



DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1 | Decision

1.1 | Date – 14/12/2023

1.2 | Decision

The deviation request is approved and the delay in payment can be considered for the initiation of the Preliminary Review.

However, the PD must be aware that any review process starts when the corresponding documents are submitted and the corresponding fee is paid; as mentioned in P&R v1.2, section 5.1.7, 5.1.18; 5.1.31.

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_585	
Date of decision	14/12/2023	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	N/A	
Date of submission	22/11/2023	
Project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> Project	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GSXXXX
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GS12360
Project/PoA/VPA title	Promotion of clean cooking solutions in rural India by Infosys – VPA 3	
Date of listing	NA	
GS Standard version applicable	GS4GG	
Date of transition to GS4GG (if applicable)	NA	
Date of transition to Gold Standard from another standard (e.g. CDM) (if applicable)	NA	
Date of design certification/inclusion (if applicable)	NA	
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	
Gold Standard Impact Registry link of the project/PoA/VPA	NA	
Status of the project/PoA/VPA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Listed <input type="checkbox"/> Certified design <input type="checkbox"/> Certified project	
Title/subject of deviation	Request for deviation form para 5.1.7 of Principles and Requirements	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	GS4GG Principles & Requirements, v1.2	
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date	End date
Submitted by	Contact person name: Subha Niranjana	
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	Organisation: Infosys Limited	

	Project participant: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input 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):

As per para 4.1.50 (b) of Principles & Requirement, v1.2, 'Retroactive VPAs with a project start date before or after the time of first submission of the PoA must submit the required documents for preliminary review within one year of its start date'. As per this we understood that the 1 year deadline is applicable only for the document submission and it is not linked with the payment.

Also, as per section 5.1.8 of GS4GG Principles and requirement, v1.2, the minimum requirements for submission of Project Documentation include Key Project Information and

(a) A completed Stakeholder Consultation Report

(b) A substantially completed Project Design Documentation submission that captures:

- i. Fully completed details required under Section – General Eligibility Criteria.
- ii. A substantially completed Safeguarding Principles Assessment (meaning the majority completed, including any key matters that relate to the project type or context) including any Expert Stakeholder opinions and recommendations.

- iii. Defined SDG Impacts including any Expert Stakeholder opinions and recommendations sought.
- iv. Confirmation of certification pathway and any Gold Standard Approved Methodologies and Product Requirements followed including a demonstration of Financial Additionality where required.
- v. A draft Monitoring Plan

We have submitted all the above required documents on 21st September 2021 which is within 1 year from the start date of project. However, the payment for preliminary review was done after 1 year timeline. During the preliminary review we received comment informing that the project does not comply with prior consideration requirement as per the para 5.1.7 of Principles and Requirements as the preliminary review payment is not done within 1 year timeline. We were not clear about this requirement as this does not clearly specify about the submission requirements but it explains about review starting requirement.

Please also note that the delay in the payment was mainly due to delay in the receipt of revised invoice. As we have appointed Kosher Climate India private limited for registration of project including the responsibility of making payment to SustainCERT. So, we requested to change the addressee name in the preliminary review invoice. So, SustainCERT cancelled the earlier review & invoice and raised the new invoice in the name of Kosher Climate and later Kosher Climate made payment. This process took more than 3 weeks which was not in our control.

Considering the above facts, we request deviation from Section 5.1.7 of GS4GG Principles and requirement, v1.2.

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

NA

3.2 | Assessment of the deviation:

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

This deviation is related to late payment of preliminary review fee. This does not affect compliance of the projects with all GS4GG requirements except Section 5.1.7 of GS4GG Principles and requirement, v1.2 for which the deviation is sought.

Also there is not impact in accuracy, completeness and conservativeness.

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

NA

3.3 | Impact of the deviation:

3.3.1 | Impact assessment (to be completed by Project developer):

This deviation is related to late payment of preliminary review fee. This does not affect 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):

NA

3.4 | Documents:

NA

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