

TEMPLATE

DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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Version **5.0**

A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1| Decision

1.1 | Date – 27/09/2022

1.2 | Decision

The deviation request is not approved since the Project Developer could not provide a valid justification for allowing retroactive certification for more than 2 years . The project developer must comply with para 5.1.37 of [GS Principles and Requirements V1.2](#).

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_306	
Date of decision	27/09/2022	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	N/A	
Date of submission	09/09/2022	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GS3852
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	TOKAT LANDFILL GAS TO ELECTRICITY PROJECT	
Date of listing	20/07/2015	
GS Standard version applicable	GS Version 2.2 VER	
Date of transition to GS4GG (if applicable)	-	
Date of transition to Gold Standard from another standard (e.g. CDM) (if applicable)	-	
Date of design certification/inclusion (if applicable)	30/12/2021	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Turkey, Tokat	
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/1629	
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	Monitoring Period Extension	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	AMS-III.G Version 10.0 AMS-I.D Version 18.0	

Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date 30/12/2019 End date 4/11/2022
Submitted by	Contact person name: Hakkı Azizlerlioglu Email ID: hakkia@herenerji.com.tr
	Organisation: Her Enerji ve Çevre Teknolojileri Elektrik Üretim A.Ş.
	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

3.1 | 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):

The Project's crediting period has been defined as 30/12/2019 - 29/12/2024, considering the crediting period starts from maximum 2 years prior to the date of registration, and the registration of the Project was completed on 30/12/2021. The project owner now wants to continue with the first performance certification of the Project.

As per paragraph 5.1.37 of GS Principles and Requirements V1.2, the maximum period for Retroactive Certification is two years prior to the date of Design Certification. However, with this deviation request, we would like the Performance Certification to take place from 30/12/2019 to 04/11/2022 (dd/mm/yyyy) for 2 years and ten months.

The physical site visit of the Project Activity will be conducted on 04/11/2022. The Project is a small-scale landfill gas to electricity project with limited income and directly additional as per applied methodology.

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.*

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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):

Since the Project is a small-scale landfill gas to electricity project operational in a relatively poorer, rural area in Turkey with limited income, carbon certification plays an important role in the continuation of the project activity and the region's development. It will make a huge difference for this small-scale Project to perform the certification for 2 years and 10 months instead of 2 years. The low electricity rates produced by the project activity are sold to the market at uncertain and low prices. Carbon certification income is much more critical and very much needed for this project activity.

The Project will continue to monitor the relevant SDG contributions for the extensional period. The Project will also continue to align with the Safeguarding Principles and Requirements for the extensional period, namely 10 months. Moreover, the deviation does not affect the additionality since the Project is directly additional and does not affect the project design.

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.*

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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):

If the Monitoring Period is 30/12/2019 – 04/11/2022 with a physical site visit, the Project can certify almost two years and ten months instead of two years. Since the Project is a small-scale landfill gas to electricity project with limited income, carbon certification income is critical. The Project will monitor the relevant monitoring parameters from 30/12/2019 to 04/11/2022 for two years and ten months instead of two years. The Project will also continue to monitor the relevant SDG contributions for the extensional period. The Project will also continue to align with the Safeguarding Principles and Requirements for the extensional period. Moreover, the deviation does not affect the additionality since the Project is directly additional, and the deviation does not also affect the project design.

3.3.2 | 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.*

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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.)*

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