



DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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Version **5.0**

A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1 | Decision

1.1 | Date – 22/01/2024

1.2 | Decision

The deviation approval is subject to successful compliance with the following Requirements.

The deadline of the design change approval documentation submission to the Gold standard has been extended from one-year of the start date of the Proposed design change (only applicable to the current request only). Thus, PD is now allowed to submit the request for design change approval along with the VVB opinion by 31 July 2024 to the GS.

The PD shall document the deviation request, its implications, and GS' decision in the appropriate section of the GS PDD. The validating VVB shall, through appropriate means at its disposal, evaluate the Project's compliance with the above-mentioned conditions and provides its opinion in the Validation Report

Please note:

Information provided by the Project developer lacks clarity. Background information provided under section 2 and project detail under section 3.1.1 is not consistent. PD has mentioned about delays in approval process of design change no.1, however did not mention regarding the deviation request submitted on 13/02/2023 and decision on 16/05/2023 (DEV_406), which is during the design change no. 1. The start date of capacity extension is before the date of submission of Deviation request. Hence the delay was due to the deviation request submission which is also regarding the exemption from design change. The VVB Validation report for design change as well as the most recent design change PDD also shows the same consultant and project developers. The same participants have been mentioned in the approved deviation request DEV_406. Hence the non receipt of emails cannot be considered as a reason for extension.

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

Design certification for GS 3041 Söke WPP has been completed on 02/12/2015 and design change review no:1 has been completed on 21/09/2023.

Project capacity extension process has started in 11/11/2022 (turbine agreement) whereas construction agreement was dated 03/07/2023.

For design change validation, VVB agreement has been signed on 01/10/2022.

However, due to the delays in approval process of design change no:1, design change validation couldn't be initiated until end of September.

Since we have limited time (almost 5 weeks between design change approval and last date for submission of design change 2), we request extension until July 2023 for completion of second design change submission.

Deviation Reference Number	DEV_591	
Date of decision	22/01/2024	
Precedent (YES/NO)	NO	
Precedent details	NA	
Date of submission	07/11/2023	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GS3041
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	Soke Wind Power Plant Project	
Date of listing		
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)		
Date of design certification/inclusion (if applicable)	02/12/2015	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Host country(ies) Turkiye	
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/public-project/540	
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	Extension Request for Design Change Submission	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	Para 4.1.49 of GS Requirements	
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date	End date
Submitted by	Contact person name:ÖZgün Gülkoparan	
	Email ID: ozgun.gulkoparan@aydemenerji.com.tr	
	Organisation:AYDEM Yenilenebilir Enerji	
	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: Carboncheck</p> <p>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:

**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):

Project has applied for design change approval earlier and has been approved by 21st September 2023 whereas start date of capacity extension was November 2022). Therefore, we don't have time for completion of new design change validation process.

Also, emails from GS registry are being sent to previous consultant's email address therefore, since project owner can not receive updates about the project, info such as registration approval etc are not received timely by project owner.

Project owner has signed agreements with VVB and consultant for validation of design change however, due to delay in previous DC approval, procedure couldn't be initiated.

Therefore, we request extension until end of July 2024 for submission of request.

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.*

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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):

Project owner has considered design change validation and signed with VVB and made the first payment within two months of start date of capacity extension. Turbine agreement has been signed by end of 2022 due to delays in supply of wind turbines.

Project construction is going on and not commissioned. Therefore, we request deviation for extension of submission deadline.

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.*

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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):

No impact on SDG or data quality is expected since the project is already registered, issued certificates and are monitored by VVBs and SC/GS.

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.*

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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.)*

- **VVB agreement**
- **VVB invoice**
- **Construction agreement**
- **Turbine agreement**

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

