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TEMPLATE

DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1 | Decision

1.1 | Date – 09/11/2023

1.2 | Decision

The deviation request is not approved as the PD has to transition from GS-CER to GS-VER before requesting the RCP, following Annex B of the GHG Emissions Reduction & Sequestration Product Requirements v.2.1.

After transitioning, and following RULE CLARIFICATION- DESIGN CERTIFICATION RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS: CDM PROJECTS TRANSITIONING TO GS4GG, according to the project scenario, the crediting periods and the RCP will be defined.

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	DEV563	
Date of decision	09/11/2023	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	N/A	
Date of submission	01/11/2023	
Project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> Project	ID – GS7154
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	CHANJU I HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT	
Date of listing	31/01/2019	
GS Standard version applicable	GS4GG	
Date of transition to GS4GG (if applicable)	-	
Date of transition to Gold Standard from another standard (e.g. CDM) (if applicable)	26/09/2022	
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 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/1425	
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 Requesting for revision of Crediting Period and Verification Retroactivity without a reduction of any issuance of Certified Products due to the delay period and successive verification	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	NA	
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date	End date

Submitted by	Contact person name: Vipul Sahu
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	Organisation: EKI Energy Services Limited
	Project participant: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" 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:

The project, registered with UNFCCC under reference no CDM 10153 (<https://cdm.unfccc.int/Projects/DB/TUEV-SUED1431953233.8/view>), has a crediting period structure in CDM where the 1st crediting period spans from 26/07/2017 to 25/07/2024, followed by the 2nd period from 26/07/2024 to 25/07/2031 and the 3rd from 26/07/2031 to 25/07/2038. The project activity under UNFCCC operates on a seven-year crediting period, renewable twice.

The project activity was officially listed in the Gold Standard registry on 31/01/2019. Subsequently, documents were submitted to GS on 10/09/2021. GS conducted its review on 30/11/2021, and the project received Round 1 GS review comments on 13/01/2022. The project developer has been diligent in verifying carbon credits continuously since registration. Currently, the verification (GS CER) for the Monitoring period from 26/07/2017 to 30/06/2019 is in progress.

According to paragraph 5.1.45 of PRINCIPLES & REQUIREMENTS Version 1.2 Requirements, Gold Standard Certified Project status beyond five years necessitates a Design Certification Renewal process. This process should commence, defined by the submission of a Renewal opinion by a VVB for Design Review to Gold Standard, no later than the last date of the current certification cycle, which is 25/07/2022 as per the crediting period mentioned in the project's documentation. If the project developer follows the rules, there will be a pause in the project's progress from 26/07/2022 until

the RCP completion is approved. During this time, it might be challenging for the developer to sustain the project without the income they receive from carbon credits.

The project Developer has diligently adhered to all project requirements to date, with the revenue from GS credits playing a crucial role in sustaining the project. Any loss of the crediting period, about which the client had no prior knowledge in the context of design certification renewal guidance, would have a negative impact on the project's continuity.

Thus, deviation is requested to allow the Transition of GS CER to GS VER along with RCP and verification without loss of claimable period. The below can be options for next crediting period

Option 1 -- To complete the GS RCP for this project activity before 26/07/2024 for next 5 years crediting period cycle as 26/07/2024 to 25/07/2029.

Option 2 -- To complete the GS RCP for this project activity before 26/07/2024 for next 5 years crediting period cycle as 26/07/2022 to 25/07/2027 without loss of any claimable period. This case falls under Sub scenario 1.b as per DESIGN CERTIFICATION RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS: CDM PROJECTS TRANSITIONING TO GS4GG dated 02/06/2023

In addition, the project's GS verification, covering the period from 26/07/2022 to 30/06/2019, is currently under process. A site visit was conducted on 25/02/2021, and the project owner is now seeking permission from GS to complete the verification without incurring any penalties related to the time period or credit loss.

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):

Not Applicable

3.2 | Assessment of the deviation:

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

In reference to the project activity owned by IA Hydro Energy Private Limited, which initially attained GS validation approval on 03/04/2023 with a crediting period of 7 years Renewable cycle is adopted for project activity which can be renewed twice. During the certification process, the verification carried out accordingly, the project developer has shown a genuine commitment to the renewal of the crediting period while complying with GS guidelines.

The project owner's commitment to promptly renew the crediting period in accordance with Gold Standard guidelines is evident, with no delays on their part in meeting the necessary requirements.

During GS CER registration, the project activity is approved with GS crediting period same mirror of CDM crediting period 26/07/2017 to 25/07/2024. Thus, based on this mirroring of crediting period, the GS RCP is due on 26/07/2024. PP wants to request GS CER to GS VER transition to claim the GS VER from 01/01/2021 onwards and rule clarification DESIGN CERTIFICATION RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS: CDM PROJECTS TRANSITIONING TO GS4GG dated 02/06/2023 is applicable for project activity. PP wants to follow this transition of GS CER to GS VER along with RCP of project activity and verification.

Thus, PP requests to allow us among the below options:

Option 1 -- To complete the GS RCP for this project activity before 26/07/2024 for next 5 years crediting period cycle as 26/07/2024 to 25/07/2029.

Option 2 -- To complete the GS RCP for this project activity before 26/07/2024 for next 5 years crediting period cycle as 26/07/2022 to 25/07/2027 without loss of any claimable period. This case falls under Sub scenario 1.b as per DESIGN CERTIFICATION RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS: CDM PROJECTS TRANSITIONING TO GS4GG dated 02/06/2023.

This adjustment is aimed at ensuring no credit losses, and it is requested to align with the crediting period as per GS requirement. The projects CDM verification is already completed.

Additionally, the GS verification (Monitoring period: 26/07/2017 to 30/06/2019) is under process and site visit was carried out on 25/02/2021, and the project owner is

now seeking approval from GS for completion of verification without incurring any period or credit loss.

Also, the project developer is willing to submit a combined request for Transition, Renewal of Crediting Period (RCP), and Verification.

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):

No effect is expected on project design, safeguarding principles assessment, SDG assessment, emissions reductions, monitoring frequency, data quality, potential risk or any other relevant aspect of the project.

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

Not Applicable

3.4 | Documents:

Not Applicable

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