

TEMPLATE

DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1 | Decision

1.1 | Date – 18/09/2023

1.2 | Decision

The deviation request is approved. However, the PD shall note that this is not a permanent approval.

The PD must implement a process/procedure to ensure that in future, the Annual Reports are submitted each year and latest by end of the following year of a monitoring period as stipulated in PRINCIPLES & REQUIREMENTS - Version 1.2 § 5.1.39 to 5.1.44. or any other version that supersede in future; independent of any status of the project.

Compliance of this decision shall be reflected in next Monitoring Report and, the verifying VVB, shall present in its Verification Report information on how the PP has complied with this decision as part of the assessment of the PP's management system.

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_523	
Date of decision	18/09/2023	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	N/A	
Date of submission	29/08/2023	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GS4962
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	Wind Power Project in Madhya Pradesh by OBWPPL	
Date of listing		
GS Standard version applicable	Principle & Requirements Version 1.2	
Date of transition to GS4GG (if applicable)	NA	
Date of transition to Gold Standard from another standard (e.g. CDM) (if applicable)	NA	
Date of design certification/inclusion (if applicable)	04/06/2018	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	India	
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://platform.sustain-cert.com/public-project/927	
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	Deviation from GS4GG principles and requirement, section 5.1.39 “Transparent, annual update reports need to be provided for Projects that have achieved the Project Design Certification stage or have successfully transitioned to Gold Standard for the Global Goals. An annual report shall be submitted for each monitoring year by end of next calendar year for which verification is not completed. If a verification is in progress but not completed, then an Annual Report is still required by the end of calendar year”.	

Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	<p>Principles and requirement, version 1.2, published in October 2019, paragraph 5.1.39 indicates "Transparent, annual update reports need to be provided for Projects that have achieved the Project Design Certification stage or have successfully transitioned to Gold Standard for the Global Goals.</p> <p>An annual report shall be submitted for each monitoring year by end of next calendar year for which verification is not completed. If a verification is in progress but not completed, then an Annual Report is still required by the end of calendar year"</p> <p>Further Failure to provide Annual Reports as required shall result in the de- certification of the Project.</p>
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date 01/01/2021 End date 04/05/2022
Submitted by	<p>Contact person name: Mr. Sumeet Singhvi</p> <p>Email ID: sumeet@infisolutions.org</p> <p>Organization: Infinite Environmental Solutions LLP</p> <p>Project participant: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes; VVB name: VVB Staff name(s):</p>
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:

This is the fourth verification which is undergoing under GS with the Monitoring period 01/01/2021 to 04/05/2023. According to the requirement, PRINCIPLES & REQUIREMENTS, **5.1.39**, "Transparent, annual update reports need to be provided for Projects that have achieved the Project Design Certification stage or have successfully transitioned to Gold Standard for the Global Goals. An annual report shall be submitted for each monitoring year by end of next calendar year for which verification is not

completed. If a verification is in progress but not completed, then an Annual Report is still required by the end of calendar year” & 5.1.40 “Failure to provide Annual Reports as required shall result in the de-certification of the Project”. Note that PP has undergone the GS Verification for the monitoring period 01/01/2021 to 04/05/2023. In light of the challenges described below, we request a deviation to continue verification process of the project without de-certification of the Project.

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

The deviation does not attract any kind of risk upon environmental integrity and all the SDG contributions are achieved in-line with the registered PDD.

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

NA

3.2 | Assessment of the deviation:

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

The subject project activity owned by Orange Bercha Wind Power Private Limited. The project attained Design Certified Status on 04/06/2018, and PA has ongoing verification for the monitoring period 01/01/2021 to 04/05/2023. Further, PP has also initiated VVB appointment process for verification of PA. Since the project owner was serious towards verification therefore the required procedure has initiated.

The delay in submission to annual report due to the unique difficulties the project had to faced:

Change of team: The management has been changed from the orange group to the Greenko group in year 2021, further management and team shifting took more than a year. The new team's lack of information regarding the guidelines and reshuffling resulted in delayed submission of annual report. At the same time COVID19 pandemic also impacted the day to day working of project owner.

Change of Project Representative: Previously the project representative for the Monitoring period was “Kosher Climate India Private Limited” which was changed in Jan 2023 from Monitoring period 01/08/2020 to 31/12/2020, and hence as stated above, due to both of the reasons the annual report was missed.

The project proponent from the very beginning has tried its level best to ensure all guidelines are being met.

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

NA

3.3 | Impact of the deviation:

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

The project proponent has not claimed credits after the change of team and management. The project needs carbon credits to continue its operation. In the absence of carbon credits, the project will not be able to sustain itself.

The deviation of this project lies in the deviation of the submission of annual report. During the delay period, the project owner has continued to monitor all parameters which were validated and approved during the verification. 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 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 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 upon the certified SDG's 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.

The project proponent has not claimed credits after the change of team and management. The project needs carbon credits to continue its operation. In the absence of carbon credits, the project will not be able to sustain itself.

In the future, project proponent will ensure that the annual reports are submitted on time. For calendar year 2022, the project proponent will ensure that it is submitted before December 2023.

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

Not Applicable

3.4 | Documents:

Annual Report

Version number	Release date	Description
5	11.04.2022	<p>Additional information added:</p> <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 <p>Guidance on VVB opinion</p>
4	14.01.2021	
3	16.07.2020	
2	03.05.2018	
1	01.07.2017	Initial adoption