

TEMPLATE

DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1 | Decision

1.1 | Date – 20/02/2023

1.2 | Decision

The deviation request is approved for the monitoring period 20/08/2020- 28/02/2023.

The VVB shall however:

1. Comply with all the other relevant requirements of the [Site Visit and Remote Audit Requirements and Procedures](#) to carry out the remote audit.
2. Submit the [Audit techniques – Gold Standard for the Global Goals](#) (Annex 3 of GS4GG Remote Audit and Site Visit Requirements) along with the verification report.

The project developer shall:

1. Note that a physical site visit shall be carried out as part of the next periodic verification. The same shall be raised as a Forward Action Request by the VVB.
2. Document the deviation request, its implications, and GS' decision in the appropriate section(s) of the GS PDD.

The Certification Body shall review both the project developer'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_370	
Date of decision	20/02/2023	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	NA	
Date of submission	14/02/2023	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GS GS 390
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	Belen Wind Power Plant Project, Turkey	
Date of listing	-	
GS Standard version applicable	GS4GGG	
Date of transition to GS4GG (if applicable)	30/01/2023	
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	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	https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/1642	
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	Remote site visit due to earthquake in Turkey	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology	ACM0002 "Grid-connected electricity generation from renewable sources", version 13.0	

gy, with exact paragraph reference and version number	
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date 28/08/2020 End date 28/02/2023
Submitted by	Contact person name: SILA DURAN Email ID: sila@sekansdanismanlik.com Organisation: Sekans Danışmanlık Project participant: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" 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 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 verification site visit of the project activity was planned on 06/03/2023. Due to devastating earthquakes in Turkey on 06/02/2023, unfortunately, many people passed away and still many of them are trying to survive. The project is in Hatay and the city is the most affected place by the earthquake. Specialized civilian and military teams are still going to the region to rescue people who have been affected by the disaster and take aid for the needs. The airports (Adana and Gaziantep) close to these sites are all “gone” and their remains are solely used for support-flights for quite a while.

We thought to postpone the verifications however we don't know how much time it would take for the region to be made up and really "good". People are also worried about epidemic illness as tetanus and cholera.

We do not want to prevent any of effort of helping people for victims and also want to protect safety of VVB and consultant teams, we'd like to request the site visit to be executed "remotely".

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.*

The request for remote site visit of the VVB was sent to GS on 07/02/2023.

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):

The project's latest site visit dates are as below:

- 07/08/2020 - remote site visit due to COVID deviation
- 30/05/2013 – physical site visit

The Project activity's last issuance was finalized on 18/05/2021.

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):

Requirements For Audits Using Remote Audit Techniques will be applied in cooperation with the VVB.

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