



TEMPLATE

DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

PUBLICATION DATE **11.04.2021**

Version **5.0**

A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1 | Decision

1.1 | Date – dd/mm/yyyy

14/02/2024

1.2 | Decision

The Deviation request is not approved. The reason for the delay in renewal from the PD is not due to any extraordinary situations. As per the requirements of para 5.1.46 of Principle and Requirements, no issuance can be claimed for a period of delay in design certification renewal starting from 23/09/2023 until the submission of VVB opinion on design renewal to GS.

1.3 | Is this decision applicable to other project activities under similar circumstances?

No

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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_601	
Date of decision	14/02/2024	
Precedent (YES/NO)	NO	
Precedent details	NA	
Date of submission	02/01/2024	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GS6760
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	Guttigoli Solar Power Project in Karnataka	
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	Indonesia	
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://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/1775	
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	Deviation from GS4GG principles and requirement, section 5.1.46 regarding delay in certification renewal	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	Principles and requirement, version 1.2, published in October 2019, paragraph 5.1.46 indicates "Delay in the completion of re-validation beyond the last date of current certification cycle shall result in a reduction of any issuance of Certified Products and/or Impact Statements available during following certification cycle (for example, a delay of 1 year beyond the first cycle shall mean that no Certified Impact Statements shall be issued for the period of delay	

Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date	End date
Submitted by	Contact person name: Narendra Kumar	
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	Organisation: Kosher Climate India Private Limited	
	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):

The project has been design certified under Gold Standard in 23/09/2020. The crediting period of the project expired on 22/09/2023. The performance Certification for Monitoring period 01/01/2021 to 30/06/2022 is completed on 04/08/2023

According to the para 5.1.45 of Principles & Requirement v1.2, "To maintain Gold Standard Certified Project status beyond five years, a Project must undergo Design Certification Renewal. This process shall begin (defined by the submission of a Renewal opinion by a VVB for Design Review to Gold Standard) no later than the last date of current certification cycle. Note that review of the Design Certification Renewal may complete after the last date of current crediting period. In this case, the renewal date shall be the first day after the end date of the current certification cycle."

Also, Para 5.1.46 says “*Delay in the completion of re-validation beyond the last date of current certification cycle shall result in a reduction of any issuance of Certified Products and/or Impact Statements available during following certification cycle (for example, a delay of 1 year beyond the first cycle shall mean that no Certified Impact Statements shall be issued for the period of delay)*”.

However, PP could not complete the re-validation before the last date of 1st crediting period due the below mentioned reason.

- Change in the internal team: Earlier the team who were dealing with this project has changed and the new team was appointed who has less experience in handling GS projects. The lack of experience of the team and management issues are the main reason.
- No reminder system: Till date we have experience of handling only CDM projects for the renewal of crediting period and UNFCCC sends reminder for expiring crediting period. With the absence of such reminder system in Gold Standard, we missed the deadline.

Due to the above-mentioned reason, we could not complete the re-validation before the end of previous crediting period (ie, 22/09/2023). However, we are now developing proper internal project management system with reminders system to avoid any such occurrence in the future.

The project owner is serious towards renewal of crediting period and the project is compiling all requirements as per GS guideline, the project owner is requesting Gold Standard for allowing the renewal date to be the first day after the end date of the current certification cycle (ie, 23/09/2023). Any carbon revenue loss will seriously affect the profitability of the project which was considered during the investment decision.

Considering the above facts, we request deviation from para 5.1.45 & 5.1.46 of GS4GG Principles and requirement, v1.2 for this project and allow start date of 2nd certification cycle to be first day after the end date of the 1st certification cycle.

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 completion of re-validation. This does not affect compliance of the projects with all GS4GG requirements except Section 5.1.45 & 5.1.46 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 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.

During the delay period, the project owner has continued to monitor all parameters which were validated and approved during the design certification which is also in compliance with monitoring plan proposed for the 2nd crediting period.

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 potential risk is attributed to GS Project activity in particular. The deviation requested adheres to the Principles and Requirements set forth by GS4GG.

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