A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1. Decision

1.1 | Date – 11/01/2024

1.2 | Decision
The deviation request is approved. The annual reports for the years 2020 and 2021 have been submitted alongside the deviation request.

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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)

PD seeking deviation for the delayed submission of annual report for the year 2020 and 2021 and monitoring period of 01/10/2020 to 31/03/2022.

2. Background information

Since annual reports must be produced every calendar year, the project developer was not aware of this need. Although the annual reports have already been submitted for the year 2022 for the below mentioned projects for the monitoring period 2022. Deviation seeking for Annual Report Submission for projects are:

1. GS 6858 [Monitoring period: 01/10/2020 to 31/03/2022 for the year 2020 and 2021]
2. GS 6857 [Monitoring period: 02/10/2020 to 31/03/2022 for the year 2020 and 2021]
3. GS 6856 [Monitoring period: 01/10/2020 to 31/03/2022 for the year 2020 and 2021]
4. GS 6855 [Monitoring period: 02/10/2020 to 31/03/2022 for the year 2020 and 2021]
5. GS 6854 [Monitoring period: 01/10/2020 to 31/03/2022 for the year 2020 and 2021]
6. GS 6853 [Monitoring period: 01/10/2020 to 31/03/2022 for the year 2020 and 2021]
7. GS 6748 [Monitoring period: 01/10/2020 to 31/03/2022 for the year 2020 and 2021]
8. GS 6747 [Monitoring period: 02/10/2020 to 31/03/2022 for the year 2020 and 2021]
9. GS 6279 [Monitoring period: 01/09/2020 to 31/03/2022 for the year 2020 and 2021]
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<td>GS 6858 - 21 MW Wind energy farm at Palladam, TamilNadu by HZL&lt;br&gt;GS 6857 – 15 MW Wind energy farm at Gopalpura, Karnataka by HZL&lt;br&gt;GS 6856 – 9 MW Wind Energy Farm at Jodhpur Rajasthan by HZL&lt;br&gt;GS 6855 – 27.3 MW Wind energy farm at Mokla Rajasthan by HZL&lt;br&gt;GS 6854 - Wind Power Project by HZL in Karnataka&lt;br&gt;GS 6853 - Wind power project by HZL in Gujarat&lt;br&gt;GS 6748 - 25.5 MW Wind Energy Farm at Nandurbar Maharashtra by HZL&lt;br&gt;GS 6747 - 52.50 MW Wind energy farm at Mokla Rajasthan by HZL&lt;br&gt;GS 6279 - 19.2 MWp Solar Power Project by HZL at Debari and Dariba, Rajasthan</td>
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Date of transition to Gold Standard from another standard (e.g. CDM) (if applicable)

Date of design certification/inclusion (if applicable)

NA

Location of project/PoA/VPA

Host country(ies)

Scale of the project/PoA/VPA

- Microscale
- Small scale
- Large scale

Gold Standard Impact Registry link of the project/PoA/VPA

- GS 6857 - https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/1743
- GS 6856 - https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/1742
- GS 6854 - https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/1740
- GS 6853 - https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/1699
- GS 6748 - https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/1814
- GS 6747- https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/1813

Status of the project/PoA/VPA

- New
- Listed
- Certified design
- Certified project
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<td>Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number</td>
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<td>Submitted by</td>
<td>Contact person name: Mukesh Kumar Mahto Email ID: <a href="mailto:mukesh.mahto@enkingint.org">mukesh.mahto@enkingint.org</a> Organisation: EKI Energy Services Pvt. Ltd. Project participant: Yes ☒ No ☐</td>
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<td>Validation and Verification body (VVB opinion shall be included, where required by the applicable rules/requirements or request is submitted by the VVB).</td>
<td>Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes; VVB name: VVB Staff name(s):</td>
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<td>Any previous deviations approved for the same project activity/PoA/VPA(s)?</td>
<td>Yes ☒ No ☐</td>
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### 3 | Deviation detail

#### 3.1 | Description of the deviation:

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. As per the clause 5.1.39, an annual report shall be submitted for each monitoring year by end of next calendar year for which verification is not completed. As the PD was not aware about this requirement and no notification mail received from Gold Standard to comply it and to submit the annual report for the calendar year 2020 and 2021.

As for the current verification period i.e. from October 2020 to March 2022 we have already submitted the annual report for calendar year 2022 which includes the generation information as per the current verification cycle under 2020 to 2021.

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 and all the SDG contributions are achieved in-line with the registered PDD.

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

In accordance with clause 5.1.39, it is stipulated that an annual report must be submitted for each monitoring year by the end of the subsequent calendar year in cases where verification is pending. Unfortunately, the Project Developer (PD) was unaware of this obligation, and no notification email from Gold Standard was received to prompt compliance with the submission of the annual report for the calendar years 2020 and 2021. Therefore, we are seeking the deviation for above listed project activity owned by Hindustan Zinc Limited for the submission of annual report for calendar year 2020 and 2021.

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):

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.
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:
Correspondence mail on the subject