

**TEMPLATE**

# DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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## **A. To be completed by Gold Standard**

### **1 | Decision**

#### **1.1 | Date – 31/01/2023**

#### **1.2 | Decision**

The deviation request is approved.

The Project Developer shall document the deviation request, its implications, and GS' decision in the appropriate section of the PDD/Monitoring Report (for the relevant MP).

The verifying VVB shall, through appropriate means at its disposal, evaluate the Project's compliance with the above-mentioned conditions and provide its opinion in the Validation/Verification Report.

SustainCert shall review both the PD's response and the VVB's assessment/opinion of the same and take appropriate steps.

**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

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Further, being a large scale project activity, we were seeking deviation from GS through email submission dated 17/12/2022, regarding to process the project under methodology ACM0002 - "Grid-connected electricity generation from renewable sources".

GS has not approved the meth deviation (through email communication dated 05/01/2023) on the basis as this cannot be considered a deviation request as it falls under VVB purview to ensure that the applied methodology effectively caters to the baseline as well as project emission scenario.

As per GS notification of delay for preliminary review during COVID-19 period "all projects seeking GS4GG certification, that have their start date on or between 01/10/2019 to 01/03/2022 and could not meet the first submission timelines as required by GS4GG Principles and Requirements and Stakeholder Consultation and Engagement Requirements V1.2".

The projects with a start date on or between 01/10/2019 to 01/03/2022 are required to complete Annex 1 (Notification Form – Preliminary Review) and submit the word version (.docx) to help@goldstandard.org no later than 31/12/2022.

Since our project having start date is 25/06/2021, we need to submit the notification till 31/12/2022.

But our meth. deviation request was under consideration by GS and we were awaiting the response from GS, we hereby request GS secretariate to allow us for submission of notification form and initial submission of our project activity for preliminary review.

Deviation Reference Number	DEV_363	
Date of decision	31/01/2023	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	NA	
Date of submission	06/01/2023	
Project/PoA/VPA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	-	
Date of listing	-	
GS Standard version applicable	-	
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)	-	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Host country(ies) 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		
Status of the project/PoA/VPA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Listed <input type="checkbox"/> Certified design <input type="checkbox"/> Certified project	
Title/subject of deviation	Deviation for submission form – Preliminary review	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	Rule update: NOTIFICATION OF DELAY FOR PRELIMINARY REVIEW DURING COVID-19 PERIOD , Requirement , Para 1.2.1	
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date	End date
Submitted by	Contact person name: Mr. Rahul Kulkarni	
	Email ID: <a href="mailto:rahul.kulkarni@enkingint.org">rahul.kulkarni@enkingint.org</a>	
	Organisation: EKI Energy Services Ltd.	

	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 type="checkbox"/>

### 3| Deviation detail

#### 3.1 | Description of the deviation:

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

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

Not applicable

### **3.2 | Assessment of the deviation:**

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

Since this is a procedural delay for submission of notification form and initial submission of our project activity for preliminary review after 31/12/2022, does not have any impact on project seeking GS4GG certification requirement.

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):

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

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

Not applicable

### 3.4 | Documents:

Not applicable

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
4	14.01.2021	
3	16.07.2020	
2	03.05.2018	
1	01.07.2017	Initial adoption