

TEMPLATE

DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1 | Decision

1.0 | Date – 26/05/2023

1.1 | Decision

The deviation request is not approved.

The Project Developer shall refer to clause 2.1.4 of the [Transition Requirements](#) which state that, 'Projects that were under the listing or validation process at time of launch of GS4GG (01/07/2017) can request for registration/design review with applied version of the standard before 23/11/2021. Such projects must demonstrate compliance with the requirements mentioned in paragraph 3.1.12 below, and transition to GS4GG at the time of first verification after 23/11/2021.'

Since the project was under the listing stage at the time of launch of GS4GG (01/07/2017), project developer must show compliance with the requirements mentioned in paragraph 3.1.12 of the [Transition Requirements](#).

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

1.2 | 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_414	
Date of decision	26/05/2023	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	NA	
Date of submission	08/05/2023	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GS3411
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	Akbuluk II Wind Farm Project, Turkey	
Date of listing	18/05/2020	
GS Standard version applicable	GS4GG	
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)	19/01/2022	
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/578	
Status of the project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Listed <input type="checkbox"/> Certified design <input type="checkbox"/> Certified project	
Title/subject of deviation	Exemption from Article 3.1.12(b) of the Gold Standard TRANSITION REQUIREMENTS (version 2.0) document	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology	ACM0002 Version 20	

, with exact paragraph reference and version number	
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date - End date -
Submitted by	Contact person name: Hakan Demir
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	Organisation: Ayen Enerji A. Ş.
	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

3.0 | 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](#).*

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

This deviation request is submitted to the Gold Standard regarding the exemption needed for Akbuk II Wind Farm Project's (hereon referred to as "the project") from the article 3.1.12(b) of the Gold Standard TRANSITION REQUIREMENTS (publication date: 16/08/2021, version 2.0) document. The project was listed under Gold Standard with ID 3411, as a large-scale wind power plant with 20.0 MWe installed capacity on 18/05/2020.

As per paragraph 3.1.12 of the Transition Requirements (version 2.0) document, "Projects/PoAs that are under listing or validation process at the time of launch of GS4GG (01/07/2017) shall follow, as applicable, the requirements, procedures and

timeframes listed below to achieve Design Certification under previous versions of the Standard:

- a) Such Projects/PoAs must have engaged a VVB and shall submit the request for registration/design review before 23/11/2021. Such projects/PoAs shall transition to GS4GG at the time of first verification after 23/11/2021, and
- b) For such projects/PoAs,
 - The Project Developer (PD)/Coordinating/Managing Entity (CME) shall demonstrate that "continuing and real actions were performed to secure Design Certification". "

Applicable GS standard version is GS4GG for Akbuk II Wind Farm Project, as the project was listed under Gold Standard on 18/05/2020. For this reason, the project activity didn't go through a transition, and it isn't required to comply with item 3.1.12 (b) of Transition Requirements (v2.0), to which Projects that are under listing or validation process at the time of launch of GS4GG (01/07/2017) shall follow to achieve Design Certification under previous versions of the Standard. However, the Project Activity's Listing was completed as per GS4GG, for which the Project Activity's Crediting Period was set as five years, not seven years.

We kindly request, with this deviation request form, an exemption from the article 3.1.12(b) of the Gold Standard TRANSITION REQUIREMENTS (publication date: 16/08/2021, version 2.0) document. This way, the project validation process will continue without being liable to any sort of the documentary evidence that can be found in the aforementioned Gold Standard document.

We kindly request your understanding and assistance in this regard.

3.0.2 | 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.*

3.1 | 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.*

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

We would like to emphasise again that the GS4GG projects should be exempted from the article 3.1.12(b) of the Gold Standard TRANSITION REQUIREMENTS (version 2.0) document, and these rules are mandatory for the projects performed under GS previous versions.

If our request is accepted, the project will complete its validation process without submitting the documentary evidence that are requested by GS and get successfully registered to Gold Standard. So, we kindly request, with this deviation request form, an exemption from the article 3.1.12(b) of the Gold Standard TRANSITION REQUIREMENTS (publication date: 16/08/2021) document.

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

3.2 | 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.*

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

In the case of the project being liable to the article 3.1.12(b) of the Gold Standard TRANSITION REQUIREMENTS (publication date: 16/08/2021) document, it may lose its right to get registered to Gold Standard while it is in the final stage of the validation process.

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.*

3.3 | 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