

TEMPLATE

DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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Version **4.0**

A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1| Decision

1.1 | Date – 17/06/2022

1.2 | Decision

The deviation has been **APPROVED** considering that continuous activities have been performed since start of the project. The PD shall note that this is not a permanent approval.

The PD must make sure to submit the Annual Reports latest by end of the following year as stipulated in PRINCIPLES & REQUIREMENTS - Version 1.2 § 5.1.39 to 5.1.44. in future.

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_261	
Date of decision	17/06/2022	
Precedent (YES/NO)	NO	
Precedent details	N/A	
Date of submission	18/05/2022	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GS 7630
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	Wind energy project by KWEPL - 1	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	India	
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/2319	
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	<p>Deviation from GS4GG principles and requirement, section 5.1.39 "Transparent, annual update reports need to be provided for Projects that have achieved the Project Design Certification stage or have successfully transitioned to Gold Standard for the Global Goals. An annual report shall be submitted for each monitoring year by end of next calendar year for which verification is not completed. If a verification is in progress but not completed, then an Annual Report is still required by the end of calendar year"</p>	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology and version number	<p>Principles and requirement, version 1.2, published in October 2019, paragraph 5.1.39 indicates "Transparent, annual update reports need to be provided for Projects that have achieved the Project Design Certification stage or have successfully transitioned to Gold Standard for the Global Goals. An annual report shall be submitted for each monitoring year by end of next calendar year for which verification is not completed. If a verification is in progress but not completed, then an Annual Report is still required by the end of calendar year"</p> <p>Further Failure to provide Annual Reports as required shall result in the de- certification of the Project.</p>	

Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date 01/11/2018 End date 31/07/2021
Submitted by	Contact person name: Mr. Sumeet Singhvi Email ID: sumeet@infisolutions.org
	Organization: infinite solutions
	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 or request is submitted by the VVB).	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes. VVB name: Auditor name:

3| Deviation detail

3.1 | Description of the deviation:

The project has been design certified under Gold Standard in **25/01/2021**. The Current Project Activity is also CDM registered with CDM ID: 10405¹. However, PP has simply replicated the CDM crediting period. This is the first verification is undergoing under GS with the Monitoring period 01/11/2018 to 31/07/2021. According to the requirement, PRINCIPLES & REQUIREMENTS, **5.1.39**, "Transparent, annual update reports need to be provided for Projects that have achieved the Project Design Certification stage or have successfully transitioned to Gold Standard for the Global Goals. An annual report shall be submitted for each monitoring year by end of next calendar year for which verification is not completed. If a verification is in progress but not completed, then an Annual Report is still required by the end of calendar year" & **5.1.40** "Failure to provide Annual Reports as required shall result in the de-certification of the Project". Note that PP has undergoing the GS Verification for the monitoring period for Start date 01/11/2018 End date 31/07/2021.

In light of the challenges described below, we request a deviation to continue verification process of the project without any loss of rights regarding VER credits.

¹ <https://cdm.unfccc.int/Projects/DB/RINA1506584233.21/view>

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

The deviation does not attract any kind of risk upon environmental integrity and all the SDG contributions are achieved in-line with the registered PDD.

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

NA

3.2 | Assessment of the deviation:

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

The subject project activity owned by Khandke Wind Energy Private Limited. (KWEPL) The project attained Design Certified Status on 25/01/2021. The crediting period 1 of the project activity was 01 Nov 2018 - 31 Oct 2028 (Fixed) under CDM. However, under GS4GG 01/11/2018 to 31/07/2021 during certification process and accordingly periodic verification carried out. PP has started VVB appointment process for Verification. Since the project owner was serious towards verification process and the project is compiling all requirements as per GS guideline, the project owner is requesting Gold Standard for allowing the performance review of the current certification cycle .GS crediting period cycle will be from 01/11/2018 to 31/10/2023.

Although on the behalf of PP Mr. Akash Joshi has sent e-mail on dated May 13,2022. The delay in submission to annual report due to the unique difficulties the project has had to faced:

lack of information: The team who were dealing Carbon projects there is lack of information as PP has Mirrored the CDM crediting period as the first verification under the GS as 01/11/2018 to 31/07/2021.as there is no gap in between the Verification period. As the team has not competent enough to understand terminologies used in the Carbon mechanisms. The lack of information for GS4GG certification has the main reason.

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 deviation of this project lies in the deviation of the submission of annual report. During the delay period, the project owner has continued to monitor all parameters which were validated and approved during the verification. 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 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 overestimated because 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 crediting 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.

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

NA

3.4 | Documents: