

## TEMPLATE

- Deviation request form
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## A. To be completed by Gold Standard

### 1 | Decision

**1.1 | Date – 05/07/2023**

**1.2 | Decision**

**The deviation request is approved.**

The project shall submit a design change with Verification in October 2023 for both Solar PV installation and additional wind turbine capacity. The following conditions shall be met:

- Design change requirements V.1.1:

*3.5.1 If the project activity is large-scale; the project may claim emission reductions and/or other certified impacts:*

*1. up to an amount calculated based on the increased capacity by 20 per cent of the capacity specified in the originally design certified PDDs.*

- The project developer, therefore, must not claim emission reductions based on more than 20% of the increase capacity specified in the design certified PDD.
- When submitting the design change request, the project developer should make clear the aim of the Solar PV technology measure in the design of the project,

in that the regulation does not allow change in MWe capacity for hybrid plants using auxiliary sources and its function in providing stability to the grid and better utilize the grid capacity allocated to the grid.

The verifying VVB shall, through appropriate means at its disposal, evaluate the Project's compliance with the above two 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.

**1.3 | 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**

### **2| Background information**

MUTLU 5 WPP has been submitted for registration on 11/17/2021 and response has been received on 07/03/2022 as first round and project has been registered eventually by GS on 26/07/2022 upon rule clarification by GS.

Meantime, as per the efforts to increase RE capacity, Turkish government has allowed RE plants to increase capacity and benefit from auxiliary RE sources available in their region. Mutlu-5 WPP has applied for extension of capacity and awarded new permission to install solar PVs and additional wind turbines.

Verification and design change process has been initiated in early august and contract has been signed with VVB by end of September for verification and design change at issuance track. Design change will include PVs and Wind Turbine additions. Installation of PVs has been completed by end of august 2022 , whereas WTG contracts have not been signed yet, which is expected to be signed by August 2023 and commissioned by mid-2024.

Site visit has been conducted by end of January 2023, however due to several reasons including complexity of the project, delayed project registration by GS, delay in WTG purchase contract and earthquake in Turkey, it has not been completed yet.

Since the details of the turbines will be confirmed by August 2023, it will not be possible to complete validation by this time. We therefore request additional time until October 2023 to finalize the design change process with VVB and submit to GS. Otherwise, we'll need to submit another design change request before the first design change is completed.

Deviation Reference Number	DEV_450	
Date of decision	06/07/2023	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	N/A	
Date of submission	09/05/2023	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GS1242
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	GS 1242 Mutlu 5 WPP	
Date of listing	-	
GS Standard version applicable	GS4GG	
Date of transition to GS4GG (if applicable)	26/07/2022	
Date of transition to Gold Standard from another standard (e.g. CDM) (if applicable)//	N/A	
Date of design certification/inclusion (if applicable)	26/07/2022	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Host country(ies) Turkey	
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	<a href="https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/151">https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/151</a>	
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	Design Change Request at Issuance track	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	ACM0002: "Grid-connected electricity generation from renewable sources", version 19.0	
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	-	
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	Project participant: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

<p>Validation and Verification body (VVB opinion shall be included, where required by the applicable rules/requirements or request is submitted by the VVB).</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes; VVB name:</p> <p>VVB Staff name(s):</p>
<p>Any previous deviations approved for the same project activity/PoA/VPA(s)?</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>

## 3 | Deviation detail

### 3.1 | Description of the deviation:

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

Registration of the project has been delayed due to GS review and has been approved almost 9 months later. Meantime, start date of the design change for solar component of extension has started in July 2022 whereas wind turbine purchase contract has not been signed yet.

To avoid overlapping of two design change submission, we request additional time until October 2023 for submission to GS.

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

N/A

### 3.2 | Assessment of the deviation:

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

AS per the requirements of GS, we'll need to apply for design within one year of start state (July 2022), however since details of the wind turbines are not fixed yet, it will not be possible to finalize design change submission by July 2023. Alternatively, we'll need to apply for another design change in September/October 2023 so it will overlap with ongoing design change review.

To avoid further efforts, we request extension for submission date of design change.

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

N/A

### 3.3 | Impact of the deviation:

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

The deviation does not have an effect on any SDG contribution, project implementation, monitoring plan, etc. The verifications are done periodically during the crediting period and will continue to keep monitoring in coming years.

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

N/A

### 3.4 | Documents:

Version number	Release date	Description
5	11.04.2022	Additional information added: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- date of listing, design certification, transition</li> <li>- standard version</li> <li>- specific reference to a requirement deviated from</li> <li>- any previous deviations/design changes approved</li> </ul> Guidance on VVB opinion
4	14.01.2021	
3	16.07.2020	
2	03.05.2018	
1	01.07.2017	Initial adoption