

TEMPLATE

DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1| Decision

1.1 | Date – 27/06/2022

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_272	
Date of decision	27/06/2022	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	-	
Date of submission	06/06/2022	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GS 7080
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	72 MWac Ramnad Solar Power Project	
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/1427	
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 26/10/2018 End date 31/12/2020
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 **26/10/2020**. The Current Project Activity is also CDM registered with CDM ID: 10582¹. This is the first verification is undergoing under GS with the Monitoring period 26/10/2018 to 31/12/2020 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 26/10/2018 to 31/12/2020

In light of the challenges described below, we request a deviation to continue verification process of the project without de- certification of the Project.

¹ <https://cdm.unfccc.int/Projects/DB/Appendix1595925633.68/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 Ramnad Solar Power Limited. The project attained Design Certified Status on 26/10/2020 and was registered in CDM on 27/08/2020, the monitoring period for 26/10/2018 to 31/12/2020 this is the first periodic verification. PP has started VVB appointment process for verification. Since the project owner was serious towards verification. The Final verification report, monitoring report, ER sheet was uploaded on 25/09/2021 and was publicly available since then.

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 lack the information as it is the first verification under the GS .As the team has not competent enough to understand terminologies used in the Carbon mechanisms. The lack of information for GS4GG certification is the main reason. Also the verification was expected to complete in 2021 however as the team is new payment process to sustainCert took lot of time and the performance review was shifted to 2022. Parallely the project has undergone transition review which was completed on 16/03/2022. The lack of information regarding the guidelines has caused the delay in submission of Annual report. Project proponent from the very beginning has tried its level best to ensure all guidelines are being met as the project will not be able to sustain itself in absence of carbon revenue.

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 project proponent has not claimed credits so far this is the 1st verification. The project needs carbon credits to continue its operation. In the absence of carbon credits, the project will not be able to sustain itself.

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.

The project proponent has not claimed credits so far this is the 1st verification. The project has been transitioned from GSCER to GSVER on 16/03/2022. The project needs carbon credits to continue its operation. In the absence of carbon credits, the project will not be able to sustain itself.

In the future project proponent will ensure that the annual reports are submitted on time. For 2021 the project proponent will ensure that it is submitted before December 2022.

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

NA

3.4 | Documents:

Annual report

if required the project owner can submit any kind of supporting sought by GS.