

TEMPLATE

# DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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## A. To be completed by Gold Standard

### 1 | Decision

#### 1.1 | Date – 26/12/2022

#### 1.2 | Decision

The deviation has been APPROVED considering that the 'Design Certified' status was achieved in December 2022 only.

However, 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_342	
Date of decision	26/12/2022	
Precedent (YES/NO)	NO	
Precedent details	N/A	
Date of submission	21/12/2022	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GS7622
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	Çaypınar Wind Farm Project, Turkey	
Date of listing	02/06/2020	
GS Standard version applicable	GS4GG	
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)	21/06/2022	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Türkiye	
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	<a href="https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/13">https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/13</a>	
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	Annual Report Extension	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	ACM0002 Version 20	
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date 29/10/2020      End date TBD 1st Performance Certification of 1st Crediting Period-Ongoing	
Submitted by	Contact person name: Hakan Demir	
	Email ID: <a href="mailto:hakand@ayen.com.tr">hakand@ayen.com.tr</a> Organisation: Ayen Enerji 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):

Çaypınar Wind Farm Project, Turkey (GS7622) is registered under Gold Standard as a large-scale wind power plant with 24 MWe installed capacity on 21/06/2022. The project started operation on 29/10/2020. The project is preparing for its first performance review.

As per rule 5.1.42 which is "An annual update report shall be provided to GS -when design certification is achieved- for each monitoring year by the end of next calendar year for which verification is not completed" project was required to submit annual update reports before the end of the following year.

Unfortunately, the PP was not fully aware an Annual Update Report was required for the year 2020, since the project is listed on 02/06/2020 and started operation on 29/10/2022 and only operated 2 months in 2020. The project continued operation during this period and achieved design certification on 21/06/2022.

The project did not request or benefit from any exemptions up to date, and there is no adverse impact associated with the project.

PP acknowledged the importance of annual update reports and will provide future reports at the latest by the end of the following year as stipulated in Principles & Requirements in the future.

We kindly request the 2020 annual update report to be registered retroactively with this deviation form.

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):

As per Section 5.1.39 of Principles & Requirements document, an annual report shall be submitted for each monitoring year by end of the 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.

If our request is accepted, one remaining issue about the Annual Report will be closed, the successful and timely completion of the verification process will be ensured, the issuance of credits will be carried out without any difficulties.

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):

In the case the project is liable to article 5.1.39 of the Principles & Requirements document, it will lose its right to get applied to Gold Standard due to not being able to complete the Annual Report by the end of 2021 and PD's unawareness of the importance of the Annual Update Report.

Finally, considering that continuous activities have been carried out since the project's beginning, the project developer hopes the result of the deviation assessment is positive and PP is waiting for approval of the verification process.

Also, PP will submit the due Annual Update Reports of the following year as stipulated in Principles & Requirements in the future.

### 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"> <li>- date of listing, design certification, transition</li> <li>- standard version</li> <li>- specific reference to a requirement deviated from</li> <li>- any previous deviations/design changes approved</li> </ul> Guidance on VVB opinion
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3	16.07.2020	
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1	01.07.2017	Initial adoption