



DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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Version **5.0**

A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1 | Decision

1.1 | Date – dd/mm/yyyy

15/03/2024

1.2 | Decision

The Deviation Requests are approved.

PD can submit the combined Transition and GS Design renewal along with GS VER verification.

The PD may claim the crediting period of the project starting from 30/11/2023 considering that all the requirements of the Principles and Requirements are complied with. The decision is subject to fulfilment of the following condition:

- i. The PD shall ensure that a continuity in the Project's monitoring activities is maintained and PD is able to justify that no monitoring gaps exist (especially for SDG parameters) within the Monitoring Period(s).
- ii. 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 condition and provides its opinion in the Validation Report.

PD shall understand that this decision shall not be taken as precedent and the approach shall not be accepted in future projects.

PD shall document the decisions clearly in the relevant documents, VVB shall assess the same thoroughly. SC shall review both PD and VVB responses accordingly.

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

PP is seeking deviation for combined Transition+GS RCP along with GS VER verification in the project titled "Bundled Renewable Power Project by Sharma Industries (EKIESL-CDM.December-14-02)" with GS ID as GS 12025.

PP had submitted the final documents to GS for CDM to GS VER transition along with GS VER verification from period of 01/01/2021 to 28/03/2023. But CDM 1st crediting period started on 01/12/2016 (till 30/11/2023). However, when transitioning from CDM to GS and following GHG Emissions Reduction & Sequestration Product Requirements v.2.2, Annex B, clause 6.2.1 and 6.3.1, the crediting period is from 01/12/2016 to 30/11/2021 in GS. So, PP need to complete the renewable of crediting period for the next CP that will go from 01/12/2021 to 30/11/2026. Kindly allow the combined approach of Transition+GS RCP along with GS VER verification for GS 12025.

PP is also seeking the deviation for claim of VERs from 30/11/2023 during the renewal of crediting period (CP2). As per the clause PP need to submit the renewal request beyond the end of year 7 of crediting period, which was 30/11/2023. But due to some unclarity of VVB on combined approach of Transition+GS RCP along with GS VER verification, PD could not submit the same to GS. So kindly allow us to claim the credits from 30/11/2023 without any loss of credits.

2| Background information

The CDM project activity UN 10336 has a first crediting period that is spanned from 01/12/2016 to 30/11/2023, with issuance status up to 31/12/2020. Subsequently, project is planned to be transitioned into a GS VER along with RCP and performance review, with the both CP1 and CP2 crediting period in the GS. During this transition, the Project Proponent is conducting combined approach of Transition+GS RCP along with GS VER verification for GS 12025.

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| Deviation Reference Number | DEV_633 | |
| Date of decision | 15/03/2024 | |
| Precedent (YES/NO) | No | |
| Precedent details | NA | |
| Date of submission | 28/02/2024 | |
| Project/PoA/VPA | <input type="checkbox"/> Project | ID – GS 12025 |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> PoA | ID – GSXXXX |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> VPA | ID – GSXXXX |
| Project/PoA/VPA title | Bundled Renewable Power Project by Sharma Industries (EKIESL-CDM.December-14-02) | |
| Date of listing | 20/02/2023 | |
| GS Standard version applicable | v1.2 | |
| 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) | | |
| Location of project/PoA/VPA | Host country(ies) | |
| Scale of the project/PoA/VPA | <input type="checkbox"/> Microscale <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small scale <input type="checkbox"/> Large scale | |
| Gold Standard Impact Registry link of the project/PoA/VPA | | |
| Status of the project/PoA/VPA | <input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Listed <input type="checkbox"/> Certified design <input type="checkbox"/> Certified project | |
| Title/subject of deviation | | |
| Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number | AMS-I.D, Version 18 | |
| Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable) | Start date | End date |
| Submitted by | Contact person name: Ankit Sethiya | |
| | Email ID: ankit.sethiya@enkingint.org | |
| | Organization: EKI Energy Services Limited | |

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| | 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 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:

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

Deviation 1.

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Deviation 2.

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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.

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

The project owner demonstrates a profound commitment to addressing their ongoing financial requirements, primarily reliant on carbon revenue during the current crediting period. Their dedication is evident through the absence of any delays on their part and their meticulous adherence to the GS Program's guidelines.

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. The deviation requested adheres to the Principles and Requirements set forth by GS4GG and complies with: - Environmental Integrity- The GS VER's generated from the project activity are not over estimated as a result of deviation and conservativeness are 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 SDG's claimed during the current crediting 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.

Thus, deviation do not have any impact on quality of project and all Principles and Requirements set forth by GS4GG are followed by project activity.

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

Not applicable

3.4 | Documents:

| 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 |