

TEMPLATE

DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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- A. To be completed by Gold Standard
- 1 Decision

1.1 | Date - 18/05/2023

1.2 | Decision

The deviation is approved, based on section 4.2.1. of the Terms and Conditions for Validation and Verification Bodies.

CCCI may continue validation and verification activities until 27/08/2023. This means:

- New contracts may be signed, as long as the project developer is informed that CCCI's approval is about to expire and is in the process of re-approval.
- Projects validated/verified by CCCI may continue being submitted for review and reviewed as usual.
- This deviation request need not be uploaded on the GS Registry
- Certification reviews may only be closed within the validity of the approval of CCCI. For example, if a project is submitted for review in June 2023, but the re-approval is obtained in October 5th, 2023, the review may continue until October 5th, but may only be closed after October 5th, based on valid VVB approval status. Closing a review means closing all findings and issuing a final review form.

 Changes on the Gold Standard Impact Registry (changing certification status, submitting request for issuance, etc.) may only be affected with a valid VVB approval status (e.g. before 27/08/2023 or after re-approval).

Any further clarification may be sought from <u>vvb@goldstandard.org</u> with a copy to <u>help@sustain-cert.com</u>

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)

CCCI's GS VVB accreditation is set to expire at the end of April 2023.Due to changes in personnel and the adjustment of the company's public email address, and the lack of signed GS projects in 2022, CCCI was unable to update its VVB qualification in a timely manner. CCCI has adjusted its work methods by appointing a new contact person, and updating the company email address to ensure that similar situations do not occur in the future.

In terms of quality management system, the entire quality management system continues to operate smoothly. CCCI maintained its 15-scope verification and validation accreditation through a regular assessment by EB in March 2022. At the same time, CCCI officially became VCS VVB in August 2022 and began conducting verification and validation projects.

In terms of personnel, the 5 auditors responsible for GS projects complete CDM or VCS projects every year and participate in relevant internal and external training programs to familiarize themselves with verification and validation methodologies. These auditors have studied the GS Study Guide and relevant documents and have passed the GS online exam, their capabilities will not have any negative impact on the validation and verification projects.

Five auditors (HONG DANDAN, GUO JIAYUAN, LI YING, LI YITING, STEFAN LIANG) have completed online exams and are now carrying out the verification and validation work for the signed projects. CCCI also plans to sign new GS projects in 2023, and negotiations for these projects are currently underway.

Based on deviation, CCCI has applied for a 4-month extension of the GS VVB qualification. The re-application form has been submitted and we will pay the re-approval process fee shortly once we received the invoice.

2 Background information

Deviation Reference Number	417		
Date of decision	18/05/2023		
Precedent (YES/NO)	No		
Precedent details	NA		
Date of submission	12/05/2023		
Project/PoA/VPA	Project ID – GSXXXX Not applicable		
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Project/PoA/VPA title	Not applicab	e	
Date of listing	Not applicab	e	
GS Standard version applicable	Not applicab	e	
Date of transition to GS4GG (if	Not applicable		
applicable)			
Date of transition to Gold	Not applicab	e	
Standard from another standard			
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Date of design	Not applicable		
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Location of project/PoA/VPA	Host country(ies) Not applicable		
Scale of the project/PoA/VPA			
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	□ Large scale		
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Status of the project/PoA/VPA	□ New		
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Title/subject of deviation	Request for extension of approval as GS VVB		
Specify applicable	VVB Require		
rule/requirements/methodology,			
with exact paragraph reference and version number	36 months from the date of approval, whereupon the applicant may re-apply for approval. Prior to		
		ne GS-VVB shall re-submit the full set	
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		pdated as required for re-approval.	
	An applicatio	n for re-approval shall be submitted	
		8 weeks prior to the end of the 36-	
	month period		
Specify the monitoring period	Start date	End date	
for which the request is valid (if	Not applicable		
applicable)			

Submitted by	Contact person name: HONG DANDAN
	Email ID: hong_dandan@126.com
	Organisation: China Certification Center, Inc.
	Project participant: Yes 🗆 No 🖂
Validation and Verification body (VVB opinion shall be included, where required by the applicable rules/requirements or request is submitted by the	Yes ⊠ No □ If yes; VVB name: China Certification Center, Inc.
VVB).	VVB Staff name(s): HONG DANDAN
Any previous deviations approved for the same project activity/PoA/VPA(s)?	Yes □ No ⊠

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 <u>Deviation Approval Procedure/</u><u>Design Change Requirements.</u>

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Contact person: HONG DANDAN

Email: hong dandan@126.com

Company email: ccci ghg@126.com

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.

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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.

Considering the normal operation of the quality management system and the good maintenance of personnel capabilities through training and projects, CCCI believe that a four-month extension will not have a negative impact on the re-approval of standard certification process. In addition, we currently have ongoing projects as shown in the table below. Furthermore, there are still new GS contracts in the process of contract negotiation.

	Project Title	Туре	Service type	Status	Signed Contract	Expected submission date
1	Taishan Geothermal Central Heating System	GS4GG	3rd Verification	MR finished	Y	May-23
2	Changdao Geothermal Central Heating System	GS4GG	3rd Verification	submitted	Y	
3	Fajina Geothermal Based Space Heating System	GS4GG	3rd Verification	submitted	Y	
4	Yunxiao Zengjiang Wind Farm	GS4GG	2nd Verification	MR finished	Y	Jun-23
5	Yandun 8C Wind Farm Project.	GS4GG	2nd Verification	MR finished	Y	Jun-23
6	CNOOC Pingyin Wind Farm Phase I project	GS4GG	2nd Verification	MR finished	Y	Jun-23
7	CNOOC Weifang Binhai Wind Farm Phase II Project	GS4GG	2nd Verification	MR finished	Y	Jun-23
8	Xinwufeng AMMS GHG Mitigation Project in Hunan Province.	GS4GG	1st Verification	MR finished	Y	Jun-23
9	Shilichong AMWS GHG Mitigation Project	GS4GG	1st Verification	MR finished	Y	Jun-23
10	Wenshi AMMS GHG Mitigation Project in Jiangsu Province	GS4GG	1st Verification	MR finished	Y	Jun-23
11	Wenshi AMMS GHG Mitigation Project in Anhui Province	GS4GG	1st Verification	MR finished	Y	Jun-23

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: 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	