



DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1 | Decision

1.1 | Date – 08/11/2023

1.2 | Decision

The deviation request is approved.

Considering that 01/01/2023 was a Sunday, PD can claim credits from 01/01/2021 instead of 02/01/2021 onwards and to combined transition + RCP + Performance review.

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).

The verifying VVB shall confirm that the monitoring approaches are correct and conservative for the emission reduction calculations.

The Project Developer shall clearly document the 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-mentioned condition and provides 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

PP is seeking deviation for claim of VERs in the project titled " Renewable Power Project by Hindustan Gum (EKIESL-CDM.August-15-01) with GS ID as GS 12027 for the period from 01/01/2021 to 30/03/2021. PP had submitted the initial documents for preliminary review on 02/01/2023 therefore as per the GS4GG guideline PD shall avail credits two years prior to initial submission for preliminary review that is from 02/01/2021 which comes under GS CP1. PP is requesting 1 day additional so that GS VER can be claimed from 01/01/2021 onwards.

As the project is undergoing design certification process along with transition in GS VER, RCP and performance review (currently requested monitoring period from 01/01/2021 onwards) and we have done the initial submission on 02/01/2023. Though project is eligible to claim credits from 02/01/2021 being 2 years retroactive from initial submission date 02/01/2023, Kindly allow to us to claim the credits from 01/01/2021 without any loss of credits.

The GS CP1: 31/03/2016 to 30/03/2021.

The GS CP2: 31/03/2021 to 30/03/2026.

CDM first Crediting period: 31/03/2016 to 30/03/2023.

2| Background information

The CDM project activity UN 10269 has a first crediting period that is spanned from 31/03/2016 to 30/03/2023, with issuance status up to 31/12/2020. Subsequently, project is planned to be transitioned into a GS VER along with RCP and performance review, with the both CP1 and CP2 crediting period in the GS. During this transition, the Project Proponent is conducting combined validation and verification activity.

Deviation Reference Number	DEV_566	
Date of decision	08/11/2023	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	N/A	
Date of submission	01/11/2023	
Project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> Project	ID – GS 12027
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	Renewable Power Project by Hindustan Gum (EKIESL-CDM.August-15-01)	
Date of listing	19/05/2023	
GS Standard version applicable	v1.2	
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)	
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	End date
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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>

3 | Deviation detail

3.1 | Description of the deviation:

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

Deviation 1. As the project is undergoing design certification process along with transition in GS VER, RCP and performance review (requested monitoring period from 01/01/2021 onwards) and we have done the initial submission on 02/01/2023. Though project is eligible to claim credits from 02/01/2021 being 2 years retroactive from initial submission, kindly allow to us to claim the credits from 01/01/2021 without any loss of credits. PD is requesting to allow to start GS credits claimable period for 1 additional day as CDM verification is issued till 31/12/2020.

Deviation 2.

Below FAR is raised for project activity during preliminary review “The project GS4GG CPI is from 31/03/2016 - 30/03/2021 (both dates inclusive) and thus ended. Refer GHG Emissions Reduction & Sequestration Product Requirements v.2.1 & 10.2.3 DM or JI project seeking GSCERs, the start date of the crediting period with Gold Standard shall be the start date of the crediting period under CDM or maximum of two years prior to the date of first submission (submission for preliminary review), whichever occurs later. The project 1st submitted for transition preliminary review on 02/01/2023, therefore the start date for GS4GG CPII shall be start from 31/03/2021. In the event PD sought combine Transition, Design Certification and RCP, the PDD shall be demonstrate RCP requirements at the same time. PD could submit deviation request to GS to seek RCP combine with transition and design certification. Alternatively, PD could submit RCP separately after Transition and Design Certification being approved”.

As per the above FAR in preliminary review form, the PD is seeking the deviation.

It is to be noted that, PD submitted the project for preliminary review on 02/01/2023 and the project got listed in GS on 19/05/2023. Thus start date of CDM crediting period will be 31/03/2016 and date of 2 years prior to the date of first submission (submission for preliminary review) is 02/01/2021, thus later date will be 02/01/2021. Thus ideally project can eligible to claim from 02/01/2021 onwards and not from start date of 2nd CP of CDM (i.e 31/03/2021). The GS Crediting periods will be as below -
The GS CP1: 31/03/2016 to 30/03/2021.

The GS CP2: 31/03/2021 to 30/03/2026.

Credits claimable period is requested from 01/01/2021 onwards instead of 02/01/2021

Further, the reference to the guideline mentioned in the FAR above, this project activity follows sub scenario 1.b of the guideline <https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/rc-2023-design-certification-renewal-requirements-cdm-projects-transitioning-to-gs4gg/>.

However, this guideline came on 02/06/2023 and this project is listed on 19/05/2023 in GS.

As per above guideline, we can submit combined transition+RCP+Performance review, hence deviation request as per FAR is not required now. Please allow to proceed as per this above guideline and approve to go ahead as combined transition+RCP+Performance review with this deviation.

Hence, PP is currently seeking a deviation to exclude FAR from the project activity and requesting to allow to claim credits from 01/01/2021 instead of 02/01/2021 onwards.

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.

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

Not Applicable

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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