



DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1 | Decision

1.1 | Date – 28/11/2023

1.2 | Decision

The deviation request is partially approved.

The PD can continue with the performance review; however, it shall comply with the Site Visit and Remote Audit Requirements and Procedures – V2.0; section 3.1 | Frequency of physical site visits; 3.1.1 | At minimum, the VVB shall conduct physical site visit once every three years after the first physical site visit.

The project is therefore only allowed to submit request for issuance of ERs and SDG impacts for a three-year retroactive period from the latest VVB site visit date (i.e.: if it was conducted on 04/11/2023), then i.e., for a period starting from 04/11/2020 and not earlier.

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).

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

2| Background information

Deviation Reference Number	DEV_579	
Date of decision	28/11/2023	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	N/A	
Date of submission	13/11/2023	
Project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> Project	ID – GS6193
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	SAKARYA LANDFILL GAS POWER PLANT	
Date of listing	27/03/2019	
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	Turkey	
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/certification/projects/1702	
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	Request for Extension for VVB site visit	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	Site Visit and Remote Audit Requirements And Procedures V2.0 Clause 3.1.2: Once within every three years after the first physical site visit date Page Number: 6	
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date	End date

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	Organisation: ClimeTrek Ltd
	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:

**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):

This deviation request is about an extension for the Gold Standard Project 6193: Sakarya Landfill Gas Power Plant project.

According to Clause 3.1 of the Site Visit and Remote Audit Requirement and Procedures document, "Frequency of physical site visits", as per sub clause 3.1.2 "Once within every three years after the first physical site visit date". The project in contention had its last site visit from the VVB on 26th February 2020 and, going by the Clause as stated above, should have had its next site visit before the 26th February 2023.

However, due to delay by the contracted VVB in undergoing the validation of the project and providing the validation report, coupled with COVID-19 pandemic which and due to other reasons beyond the control of the project owner, the site visit did not take place within the timeline. The auditor at the VVB has left, did not reply to ClimeTrek's emails and so the new auditor could not start reviewing the project. It took some time for the new auditor at the VVB to get familiarized with the project which has delayed the entire process.

The project has now successfully completed the Design Review, and it is now in the process of assigning a new VVB for the Performance Review and its subsequent physical visit for the first verification.

Owing to such a circumstance, we are requesting an extension of nine months for the next site visit for us to complete the Performance Review. The Project Owner has provided a signed declaration stating that there has been no deviation in the project activity since the start of the project.

Thus, on behalf of the Project Owner i.e., Sakarya Entegre Kati Atik Yonetimi Anonim Sirketi, and being the Project Representative on this project, we request you to grant us this extension such that the project can complete its performance review. We would request you to treat this subject on a priority basis and assist us on an immediate basis.

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.*

n/a

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 requested deviation does not have any effect on the project's activities, on monitoring or monitoring results and on emission reductions or crediting. As per the letter dated 11th November and reference number: 3401.2022/414/345, the Project Owner has provided a signed declaration stating that there has been no deviation in the project activity since the start of the project and if needed, an annual report can be provided as well to ascertain this point.

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.*

n/a

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):

The requested deviation does not cause any impact on project design, safeguarding principles assessment, SDG assessment, emissions reductions, monitoring frequency, data quality, potential risk, or any other relevant aspect of the project.

As per the letter dated 11th November and reference number: 3401.2022/414/345, the Project Owner has provided a signed declaration stating that there has been no deviation in the project activity since the start of the project and if needed, an annual report can be provided as well to ascertain this point.

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.*

n/a

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.)*

The documents submitted for the deviation request are

- GS6193: Extension Request Letter dated 11th November 2023
- GS6193: Gold Standard Declaration by Project Owner dated 11th November 2023

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