

TEMPLATE

DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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Version **5.0**

A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1 | Decision

1.1 | Date – 18/07/2023

1.2 | Decision

The deviation request is approved.

A performance certification review should not have started without the VVB having valid approval status. However, given the re-approval process was at a very advanced stage when the project was submitted, and the VVB has now been approved, a deviation is granted to proceed and close the performance certification review, under the condition that SustainCERT includes the deviation decision in the project documentation publicly available on the Gold Standard Impact Registry.

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_484	
Date of decision	18/07/2023	
Precedent (YES/NO)	NO	
Precedent details	N/A	
Date of submission	14/07/2023	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GS 3971
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	Prayas - A VER project for the rural communities in Uttarakhand Project, India	
Date of listing	-	
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)	01/03/2016	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	India	
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://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/687	
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	Deviation for the issuance submission	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	Gold Standard Methodology: Technologies and Practices to Displace Decentralized Thermal Energy Consumption version 2.0	
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date 01/06/2020 End date 31/05/2022	
Submitted by	Contact person name: Anand S R Email ID: anand@4kearthscience.com	
	Organisation: 4K Earth Science Private 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes; VVB name: 4K Earth Science Private Limited VVB Staff name(s): Anand S R
Any previous deviations approved for the same project activity/PoA/VPA(s)?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

3| Deviation detail

3.1 | 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 [Deviation Approval Procedure/ Design Change Requirements](#).*

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

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3.1.2 | 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.*

4KES is doing GS verification of the project "Prayas - A VER project for the rural communities in Uttarakhand Project, India", GS Ref. No.: GS 3971 for the monitoring period "01/06/2020 to 31/05/2022".

Our GS accreditation was under re-approval process and was valid till 05/09/2022 when this project was submitted. Hence, we seek an approval for a deviation for the issuance submission as the project was already signed before 05/09/2022.

We have come across a peculiar situation, we wish you to recollect the communication we had for our re-approval process. As per the mail dated 07/03/2023 where you had provided pointwise clarification on expiry of approval status. Subsequent to that, we

were granted permission to send deviation request for project submissions on 09/03/2023. Please find the attached communication mails for your reference.

However, GS 3971: "Prayas - A VER project for the rural communities in Uttarakhand" was submitted to the client on 27/02/2023 who had also uploaded the project for issuance. Since the clarification for the deviation submission came on 09/03/2023, we missed out projects submitted prior to this.

The timeline for the project is mentioned below.

Thanks in advance for the consideration.

Verification contract	13/07/2022
Audit	26/11/2022 to 30/11/2022
Draft Verification Report	27/01/2023
Final Verification Report	27/02/2023

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.*

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

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

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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.*

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

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3.3.2 | 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.*

NA

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: <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