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TEMPLATE

DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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Version **5.0**

A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1 | Decision

1.1 | 27/02/2024

1.2 | Decision

The deviation is not approved.

The physical site visit conducted on 18/07/2019 under CDM did not cover any Gold Standard specific requirements and cannot be considered compliant with GS4GG site visit requirements.

The Monitoring Period for which GS credits can be claimed, starts three years prior to the first GS onsite visiting date. The first GS onsite visit was on 04/10/2021. The start of the GS monitoring period is therefore 05/10/2018, instead of 13/02/2018 as requested by the PD.

PD shall document the deviation request, its implications, and GS' decision in the appropriate section of the GS Monitoring Report.

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_608	
Date of decision	27/02/2024	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details		
Date of submission	05/01/2024	
Project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> Project	ID – GS7669
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	Wind energy project by KWEPL - 3	
Date of listing	04/06/2020	
GS Standard version applicable	Principles & Requirements, version 1.2	
Date of transition to GS4GG (if applicable)	NA	
Date of transition to Gold Standard from another standard (e.g. CDM) (if applicable)	15/05/2022 (GSCER to GSVER)	
Date of design certification/inclusion (if applicable)	28/01/2021	
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	https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/2368	
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	Deviation from 1. Site Visit and Remote Audit Requirements and Procedures version 1.0	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	Section 3 of Site Visit and Remote Audit Requirements and Procedures version 1.0	
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date :13/02/2018 End date: 31/07/2021	

Submitted by	Contact person name: Mr. Sumeet Singhvi
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	Organisation: Infinite Environmental Solutions 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

3 | Deviation detail

3.1 | Description of the deviation:

3.1.1 | Deviation detail (to be completed by Project developer):

The project has been design certified under Gold Standard as GS CDM on 28/01/2021. The Current Project Activity is also CDM registered with CDM ID: 10040. Under CDM project activity has fixed crediting period from 28/10/2014 to 27/10/2024. Transition review from GSCDM to GSVER was approved on 15/05/2022. Thus, under GS4GG the PP is claiming GSCERs from 13/02/2018 to 31/03/2019 and GSVERs from 01/04/2019 to 31/07/2021. The project proponent has not claimed credits so far in GS, this is the 1st verification.

According to section 3 of Site Visit and Remote Audit Requirements and Procedures version 1.0 dated 17/11/2021: "3.1.1 | At minimum, the VVB shall conduct physical site visit -

- a. Within two years of project start date; and
- b. Once every three years after the first physical site visit"

And

"As per section 3.2.2 | A physical site visit by VVB is mandatory at the first verification of a project"

Please note that PP has completed the Verification for the current monitoring period from 13/02/2018 to 31/07/2021 and Performance Review is undergoing for the same.

A remote site visit was conducted for Design Certification on 06/11/2020 and the previous physical site visit was conducted on 18/07/2019 under the CDM, after design certification the site physical visit was conducted on 04/10/2021 for first verification of a project as per guideline.

In light of the challenges described below, we request a deviation to continue the process of performance review.

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

Not Applicable

3.2 | Assessment of the deviation:

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

We request you to kindly consider the following points regarding deviation from Site Visit and Remote Audit Requirements:

- PP choose to claim GSCERs from 13/02/2018 to 31/03/2019 as per 10.2.3 of GHG Emissions Reduction & Sequestration Product Requirements and for that site visit was required at 12/02/2020. The project was Design Certified on 28/01/2021 and a remote site visit was conducted for Design Certification on 06/11/2020.

- According to Site Visit and Remote Audit Requirements version 1.0: Physical site visits are required within 2 years of the project start date and thereafter every 3 years.

The project activity is transitioned from CDM, so we would have not been able to meet "2 years for a physical site visit" requirement in the scopes of GS in any case. Until we had got our project design certified under GS on 28/01/2021, the project proponent was uncertain to make a decision to proceed further for verification of the project, and respectively plan to proceed to the first site visit in the scopes of verification.

- The rule update Applicability of Minimum "Site Visit Requirements by VVB and Site Visit and Remote Audit Requirements" version 1.0 came in to force respectively from 16/08/2021 and 17/11/2021. Therefore, PP did not have knowledge of the scheduled date for conducting the site visit.
- Recent site visit was conducted on 04/10/2021, which was before completion of three years from previous site visit i.e., 18/07/2019 under the CDM. Hence, the

onsite verification conducted on 04/10/2021, is in line with verification onsite frequency requirement.

PP did not have knowledge of the scheduled date for conducting the site visit so kindly consider CDMs site visit and allow us to continue performance review to claim GSCERs from 13/02/2018 to 31/03/2019 and GSVERs 01/04/2019 to 31/07/2021.

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 deviation of this project lies in the scope of DEVIATION APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES version 1.2. During the delay period, the project owner has continued to monitor all parameters which were validated and approved during the Design Certification. 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. 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 and complies with:

Environmental Integrity - The GSCERs and GSVERs generated from the project activity are not overestimated because of deviation and conservativeness is ensured.

Contribution to Sustainable Development Goals - SDG contributions that the project is designed to achieve are in line with GS4GG requirements and the above deviation does not have any potential impact upon the certified SDGs claimed during the current monitoring period.

Safeguarding Principles and requirements - The deviation does not create any impact upon the safeguarding principles and requirements set forth by GS4GG.

Compliance with Host Country Regulations - The project does not create any conflict with Host Country regulations and all the host country regulations are followed.

Project Proponent will ensure to follow all the guidelines of GS4GG in future. Since the project proponent has not claimed credits so far in GS4GG and the project will not be able to sustain itself without carbon credits, issuance for the current monitoring period is needed to continue its operation.

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

Not Applicable

3.4 | Documents:

- Design Review Feedback
- Registered GS PDD

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