

TEMPLATE

# DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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## A. To be completed by Gold Standard

### 1 | Decision

**1.1 | Date – 15/09/2023**

#### **1.2 | Decision**

The Deviation is not approved.

The project developer can't claim ERs after the end of crediting period one i.e, 03/08/2017 to 02/08/2022. Please note that as per the requirements of [para 5.1.46 of Principle and Requirements](#), no issuance can be claimed for a period of delay in design certification renewal.

The Developer can initiate for Design certification Renewal process in compliance with the relevant requirements of GS4GG.

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 PoA's compliance and provide 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_511	
Date of decision	15/09/2023	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	NA	
Date of submission	01/09/2023	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project ID	GS 5064
Project/PoA/VPA title	15 MW Wind Power Project by RSPL Ltd (EKIESL-CDM-May-16-04)	
Date of listing	09/10/2017	
GS Standard version applicable	GS4GG	
Date of transition to GS4GG (if applicable)	27/02/2023	
Date of transition to Gold Standard from another standard (e.g. CDM) (if applicable)	N.A,	
Date of design certification/inclusion (if applicable)	01/01/2018	
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	<a href="https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/897">https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/897</a>	
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 Requested for Proceeding with RCP Along with Current Performance Review for the Project GS 5064.	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	<p>The Project Activity is undergoing 2<sup>nd</sup> Periodic Verification under GS-VER for the Monitoring Period 01/06/2019 to 26/05/2022 for which the verification is currently going on and the VVB was appointed on 25/05/2022 and already Onsite physical Audit has been done on 28/05/2022. Also, the Project Activity has successfully transitioned from GS-CER to GS-VER on 27/02/2023 for which the project has to get it de-registered from the VCS mechanism. But since the Project was also registered under the VCS mechanism with reference ID – 1692 for which the crediting period was 11/12/2015 to 10/12/2025. So, the 1<sup>st</sup> CP according to the applicable GS rules must</p>	

	be 11/12/2015 to 10/12/2020. Thus, the PP is requesting for the RCP without the loss of crediting period as the project as undergone some major advancements for the current monitoring period.
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date 01/06/2019 End date 26/05/2022
Submitted by	Contact person name: Abhishek Anjan Email ID: <a href="mailto:abhishek.anjan@enkingint.org">abhishek.anjan@enkingint.org</a> Organisation: EKI Energy Services Limited 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### 3| Deviation detail

#### 3.1 | Description of the deviation:

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

As mentioned at section 2.b at page number 7 of the RULE CLARIFICATION DESIGN CERTIFICATION RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS: CDM PROJECTS TRANSITIONING TO GS4GG dated 02/06/2023, for the Projects for which the design certification renewal request must be submitted within 6 months from the date of transition review completion or before the end date of year 14 year under CDM crediting cycle, whichever is earlier. Transition review completion refers to the date of closure of all review findings raised by certification body as part of design review. Thus, one of the following 2 actions shall be applied for proceeding with the RCP of the Project activity –

Thus, the PP is requesting for the Renewal of crediting period for the Projects GS 5064 as described below –

The Project Activity is undergoing 2<sup>nd</sup> Periodic Verification under GS-VER for the Monitoring Period 01/06/2019 to 26/05/2022 for which the verification is currently going on and the VVB was appointed on 25/05/2022 and already Onsite physical Audit has been done on 28/05/2022. Also, the Project Activity has successfully transitioned from GS-CER to GS-VER on 27/02/2023 for which the project has to get it de-registered from the VCS mechanism. But since the Project was also registered under the VCS mechanism with reference ID – 1692 for which the crediting period was 11/12/2015 to 10/12/2025. So, the 1<sup>st</sup> CP according to the applicable GS rules must be 11/12/2015 to 10/12/2020. Thus, the PP is requesting for the RCP without the loss of crediting period as the project as undergone some major advancements for the current monitoring

period. The Project is also registered in CDM with reference number – 10363 for which the 1<sup>st</sup> crediting period is 25/04/2017 to 24/04/2024.

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

### 3.2 | Assessment of the deviation:

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

The Project Activity is undergoing 2<sup>nd</sup> Periodic Verification under GS-VER for the Monitoring Period 01/06/2019 to 26/05/2022 for which the verification is currently going on and the VVB was appointed on 25/05/2022 and already Onsite physical Audit has been done on 28/05/2022. Also, the Project Activity has successfully transitioned from GS-CER to GS-VER on 27/02/2023 for which the project has to get it de-registered from the VCS mechanism. But since the Project was also registered under the VCS mechanism with reference ID – 1692 for which the crediting period was 11/12/2015 to 10/12/2025. So, the 1<sup>st</sup> CP according to the applicable GS rules must be 11/12/2015 to 10/12/2020. Also, as mentioned in the previous monitoring period report the crediting was applicable for the duration 25/04/2017 to 24/04/2024 - <https://platform.sustain-cert.com/public-project/959> . Thus, the PP is requesting for the RCP without the loss of crediting period as the project as undergone some major advancements for the current monitoring period. The Project is also registered in CDM with reference number – 10363 for which the 1<sup>st</sup> crediting period is 25/04/2017 to 24/04/2024.

Thus, the PP is requesting for the Renewal of crediting period for the project activity for the 2<sup>nd</sup> crediting period for the duration 11/12/2020 to 10/12/2025. The Overall Crediting Period of the Project activity will thus be as described below –

1<sup>st</sup> crediting period - 11/12/2015 to 10/12/2020

2<sup>nd</sup> crediting period - 11/12/2020 to 10/12/2025

3<sup>rd</sup> crediting period - 11/12/2025 to 10/12/2030

Thus, GS is requested to please allow for the Renewal of Crediting Period for the Project Activity following the 2 scenarios –

Scenario 1 – The PP is allowed for proceeding with the periodic verification for the monitoring period 01/06/2019 to 26/05/2022 in 1 single verification and then also allow for the RCP for the duration 11/12/2015 to 10/12/2020. The subsequent verifications will be done following the methodology as applicable in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Crediting Period without the loss of VERs.

Scenario 2 – The project developer is requesting to also allow the PP to do a Combined design certification renewal and performance review for the next monitoring period with a single VVB that starts with 11/12/2020 and falls under the 2<sup>nd</sup> crediting period without the loss of VERs.

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

### 3.3 | Impact of the deviation:

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

The above deviation will not cause any impact upon 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 any potential risk is attributed to GS Project activity in particular.

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

- Environmental Integrity- The GSVER's generated from the project activity are not Over-estimated as a result 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 upon the certified SDG's claimed during the current monitoring 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.

Thus, Kind request to allow PP to claim the credits for complete monitoring period without loss of any credits.

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

### **3.4 | Documents:**

Not Applicable, if required, the PP can submit any kind of supporting sought by the GS.

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5	11.04.2022	<p>Additional information added:</p> <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> <p>Guidance on VVB opinion</p>
4	14.01.2021	
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