



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

08/07/2024

1.2 | Decision

The Deviation Request is Approved.

The PD may claim the second crediting period of the project starting from 16/06/2024. There will not be any loss of credits due to this delay.

The project developer shall note that the decision is based on the information provided in the deviation request form and only against the applicable standard requirement quoted in the form below by the developer. The project developer shall comply with all other applicable standard requirements until unless specifically mentioned in the deviation decision.

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_727	
Date of decision	08/07/2024	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	NA	
Date of submission	03/06/2024	
Project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> Project	ID – GS5928
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	2x50 MW Orange Suvaan Solar Photovoltaic Power Project in Maharashtra, India	
Date of listing		
GS Standard version applicable	Principle & 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)	01/09/2024	
Date of design certification/inclusion (if applicable)	01/08/2018	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Host country (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/1037	
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 GS4GG principles and requirement, section 5.1.46 regarding delay in design certification renewal so as to obtain full credits for the 2 nd crediting period of the project (16/06/2024 to 15/06/2029).	

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: Mr. Sumeet Singhvi Email ID: sumeet@infisolutions.org
	Organisation: Infinite solutions
	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:

The project has been design certified under Gold Standard on 01/08/2018. The crediting period of the project expired on 15/06/2024. The verification for Monitoring period 01/04/2021 to 31/12/2022 is going on and the project is in PRR round. According to the Gold Standard v2.2 requirement, Revalidation 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. In light of the challenges described below, we request a deviation to continue revalidation and verification process of the project without any loss of rights regarding VER credits.

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.

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):

The subject project activity owned by Orange Suvaan Energy Private Limited. The project attained Design Certified Status on 01/08/2018. The crediting period 1 of the project activity was 16/06/2017 to 15/06/2024 during certification process and accordingly periodic verification carried out. PP has started VVB appointment process for revalidation and renewal of the crediting. Since the project owner was 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. GS crediting period cycle will be from 16/06/2024 to 15/06/2029. It is requested to allow GS labelling from 16/06/2024 onwards without any loss of GS labelled credits due to delay in GS RCP submission. The delay between the end of the 1st crediting period and the moment at which documents were submitted to begin 2nd crediting period renewal is due to the unique difficulties the project has had to faced:

- 1. Change of internal Team:** Earlier the team who were dealing Carbon projects has changed and the new team has not competent enough to understand terminologies used in the Carbon mechanisms. The lack of resources, management issues for GS4GG certification has the main reason for PP so that crediting period renewal could not take place before 15/06/2024.
- 2. Lack on knowledge:** PP thought that revalidation couldn't be started before performance review, so the verification for monitoring period 01/04/2021 to 31/12/2022 is going on, and the project is in the PRR round, but now PP came to know that performance review and revalidation can perform parallelly, so PP has started the process.

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 deviation of the crediting period renewable time, which will not affect the project design, emission reductions, monitoring frequency, data quality and 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. 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 and complies with:

- Environmental Integrity- The GSVER'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.

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

Not applicable

3.4 | Documents:

Not applicable

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