



DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1 | Decision

1.1 | Date – 20/09/2023

1.2 | Decision

The applied deviation request is **APPROVED**. The PD may submit the request for renewal by 30th September 2023. However, project developer shall ensure full compliance with all the other applicable requirements of the [Principles & Requirements](#).

The decision is subject to fulfilment of the following conditions:

- i. The PD shall ensure that a continuity in the Project's monitoring activities is maintained, and PD is able to justify that no monitoring gaps exist (especially for SDG parameters) within the Monitoring Period(s). However, if gap(s) exist, the project shall justify that conservative approach(es) have been applied in line with section 3 of the [Deviation Approval Requirements and Procedures \(version 1.2\)](#) and overarching GS principles (as applicable).

- ii. The PD 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_532	
Date of decision	20/09/2023	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	NA	
Date of submission	24/08/2023	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GSXXXX
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GS11482, 11483, 11484, 11485
Project/PoA/VPA title	GS11450 - MicroEnergy Credits – Microfinance for Clean Energy Product Lines – India - MicroEnergy Credits PoA – CPA 12 – GS11482 GS11450 - MicroEnergy Credits – Microfinance for Clean Energy Product Lines – India - MicroEnergy Credits PoA – CPA 13 – GS11483 GS11450 - MicroEnergy Credits – Microfinance for Clean Energy Product Lines – India - MicroEnergy Credits PoA – CPA 14 – GS11484 GS11450 - MicroEnergy Credits – Microfinance for Clean Energy Product Lines – India - MicroEnergy Credits PoA – CPA 15 – GS11485	
Date of listing	-	
GS Standard version applicable	-	
Date of transition to GS4GG (if applicable)	-	
Date of transition to Gold Standard from another standard (e.g. CDM) (if applicable)	04/01/2022	
Date of design certification/inclusion (if applicable)	GS11482: 28/11/2022 GS11483: 16/12/2022 GS11484: 15/03/2023 GS11485: 27/01/2023	
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	

<p>Gold Standard Impact Registry link of the project/PoA/VPA</p>	<p>https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/3562 https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/3563 https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/3564 https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/3565</p>
<p>Status of the project/PoA/VPA</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Listed <input type="checkbox"/> Certified design <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified project</p>
<p>Title/subject of deviation</p>	<p>Extension in submission for design certification renewal</p>
<p>Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number</p>	<p>Para 5.1.45 and 5.1.46 of Principles and Requirement</p>
<p>Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)</p>	<p>Start date End date</p>
<p>Submitted by</p>	<p>Contact person name: Sriskandh Subramanian Email ID: sriskandh@microenergycredits.com Organisation: MicroEnergy Credits Project participant: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<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"/> If yes; VVB name: VVB Staff name(s):</p>
<p>Any previous deviations approved for the same project activity/PoA/VPA(s)?</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>

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):

MicroEnergy Credit (CME) is submitting the deviation request for extension in renewal of crediting period for 4 VPAs (GS 11482/83/84/85) which are part of designed certified PoA (GS 11450), due to unforeseen weather conditions (heavy rainfall and red alerts) across various states of India.

As per section 5.1.45 and 5.1.46 of Principles and Requirements, the design certification renewal process shall begin no later than the last date of current certification cycle. 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. Under PoA (GS 11450), there are 4 VPAs (GS 11482/83/84/85) that completed first crediting period on 24th August 2023. CME requests extension in submission for renewal request till 30th September 2023 for these 4 VPAs. CME is unable to submit the renewal request because VVB site visit have been delayed due to extreme rainfall in northern, eastern, and southern parts of the country where site visits were planned in the month of June/July. CME would like to provide the following news articles as evidence -

<https://www.businesstoday.in/latest/trends/story/imd-forecasts-heavy-to-very-heavy-rainfall-in-these-8-states-till-july-11-388797-2023-07-07>

<https://weather.com/en-IN/india/monsoon/news/2023-07-18-heavy-rains-karnataka-kerala-tn-andhra-telangana-this-week>

In applying this deviation, MEC has adhered to the following core GS principles.

Environmental Integrity: This deviation does not result in any overestimation of GS-VERs

Contribution to Sustainable Development (SDG) Goals: The Sustainable Development Assessment has been carried out at VPA equivalent level.

Safeguarding principles and Requirements: Safeguarding Principles Assessment has been carried out at VPA equivalent level.

Compliance with host country regulations: The scope of this deviation work extensively studied the host country regulation part of the PoA geographic boundary and found to be compliant.

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.*

NA

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):

The below list of VPAs with crediting period summary which shows 4 VPAs have expired under GS4GG first crediting period.

GS ID	CDM CP Start Date	CP Start Date under GS4GG	CP End Date under GS4GG
11482	25/08/2018	01/01/2021	24/08/2023
11483	25/08/2018	27/06/2020	24/08/2023
11484	25/08/2018	05/01/2020	24/08/2023
11485	25/08/2018	05/01/2020	24/08/2023

CME requests extension in submission for renewal for the above 4 VPAs because the site visits have been delayed due to extreme weather conditions in various parts of India. The site visit has been planned in last of week of August 2023. **CME will ensure to follow the total crediting period under GS4GG (15 years) however, would**

request Gold Standard to allow CME to retain the CP-2 start date as end of the last day of the CP-1 end date.

3.2.2 | 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

3.3 | 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):

There is no impact on the project design, safeguarding principles, SDG assessment, data quality, monitoring frequency, emission reduction calculation, potential risk or any other aspects of the project due to this deviation. There is no negative impact or overestimation of emission reductions from the project. The PoA will abide by the "Deviation Approval Requirements and Procedures" and other GS requirements.

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