

TEMPLATE

DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1 | Decision

1.0 | Date – 22/05/2023

1.1 | Decision

The deviation request is not approved.

The project developer shall comply with section 6.5 of [GHG Emissions Reductions & Sequestration Product Requirements](#) which states that Transition project, PoA/CPAs shall follow GS4GG certification cycle for crediting period renewal (e.g. 5 years) in order to issue or convert issued emission reductions to GSVERs under GS4GG.

The project developer shall document the deviation request, its implications, and GS' decision in the appropriate section of the GS PDD.

The validating VVB shall, through appropriate means at its disposal, evaluate the Project's compliance with the above-mentioned condition and provides its opinion in the Validation 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_410	
Date of decision	15/05/2023	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	NA	
Date of submission	10/04/2023	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GS 4532
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	WIND POWER PROJECT IN MAHARASHTRA STATE, INDIA	
Date of listing	09/10/2016	
GS Standard version applicable	GS4GG	
Date of transition to GS4GG (if applicable)	28/05/2018	
Date of transition to Gold Standard from another standard (e.g. CDM) (if applicable)	09/10/2016	
Date of design certification/inclusion (if applicable)	01/06/2016	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Host country(ies)	
Scale of the project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> Microscale <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small scale <input type="checkbox"/> Large scale	
Gold Standard Impact Registry link of the project/PoA/VPA	https://platform.sustain-cert.com/public-project/851	
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	Requesting for granting crediting period cycle from the GS transition date.	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	N.A.	

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	
	Organization: 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"/>	

3| Deviation detail

3.0 | Description of the deviation:

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

The project is registered in CDM on 24/07/2015 with fixed (10 years) crediting period and same is visible in the below link

<https://cdm.unfccc.int/Projects/DB/SGS-UKL1435153630.26/view>

The project was registered for GSV2.2 on 09/10/2016 consistent with CDM crediting period i.e. Fixed (10 years) in line with guideline of V.a.1. of GSV2.2 available during the registration time of the project.

Afterward, the project is transited to GS4GG on 28/05/2018. Performance review concluded on retroactive verification.

The GS V2.2 passport, transition annex (form and review closure document), last monitoring report, recent verification report throughout mentions 10 years fixed crediting period.

Project proponent understanding is that no further renewal required in the crediting period as initially project registered in the GSV2.2 which allowed to considered the CDM fixed crediting period.

The project developer is serious about the Carbon proceeds and the project is continuously verifying carbon credits since registration. Currently GS CER to GS VER transition (Second round comments received) is under process.

The deviation seeks to get approval to process the next verification and GS VER transition with fixed crediting period since it was registered with the fixed crediting in line with GSV2.2 available during the registration time of the project.

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

Not Applicable

3.1 | 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.

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

The project developer is serious about the Carbon proceeds, the project is continuously verifying carbon credits since registration. The last performance review was accepted on 10/06/2022. the subsequent verification's (01/01/2021 to 31/03/2022) VVB is appointed and freshly concluded the site visit on 13/03/2023, simultaneously working on completing the GSCER to GSVER transition and in second review comment FAR¹ is received regarding re-validation under GS VER to claim CP2 24/07/2020 – 23/07/2025.

Project developer is uncertain about the rules and regulations regarding the renewal of the crediting period for their project, which has a fixed crediting period. The project was transitioned to the Gold Standard for Global Goals (GS4GG) on 28/05/2018.

The request being made is for Gold Standard to take into account the period of time between the first and second crediting periods without any credit loss, also requesting

¹ FAR # 1: After GS CDM TO GS VER transition, the PD shall contract VVB for re validation under GS VER to claim CP2 24/07/2020 – 23/07/2025.

to grant renewal of second crediting period (24/07/2020 – 23/07/2025) after end date of first crediting period (24/07/2015 – 23/07/2025).

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

Not Applicable

3.2 | Impact of the deviation:

3.2.1 | 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.

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

Not Applicable

3.3 | 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