

TEMPLATE

DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1 | Decision

1.1 | Date – 06/09/2023

1.2 | Decision

The deviation request is not approved. The evidence provided by the developer does not justify the delay in signing contract with VVB that could have been achieved within the stipulated time window. The developer shall note that project is ineligible to claim credits in the gap leading to delay in the completion of re-validation beyond the last date of current certification as per the rule stated in [paragraph 5.1.46 of the GS Principles and Requirements](#).

The project developer may continue with the CP renewal procedures for the third crediting period subject to fulfillment of demonstrating compliance with relevant requirements.

The Project Developer shall document the deviation request, its implications, and GS' decision in the appropriate section of the GS PDD.

The validating VVB shall, through appropriate means at its disposal, evaluate the Project's compliance with the above-mentioned condition and provides its opinion in the Validation 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 (Submit deviation request form in Microsoft Word format)

2 | Background information

Deviation Reference Number	DEV_504	
Date of decision	06/09/2023	
Precedent (YES/NO)	NO	
Precedent details	NA	
Date of submission	10/08/2023	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GS566
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	Prony and Kafeate wind farms	
Date of listing		
GS Standard version applicable	GS4GG Principles & Requirements (Ver-1.2) (section 5.1.46)	
Date of transition to GS4GG (if applicable)		
Date of transition to Gold Standard from another standard (e.g. CDM) (if applicable)	06/02/2021	
Date of design certification/inclusion (if applicable)	20/04/2010	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	New Caledonia	
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/1001	
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 from GS4GG principles and requirement, section 5.1.46 regarding delay in design certification renewal so as to obtain 3 rd Crediting Period of the project from next day of expiry of 2 nd Crediting period.	

<p>Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology , with exact paragraph reference and version number</p>	<p>Principles and requirement, version 1.2, published in October 2019, para:</p> <p>5.1.45 To maintain Gold Standard Certified Project status beyond five years, a Project must undergo Design Certification Renewal. This process shall begin (defined by the submission of a Renewal opinion by a VVB for Design Review to Gold Standard) no later than the last date of current certification cycle. Note that review of the Design Certification Renewal may complete after the last date of current crediting period. In this case, the renewal date shall be the first day after the end date of the current certification cycle.</p> <p>5.1.46 indicates "Delay in the completion of re-validation beyond the last date of current certification cycle shall result in a reduction of any issuance of Certified Products and/or Impact Statements available during following certification cycle (for example, a delay of 1 year beyond the first cycle shall mean that no Certified Impact Statements shall be issued for the period of delay)."</p> <p>Covid 19: Interim Measures, version 6, Published in June 2022, para:</p> <p>5.1.1 Where project submission timelines are affected by COVID-19, the project developer may seek an extension by submitting a request to Gold Standard. It includes but is not limited to the following key submission stages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Submission of the project within one year of the start date; ○ Successful completion of validation within two years of the date of project ○ Listing; ○ Completion of first verification within two years (5 years in case of A/R) of project implementation date or design certification or design certification renewal, whichever is later; ○ Submission of design review no later than the last date of the current certification cycle; Claiming retroactive crediting (extension of retroactive crediting period to cover delays in addition to maximum allowed period of 2 years);
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission of the annual report. <p>5.2.2 Extension requests shall be submitted before the declared end date of these Interim Measures.</p>
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date: NA End date: NA
Submitted by	<p>Contact person name: Mr. Vikash Yadav</p> <p>Email ID: standards@southpole.com, v.yadav@southpole.com</p> <p>Organisation: South Pole Carbon Asset Management Ltd.</p> <p>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>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes; VVB name:</p> <p>VVB Staff name(s):</p>
Any previous deviations approved for the same project activity/PoA/VPA(s)?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

3 | Deviation detail

3.1 | Description of the deviation:

The South Pole Carbon Asset Management Ltd. is requesting an extension of the GS4GG approved deviation for the project activity GS-566 Prony and Kafeate Wind Farms. The Prony site is located in the South province in the village of Mont Dore and the Kafeate is located in the North province in the village of Koné to continue the auditor site visit and complete the renewal of 3rd crediting period from 20/04/2022 to 20/04/2029.

New Caledonia is a small island that is vulnerable to extreme weather events and was severely affected by the natural disaster¹ and COVID pandemic up to last year 2022².

¹ <https://www.worlddata.info/oceania/new-caledonia/cyclones.php>

² <https://covid19.who.int/region/wpro/country/nc>



Project representatives requested a deviation from the GS4GG which was approved on 11/01/2023. The Project representative in coordination with the project developer started the selection of the GS4GG approved Validation Verification Body. Proposals were requested from the approved VVBs in the month of February 2023 and signed an agreement with the Applus+ certification in March 2023 as shown in the below image. The major delay in conducting a renewal of crediting period is due to the unavailability of the visa appointment for the VVB site visit. Therefore, we request an extension of the approved deviation and allow the renewal of Crediting Period processes of the project activity.

9. Formal Agreement

In case you accept this quotation, you are kindly requested to send us a written confirmation. The confirmation of the offer means the formal acceptance of all the stipulated terms and conditions above, including any annex which has been mentioned.

The offer herein is valid for the referred time in the first page and from the date indicated in it.

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Date: 20.03.23 Signed by: <i>LAROUS Christophe</i> <i>(please detail name and position)</i> <i>General Manager</i>	<div style="text-align: center;">  ALIZES ENERGIE  <small>308, rue Scholastique Pidjol - BP 4721 - 98810 Mont-Dore Rideau 0 765 446 801</small> </div>

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

The Project representative requested the deviation due to a delay in the Renewal of Crediting Period (RCP) process of the project activity from the next day after the end date of the 2nd crediting period. The VVB appointed for the process is based in India and the major reason for the delay is a sudden surge in the visa applications for travel after the relaxation of international travel restrictions imposed during the COVID-19

pandemic. Already existing backlog³ of visa applications made it difficult to get a visa⁴ for travelling to New Caledonia which is issued by the French Embassy in India. Project Developer tried his best to arrange Visa for the travel. However, it was an international matter which is not under the direct control of the project developer.

Currently, the project developer received September 14th, 2023, as a visa appointment date. Therefore, please accept this request and allow us to continue this sustainable journey.

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

Not Applicable

3.2 | Assessment of the deviation:

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

As described in the description section 3.1.1 project activity got affected due to unmanageable circumstances that occurred due to delays in the visa application processes. Unfortunately, the after-effect of the pandemic also added to a surge in the visa application process.

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

Not Applicable

3.3 | Impact of the deviation:

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

The cause for the request for deviation does not affect the positive impacts of the project activity or any other relevant aspect of the project during the delay period the project owner has continued to monitor all parameters as approved during the design certification.

³ <https://www.schengenvisa.info.com/news/schengen-visa-issuing-delays-irritate-indian-ministry-of-external-affairs/>

⁴ <https://www.connexionfrance.com/article/French-news/We-ve-given-up-French-visa-application-appointment-delays-continue>

The above deviation will not cause any impact on the data quality or attract any potential risk on GS related to any issuance or any other material impact affecting the quality of the project and thus no potential risk is attributed to GS Project activity.

The deviation requested adheres to the Principles and Requirements set forth by GS4GG and complies with:

- Emissions reductions: the requested deviation will have no impact on these. Primary data collection has led to more conservative emission reduction calculations, given the expected usage rate drop-off.
- SDG impacts: the requested deviation is related to the management of the project only. As such, it will have no impact on the project SDGs,
- Potential risk: no risk is perceived in this request. Conservativeness is possibly the most significant consideration, and it is dealt with in the previous section.
- Environmental Integrity- The VERs generated from the project activity are not overestimated because of deviation and conservativeness are ensured.
- Contribution to Sustainable Development Goals- SDG contributions that the project is designed to achieve are in line with GS4GG requirements and the above deviation does not have any potential impact on the certified SDGs claimed during the current crediting period.
- Safeguarding Principles and requirements- The deviation does not create any impact upon the safeguarding principles and requirements set forth by GS4GG.

Compliance with Host Country Regulations- The project does not create any conflict with Host Country regulations and all the host country regulations are followed.

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

Not Applicable

3.4 | Documents:

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

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - specific reference to a requirement deviated from - any previous deviations/design changes approved <p>Guidance on VVB opinion</p>
4	14.01.2021	
3	16.07.2020	
2	03.05.2018	
1	01.07.2017	Initial adoption