

TEMPLATE

DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

PUBLICATION DATE **11.04.2021**

Version **5.0**

A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1 | Decision

1.0 | Date – 28/07/2022

1.1 | Decision

The deviation is not approved.

In-line to para 6.5.1. of Annex B of [GHG Emissions Reduction & Sequestration Product Requirements v.2.1](#) the project transitioned from GS-CER to GS-VER shall follow the GS4GG certification cycle of 5 years.

1.2 | 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_281	
Date of decision	28/07/2022	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	N/A	
Date of submission	01/07/2022	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GS567
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	Amayo 40 MW Wind Power Project – Nicaragua	
Date of listing	August 27th, 2010 (GS Registration Date) April 12th, 2009 (CDM Registration Date)	
GS Standard version applicable	Gold Standard for the Global Goals	
Date of transition to GS4GG (if applicable)	July 19th, 2021	
Date of transition to Gold Standard from another standard (e.g. CDM) (if applicable)	August 27th, 2010	
Date of design certification/inclusion (if applicable)	August 27th, 2010	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Nicaragua	
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/1002	
Status of the project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Listed <input type="checkbox"/> Certified design <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified project	
Title/subject of deviation	Request CP2 to be 7 years instead of 5 years after transition from GS-CDM to GS-VER	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	GHG EMISSIONS REDUCTION & SEQUESTRATION PRODUCT REQUIREMENTS, Version 2.1 ANNEX B – Requirements & Procedure to Transition Projects from Other Standards to Gold Standard for The Global Goals Paragraph 6.5.1	

Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date 28/06/2016 End date 11/04/2021 The CP under GS-CER stream lasted until 11/04/2023
Submitted by	Contact person name: Martin Schaffer
	Email ID: martin.schaffer@inkiaenergy.com
	Organisation: Consorcio Eólico Amayo, S.A.
	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: VVB Staff name(s):
Any previous deviations approved for the same project activity/PoA/VPA(s)?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

3 | Deviation detail

3.0 | 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](#).*

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

Summary

Project Amayo I (GS ID 567) requests for its 2nd CP to be 7 years instead of 5 years after switching from GS-CDM to GS-VER, maintaining the on-going 7-year CP cycle under GS-VER stream until expiration (11 Apr 23, year 14 of the project), and at the time of the 3rd CP renewal (12 Apr 2023) align to the 5-year cycle, being aware that this last renewal will only be valid for 1-year (12 Apr 23 – 11 Apr 24) in order to comply with the 15 years maximum CP stipulated in the Renewable Energy Activity Requirements.

Detail

- In 2019, project Amayo I (GS ID 567) was registered as CDM.

- In 2010, the project was also registered with GS under a GS-CER stream, GS version 1.0.
- On 19th July 2021, the project successfully transitioned to GS4GG with an approved 7-year CP cycle.
- On May 2nd, 2022, the project successfully switched stream from GS-CER to GS-VER without further considerations.

The stream switch from GS-CER to GS-VER was requested and approved in 2022, 1 year 1 month after the project completed 5 of the 7-year of the 2nd CP.

Project Amayo I (GS ID 567):

- 1st CP: 12 Apr 09 to 11 Apr 16 (7 years)
- 2nd CP:
 - 5-year CP: 28 Jul 16 to **11 Apr 21¹**
 - 7-year CP: 28 Jul 16 to **11 Apr 23** - Requested under this deviation

The implication for the project under the 5-year 2nd CP cycle (28 Jul 16 to 11 Apr 21) is that the project would not be able to directly claim GS-VER emission reductions from 12 Apr 21 until the 3rd CP renewal (end of 2022 or later), increasing the administrative burden and costs for the project.

Please note that the project does not seek to claim GS-VERs longer than the 15 years maximum crediting period stipulated in the Renewable Energy Activity Requirements.

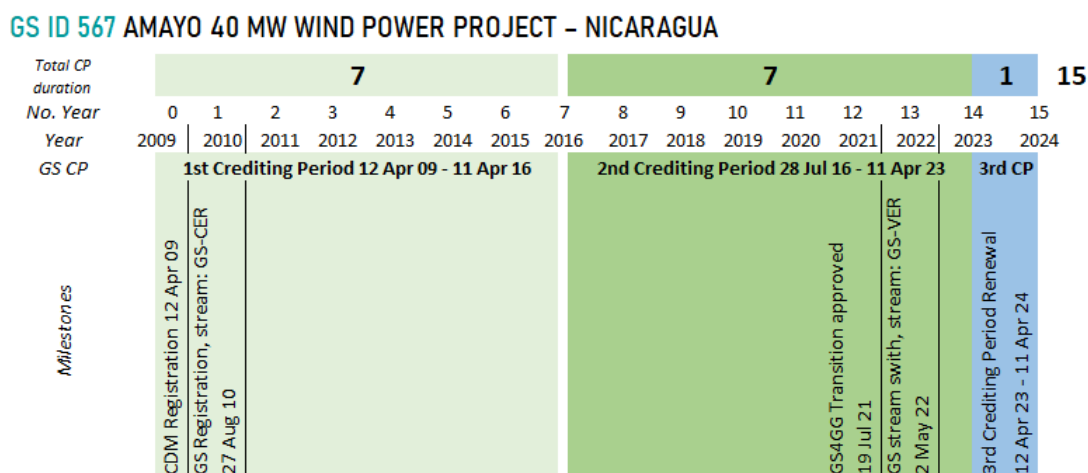
Deviation Request

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¹ GHG EMISSIONS REDUCTION & SEQUESTRATION PRODUCT REQUIREMENTS Version 2.0, ANNEX B | 6.5.1 | Transition project, PoA/CPAs shall follow GS4GG certification cycle for crediting period renewal (e.g. 5 years) in order to issue or convert issued emission reductions to GSVERs under GS4GG.

5-year cycle, being aware that this last renewal will only be valid for 1-year (12 Apr 23 – 11 Apr 24) aligning to the 15 years maximum CP stipulated in the Renewable Energy Activity Requirements.

Below a representation graph.



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

**Guidance* If required by SustainCERT or Gold Standard for this particular deviation, please add here the VVB's opinion.*

Not applicable

3.1 | 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.*

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

The project AMAYO I (GS ID 567) has been successfully Gold Standard certified since 2010. The requested approach bears no risk for detriment to GS and has no bearing whatsoever on the total emission reductions to be claimed, as these do not seek to claim GS-VERs longer than the 15 years maximum, and the projects could've obtained

the same reductions by converting GS-CERs to GS-VERs under the on-going 7-year CP instead of switching streams.

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

**Guidance* If required by SustainCERT or Gold Standard for this particular deviation, please add here the VVB's opinion.*

Not applicable

3.2 | 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.*

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

No impact envisaged on project design, safeguarding principles assessment, SDG assessment, emissions reductions, monitoring frequency, data quality, potential risk or any other relevant aspect of the project.

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

**Guidance* If required by SustainCERT or Gold Standard for this particular deviation, please add here the VVB's opinion.*

Not applicable

3.3 | 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.)*

Version number	Release date	Description
5	11.04.2022	Additional information added: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - date of listing, design certification, transition - standard version - specific reference to a requirement deviated from - any previous deviations/design changes approved Guidance on VVB opinion
4	14.01.2021	
3	16.07.2020	
2	03.05.2018	
1	01.07.2017	Initial adoption