

TEMPLATE

DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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Version **5.0**

A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1 | Decision

1.1 | Date – 09/02/2023

1.2 | Decision

The deviation has been APPROVED based on the conditions below:

- 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.
- The PD must ensure that continuity in the project's monitoring activities is maintained, and PD is able to justify that no monitoring gaps exist (especially for SDG parameters) within the Monitoring Period(s). However, if gap(s) exist, the project shall justify that conservative approach(es) have been applied in line with the Deviation Approval Requirements.

The PD shall document the deviation request, its implications, and GS' decision in the appropriate section of the GS Monitoring Report (for the relevant MP). The verifying VVB shall, through appropriate means at its disposal, evaluate the Project's compliance with the above two condition(s) and provides its opinion in the 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

Deviation Reference Number	DEV_368	
Date of decision	09/02/2023	
Precedent (YES/NO)	NO	
Precedent details	N/A	
Date of submission	12/12/2022	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GS1303
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	Karadere Wind Power Plant	
Date of listing	-	
GS Standard version applicable	GS4GG	
Date of transition to GS4GG (if applicable)	31/03/2020	
Date of transition to Gold Standard from another standard (e.g. CDM) (if applicable)	-	
Date of design certification/inclusion (if applicable)	13/11/2014	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Host country(ies)	
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/175	
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 17	
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date 01/10/2019 End date 20/06/2021 4 th Performance Certification of 1 st Crediting Period-Ongoing	

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	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):

Karadere Wind Power Plant (GS1303) project registered under Gold Standard as a large-scale wind power plant with 19.2 MWe installed capacity on 13/11/2014.

All Gold Standard processes such as Verifications, GS4GG Transition and Revalidation were implemented regularly during the first crediting period of the project. In the second crediting period, the PD also plans to conduct all necessary processes regularly and complied with all GS rules and requirements for this project.

PP intended to conduct site visits annually and complete the verification process simultaneously after site visits instead of submitting annual reports. Unfortunately, PP failed to conduct site visits because of COVID-19; and the Project Proponent couldn't complete the verification process annually. When the Project Proponent could not conduct the site visit that PD planned to conduct in 2020 due to covid, this delay also interrupted the completion of the verification process or the fulfilment of the annual

report submission requirement. So, the delay in submitting the annual report for 2020 has been caused mainly by Covid-19.

Till now, Karadere WPP has conducted its performance certification processes regularly and complied with all GS rules and requirements. Also, Karadere WPP continued its regular activities in 2020 and 2021 and did not undergo any design changes. During the past few months, the fourth performance certification for the first crediting period was started to carry out for the 01/10/2019-20/06/2021 period successfully. Since this performance certification covers the years 2020 and 2021, the Project Activity monitors the relevant SDG contributions and aligns with the Safeguarding Principles and Requirements for 2020 and 2021, too; this one remaining issue about the Annual Report jeopardizes the successful and timely completion of the revalidation process and, subsequently, the issuance of credits. We would like to point out that Karadere WPP did not request or benefit from any exemptions up to date, and there is no adverse situation associated with this project.

Finally, considering that continuous activities have been carried out since the project's beginning, we hope this comment will be closed. Unfortunately, the PD was not fully aware of the importance of the Annual Report but is now considering it extremely important. Therefore, PD will submit due Annual Reports latest by the end of the following year as stipulated in Principles & Requirements in the future.

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 by the reason of Covid-19 and PD's fully unawareness of the importance of the Annual 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, PD will submit due Annual Reports latest by the end 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"> - 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