



DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1| Decision

1.1 | Date – 21/12/2021

1.2 | Decision

The deviation request is **partially approved** wherein the Project Developer is allowed to submit a request for GS labelling of CDM CERs for the project for a maximum period of three years from the date of the latest site visit (physical/remote) by a VVB. For example, if the site visit is concluded on 30/01/2022, GS labelling for CERs can only be claimed for the period on or after 30/01/2019.

The above decision is subject to fulfillment of the following two conditions:

- a) The project developer can sufficiently demonstrate that continuity in the Project's monitoring activities is maintained and PD can justify that no monitoring gaps exist within the GS labelling period (which includes elements related to GS monitoring requirements). However, if gap(s) exist, the project shall justify that conservative approach(es) have been applied in line with

section 3 of the [Deviation Approval Requirements and Procedures \(version 1.1\)](#) and overarching GS principles (as applicable).

- b) The project developer can demonstrate a successful CDM issuance for the applicable monitoring period.

The PD shall document the deviation request, its implications, and GS' decision in the appropriate section of the GS Monitoring Report (for the relevant MP). The verifying VVB shall, through appropriate means at its disposal, evaluate the Project's compliance with the above two conditions and provides its opinion in the Verification 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_220	
Date of decision	21/12/2021	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	N/A	
Date of submission	21/12/2021	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GS5632
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	Bundled 9.00 MW Wind Power Generation Project by Gangadhar Narsingdas Agrawal Group	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	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	https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/990	
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 GS 5632 against clause no 5.1.50 of GS4GG Principles and Requirements V 1.2	
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 05/10/2015	End date 31/12/2020
Submitted by	Contact person name: Navleen Kaur	
	Email ID: Navleen@enkingint.org	
	Organisation: EKI Energy Services Limited	
	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	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

<p>rules/requirements or request is submitted by the VVB).</p>	<p>If yes; VVB name: Auditor name:</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 to conduct Verification for period 05/10/2015 – 31/12/2020 without loss of any credits. Deviation is thus requested to approve the above monitoring period as the project activity verification is delayed due to COVID-19 pandemic. Also project activity is small scale (9 MW) and was not financially feasible after considering the operational costs involved in verification activity (Auditor/ consultant expenses). PP has planning to complete GS CER verification for period 05/10/2015 – 31/12/2020. The GS registration is completed on 23/10/2017. Without any duration gap, PP is verifying its emission reduction in CDM in order to mirror the Verification period of CDM & GS being the project is seeking GSCER Issuance. The project owner had decided to go ahead with the verification of the project activity and appointed the VVB to undertake the CDM & GS Verification of the project and accordingly signed the contract on 27 August-2021.

Kind request to allow PP to claim the credits for complete monitoring period without loss of any credits.

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

Not Applicable

3.2 | Assessment of the deviation:

The deviation does not 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 Project is small in size and is not financially feasible to initiate the verification process considering the uncertainties in carbon market due to economic slowdown, as the nationwide lockdown was imposed in March 2020 to limit the spread of Covid-19 Pandemic which restricted the movement of people associated with the project activity. 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 14/12/2021, stating the current status of project activity. Also it was not financially feasible for company to conduct verification earlier and this caused delay in further execution of the project in Gold Standard considering the execution costs. 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 and to issue carbon credits for the complete monitoring period without loss of any credits.

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

Not Applicable

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 in line 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. Thus

Kind request to allow PP to claim the credits for complete monitoring period without loss of any credits.

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

Not Applicable

3.4 | Documents:

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