

TEMPLATE

DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1 | Decision

1.0 | Date – 28/07/2023

1.1 | Decision

The deviation requested to allow claiming credits for the given period is approved.

The project developer may claim VERs for the period 17/06/2019 to 30/06/2020, i.e., 3 years from the physical site visit date for which the site visit was conducted. The project developer shall:

1. Ensure that continuity in the Project's monitoring activities is maintained and the 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 Deviation Approval Requirements and Procedures \(version 1.2\)](#) and overarching GS principles (as applicable).

2. 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 condition regarding the reporting the deviation request in the monitoring report and provide its opinion in the Verification Report.

SustainCert shall review both the project developer'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_446	
Date of decision	28/07/2023	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	N/A	
Date of submission	06/01/2023	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GS1014
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	Kusakli Hydroelectric Power Plant	
Date of listing		
GS Standard version applicable	2.1	
Date of transition to GS4GG (if applicable)	N/A	
Date of transition to Gold Standard from another standard (e.g. CDM) (if applicable)	N/A	
Date of design certification/inclusion (if applicable)	05/12/2013	
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/10	
Status of the project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Listed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified design <input type="checkbox"/> Certified project	
Title/subject of deviation	KUSAKLI HYDRO ELECTRIC POWER PLANT	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	3.1.1 of SITE VISIT AND REMOTE AUDIT REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES	
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date 17/06/2019 End date 30/06/2020	
Submitted by	Contact person name: SILA DURAN	
	Email ID: sila@sekansdanismanlik.com	
	Organisation: Sekans Danışmanlık	
	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 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 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):

VVB has conducted the site visit on 17/06/2022 for the 1st MP of the project activity. The physical site visit is not within two years of project start date. And it's been requested the project to apply for deviation request within the scope of performance review. The project owner is seeking for GS approval to issue VERs btw 17/06/2019 to 30/06/2020.

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.*

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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):

The project has been developed as a VER project accounting for GS financing and revenue from carbon credits which are essential for the feasibility of the project as well as supporting the sustainable development parameters.

As project was design certified, verifications were stopped since the project is small and did not have much amount of generation and the process itself would bring additional costs to the Project Owner rather than bringing revenue as considering the economies of scale and unit costs. Due to low demand of VERs, and lower VER prices than expected, the Project Owner decided to keep her rights until both revenue opportunities and VER prices arise. Additionally, the Project Owner did not know that there was a probability of loosing their rights if they did not go under verification during the CP. As the PO intended to initiate works to issue the VERs, the COVID measures have started in 2020 and the PO had to slow down all actions and they could not realize physical site visit which would enable them to issue their VERs belonging to previous years.

The Project Owner requests to issue its rights and have the opportunity to secure carbon revenue of the CP1.

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

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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):

The above requested deviation will not cause any impact upon the development of the project. The deviation requested adheres to the Principles and Requirements set forth by GS4GG. Transition Annex of the project activity has already been submitted to Sustaincert together with Monitoring Report.

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 | 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
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