

TEMPLATE

1.1 | Deviation request form

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Version **5.0**

A. To be completed by Gold Standard

2 | Decision

2.1 | Date – 05/04/2023

2.2 | Decision

The deviation request is not approved.

The project has transitioned from GSCER to GS-VER and shall follow Annex B of [GHG Emissions Reductions & Sequestration Product Requirements](#) for setting the length of the crediting period.

The project developer shall:

- a) Ensure that continuity in the project's monitoring activities is maintained and the project developer 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 section 3 of the [Deviations Approval Requirements and Procedures](#) (Version 1.2) and overarching GS principles (as applicable).

- b) 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-mentioned conditions and provide its opinion in the Verification Report.

The certification body shall review both the project developer's response and the VVB's assessment/opinion of the same and take appropriate steps.

2.3 | 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)

3| Background information

Deviation Reference Number	DEV_379	
Date of decision	05/04/2021	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	NA	
Date of submission	03/03/2023	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GS 4531
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	WIND POWER PROJECT BY MARKDATA GREEN ENERGY (EKIESL-CDM.JANUARY-15-01)	
Date of listing	30/12/2017	
GS Standard version applicable	GS4GG	
Date of transition to GS4GG (if applicable)	16/07/2018	
Date of transition to Gold Standard from another standard (e.g. CDM) (if applicable)	30/04/2021	
Date of design certification/inclusion (if applicable)	11/12/2017	
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/798	
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	Deviation Request for GS 4531 against clause no 10.6.1 of GHG EMISSIONS REDUCTION & SEQUESTRATION PRODUCT REQUIREMENTS V 2.1.	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodolog	Deviation is requested from clause no 10.6.1 of GHG EMISSIONS REDUCTION & SEQUESTRATION	

y, with exact paragraph reference and version number	PRODUCT REQUIREMENTS V 2.1 which states that " CDM Project seeking labelling of issued CERs (GSCERs) shall mirror the CDM crediting period renewal cycle for Certification Renewals (e.g. 7 years)".
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date End date
Submitted by	Contact person name: Vipul Sahu
	Email ID: vipul.sahu@enkingint.org
	Organisation: EKI Energy Services Limited
	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 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"/>

4 | Deviation detail

4.1 | Description of the deviation:

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

Design certification date of the subject project activity on 11/12/2017. The crediting period of the project activity considered from 06/03/2018 but the end date of crediting period and duration are not same across transition annex (7 years), transition form (7 years), latest MR (5 and 7 years), latest FVR (5 years) and Webpage (5 years). During the ongoing verification activity, inconsistent crediting period dates are observed.

Project Proponent had plan to complete the renewal process before end of the crediting period date as per renewal of CP requirement given in clause no. 5.1.45 of PRINCIPLES & REQUIREMENTS V 1.2. As per clause no 10.6.1 of GHG EMISSIONS REDUCTION & SEQUESTRATION PRODUCT REQUIREMENTS V 2.1 which states that " CDM Project

seeking labelling of issued CERs (GSCERs) shall mirror the CDM crediting period renewal cycle for Certification Renewals (e.g. 7 years)."

However, PP was not aware about this requirement and no notification mail received from Gold Standard to comply it. This has been noticed during the discussion with VVB in ongoing verification of the project activity.

With the 5 and 7 year of crediting period confusion cycle. PP seek deviation to mirror crediting period in line with CDM as per clause no. 10.6.1 has been updated in GHG EMISSIONS REDUCTION & SEQUESTRATION PRODUCT REQUIREMENTS V 2.1.

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

Not Applicable

4.2 | Assessment of the deviation:

The deviation does not attract any kind of risk upon environmental integrity and all the SDG contributions are achieved in-line with the registered PDD.

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

The subject project activity is owned by Markdata Green Energy Private Limited. The project attained Design Certified Status on 06/03/2018 under GS4GG. The crediting period of the project activity was considered 06/03/2018 to 05/03/2025 during the certification process and accordingly, periodic verification was carried out.

However, it has been noticed in ongoing verification that there requirement as per clause no. 10.6.1 has been updated in GHG EMISSIONS REDUCTION & SEQUESTRATION PRODUCT REQUIREMENTS V 2.1 to mirror the crediting period of CDM & GS. This has not been aware by the client and a clarification mail had sought to GS on the said subject.

Since the project owner was serious towards renewal of crediting period and there is no delay from their end and is compiling all requirements as per GS guideline, the project owner is requesting Gold Standard for allowing the renewal date to be the first day after the end date of the current certification cycle in order to mirror the CDM Issuance cycle as the crediting period is same in CDM and GS and the project is able to label the CER's

issued from CDM for the complete crediting period. To mirror the CDM crediting period cycle, the GS crediting period cycle will be from 06/03/2018 to 05/03/2025.

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

Not Applicable

4.3 | Impact of the deviation:

4.3.1 | Impact assessment (to be completed by Project developer):

The above deviation will not cause any impact upon the data quality or attract any potential risk on GS related to any issuance or any other material impact affecting the quality of the project and thus no any potential risk is attributed to GS Project activity in particular.

The deviation requested adheres to the Principles and Requirements set forth by GS4GG and complies with:

- Environmental Integrity- The GSCER's generated from the project activity are not over estimated as a result of deviation and conservativeness are ensured.
- Contribution to Sustainable Development Goals- SDG contributions that the project is designed to achieve are in line with GS4GG requirements and the above deviation does not have any potential impact upon the certified SDG's claimed during the current crediting period.
- Safeguarding Principles and requirements- The deviation does not create any impact upon the safeguarding principles and requirements set forth by GS4GG.
- Compliance with Host Country Regulations- The project does not create any conflict with Host Country regulations and all the host country regulations are followed.

It is to be noted that last GS verification audit for monitoring period from 01/05/2021 to 31/03/2022 was conducted on 17/02/2023 and the GS verification final documents are submitted to GS for review purpose. There is no any monitoring data gap for the project activity and monitoring is done as per registered monitoring plan. Thus deviation do not have any impact on quality of project and all Principles and Requirements set forth by GS4GG are followed by project activity.

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

Not Applicable

4.4 | Documents:

Correspondence mail on the subject.

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