 | Decision**

The deviation request is not approved since the Project Developer could not provide a valid justification for granting an extension of the submission deadline to GS. 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_204	
Date of decision	09/11/2021	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	N/A	
Date of submission	04/11/2021	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID - GS1318
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID - GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID - GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	Yalova 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	<a href="https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/188">https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/188</a>	
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 01/09/2021      End date 31/08/2026	
Submitted by	Contact person name:Aslı Sezer Özçelik	
	Email ID: asli.ozcelik@ekobil.com	
	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 Yalova Wind Power Plant is a wind farm that is constructed by "AROVA RES Elektrik Üretim A.Ş." in the vicinity of Mecidiye Village of Armutlu town of Yalova Province. The wind farm is converting the potential energy of the wind into electricity by means of 36 wind turbines with 1.5 MW capacities each. The total generation capacity of the power plant is 54 MW.

As it can be seen from our previous correspondence with the Gold Standard regarding the project, the validation of the project was done before. However, the project owner was in economic hardship that they were unable to pay even the registration fees with the background of a country where the coup d'état in 2016 changed the USD to TL values drastically and rendered the planned budgets impossible. After the registration fee was finally paid, the Gold Standard stated that we needed to revalidate the project, as the VVB, which performed the first validation, dissolved. So, we are currently in the process of revalidation.

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 ....

Due to the reasons mentioned above and the workload of the DOE with which we have an agreement, we kindly request additional time to comply with this rule.

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

**3.2 | Assessment of the deviation:**

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

The project proponent will follow 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:** Deviations does not effect the additionally 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. Thus, deviation does not have any affect on environmental integrity.
- 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 (Any kind of documents can be provided upon request)