



DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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Version **5.0**

A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1 | Decision

1.1 | Date – dd/mm/yyyy

1.2 | Decision

The applied deviation request is approved.

However, the PD shall:

Ensure that a continuity in the Project's monitoring activities was (during the claimed monitoring period) and is maintained and PD is able to justify that no monitoring gaps exist for any parameter (especially for SDG parameters) within the Monitoring Period. 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).

Document this deviation request, its implications, and GS' decision in the appropriate section of the GS Monitoring Report (for the relevant MP). The verifying VVB shall, through appropriate means at its disposal, evaluate the Project's compliance with the above condition and provide its opinion in the Verification 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)

PP seeking deviation for there should be no loss in VERs due to delay in site visit.

PP has seeking deviation to issue the VERs for the entire monitoring period that is 31/03/2021 to 30/03/2023 during the combined validation & verification.

2 | Background information

The CDM project activity UN 10269 has a crediting period that initially spanned from 31/03/2016 to 30/03/2023, with issuance status up to 31/12/2020. Subsequently, it transitioned into a GS VER, with the crediting period in the GS from 31/03/2021 to 30/03/2026. During this transition, the Project Proponent is conducting combined validation and verification activity, and the monitoring period in the GS is from 31/03/2021 to 30/03/2023.

In the context of GS validation and verification, the project site was visited by a third-party verifier (VVB) on 05/09/2023. Notably, this site visit marked the first verification site visit under the GS framework for this project.

According to the GS guidelines, specifically outlined in "Site Visit and Remote Audit Requirements and Procedures – V2.0" (Para 3.1.1), a physical site visit is required within two years of the project's start date.

Given that this verification process was categorized as a substitute validation and verification, there was a delay in the site visit, likely due to the transition from the CDM to GS verification, which required additional validation steps and procedures.

Deviation Reference Number	DEV_545	
Date of decision	19/10/2023	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	N/A	
Date of submission	11/10/2023	
Project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> Project	ID – GS12027
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	Renewable Power Project by Hindustan Gum	
Date of listing	19/05/2023	
GS Standard version applicable	1.2	
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)		
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Host country(ies) 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		
Status of the project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Listed <input type="checkbox"/> Certified design <input type="checkbox"/> Certified project	
Title/subject of deviation	Renewable Power Project by Hindustan Gum	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	AMS-I.D, Version 18	
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date 31/03/2021 End date 30/03/2023	
Submitted by	Contact person name: Ankit Suman	
	Email ID: ankit.suman@enkingint.org	
	Organisation: EKI Energy services limited	
	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>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>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:

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

In order to ensure that there are no losses in Verified Emission Reductions (VERs) arising from delays in conducting site visit, request for a deviation has been initiated. This request seeks permission to issue the VERs for the entire monitoring period spanning from 31/03/2021 to 30/03/2023, as part of the comprehensive validation and verification process. This deviation is being sought to safeguard against any potential VER losses resulting from delays in the site visitation procedure.

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

Not applicable

3.2 | Assessment of the deviation:

The deviation does not attract any kind of risk upon environmental integrity.

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

The project owner demonstrates a profound commitment to addressing their ongoing financial requirements, primarily reliant on carbon revenue during the current crediting period. Their dedication is evident through the absence of any delays on their part and their meticulous adherence to the GS Program's guidelines.

In light of this, the project owner earnestly seeks the approval of the Gold Standard organization to grant permission for the issuance of Verified Emission Reductions (VERs) for the entire monitoring period, extending from 31/03/2021 to 30/03/2023. This request is an integral part of the comprehensive validation and verification process,

highlighting their dedication to upholding the highest environmental and sustainability standards.

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 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 GSCER'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 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.

Thus deviation do not have any impact on quality of project and all Principles and Requirements set forth by GS4GG are followed by project activity.

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 - 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