TEMPLATE

DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

PUBLICATION DATE **14.1.2021**

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A.   To be completed by Gold Standard

1| Decision

1.1 | Date – 09/12/2021

1.2 | Decision

The applied deviation request is approved. The Project Developer may continue with the design review of the project.

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_212
Date of decision	09/12/2021
Precedent (YES/NO)	No
Precedent details	N/A
Date of submission	01/12/2021
Project/PoA/VPA	Project ID – GS3411
	☐ PoA ID – GSXXXX
	☐ VPA ID – GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	Akbuk II Wind Farm Project, Turkey
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Turkey
Scale of the project/PoA/VPA	☐ Microscale ☐ Small scale ☒ Large scale
Gold Standard Impact Registry link of the project/PoA/VPA	https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/78
Status of the project/PoA/VPA	☐ New ☒ Listed ☐ Certified design ☐ Certified project
Title/subject of deviation	Exemption for the Submission Requirement Deadline
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology and version number	ACM0002 Version 20
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date 12/02/2016 End date 11/02/2021
Submitted by	Contact person name:Hakan Demir Email ID:hakand@ayen.com.tr
	Organisation: Ayen Enerji A.S.
	Project participant: Yes ☒ NO☐
Validation and Verification body (VVB opinion shall be included, where required by the applicable rules/requirements or request is submitted by the VVB).	Yes ☐ NO☒ If yes; VVB name: Auditor name:

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):

GS3411 Akbük II Wind Farm Project" started its registration activities with the consultancy agreement signed with Life Enerji on 19/11/2019. Since then, the project has been trying to complete its design certification by GS. The project has lost considerable time due to the late returns of the VVB and the validation report submitted to the system on 15/11/2021. However, Project Proponent made payment for the initiation of the GS Review on 24/11/2021, which is one day later than the deadline of 23/11/2021 stipulated in the 3.1.12 Paragraph of the "Transition Requirements" document (dated 16/08/2021) for the projects that are listed status before 01/07/2017. The main reason for missing the deadline is that the Project Proponent is a big corporate company and invoice processing requires multiple touchpoints. The payment invoices are first forwarded to the accounting unit of the company. And it takes time for the accounting unit of the company to review the payment notice and take action towards paying. Since the due date of SustainCERT's invoice was given as 24/11/2021, the accounting unit considered this date written on the invoice. For all of these reasons, the payment was conducted on 24/11/2021. As the delay is only one day and payment is made as per SustainCERT's invoice deadline, we kindly ask you to provide an exemption for the submission requirement deadline since the project has been trying to register for two years. Please also consider that eventually, the invoice was paid to SustainCERT's account within the same week of 23 November, and there were some problems due to the launch of the new portal of SustainCERT, which was offline for four days.

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 payment invoice sent by SustainCERT bears the due date of 24/11/2021; the accounting unit considered this date written on the invoice as the deadline, and the payment was conducted on 24/11/2021.

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):

The Project will lose its design certification right after trying for two years to complete due to the one day delay of invoice payment. The payment invoice bears the due date of 24/11/2021; the accounting unit considered this date written on the invoice as the deadline.

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.)